



EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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EBENSBURG WELCOMES CHIEF JOE LOUGHRAN AND OFFICER JIM BOGUS

Born and raised in Patton, Chief Joe Loughran joined the borough police department in August after a 25 year career with the Pennsylvania State Police. Most recently, he was promoted to Captain in 2021 and served as the Troop Commander Troop A in Greensburg from 2021 to August 2023 before retiring. Prior to that, he held the rank of Trooper in Uniontown, Rockview and Hollidaysburg; was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2006 and served in the Bureau of Gaming Enforcement in the Chester Downs Casino and in Patrol Units at Troop C, Punxsutawney and Troop A, Ebensburg; was promoted to Sergeant in 2011 and served as the District Office Commander in the Pittsburgh Office of the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and as Station Commander Ebensburg; was promoted to Lieutenant in 2015 and served as the Central Section Commander in Everett, Station Commander in Greensburg, Patrol Section Commander in Greensburg, and Station Commander in Indiana.



Mayor Datsko swearing in Chief Loughran.

Loughran's goals for the department — keep it professional, progressive, responsive and service-oriented. *"I want to give back to the community with those values in mind. I raised my family in Cambria County for a reason. We don't have any of the big-city problems here, and I want to keep it that way,"* stated Loughran.



Officer Jim Bogus started in October as a full-time officer with Ebensburg Borough Police Department. Prior to coming on board, Bogus worked part-time with the borough, and full-time as a campus police officer with Saint Francis University. Before starting at the university, Officer Bogus worked for 10 years as a full-time officer with Carrolltown Borough Police Department.

Officer Bogus is a member of the Laurel Highlands Crisis Intervention Team and has also held part-time positions as an officer with Patton, Hastings and Northern Cambria Boroughs.

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EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



Barrels of Fun
Exploration Center
* Second Location *

New Location: 518 N. Center Street
Existing Location: 302 Reddinger Street
Phone: 814-419-4858
Admin@barrelsebg.com



Bodies in Harmony
611 W. Lloyd Street
Phone: 814-243-5324
tial@bodiesinharmony.live
www.bodiesinharmony.live

YOUR MOM'S PURSE

Your Mom's Purse - Discount Store
New Germany Road, Ste. 25
Ebensburg Mini Mall
Phone: 814-322-8858



Impact Truck Service
173 Municipal Road
Phone: 814-387-5031
owners@impacttrucks.com



Coming Soon!
3133 New Germany Road
Ebensburg Mini Mall



Join us for regularly scheduled programming:

Sprouts Storytime (Ages birth- 3):
1st Tuesday of the month @ 6p.m.

Story Time (Ages 3-5):
3rd Thursday of the month @ 5 p.m.

Story Zone (Ages 6-9):
2nd Thursday of the month @ 5 p.m.

Little Builders (Ages 2-5):
3rd Friday of the month @ 2 p.m.

Lego Club (Ages 6-12):
3rd Tuesday of the month @ 5 p.m.

Game Day for Adults and Seniors:
Last Friday of the month @ 1 p.m.

Pick-Up Sticks (Knitting/Crocheting):
1st Friday of the month @ 10 a.m.

Book Club: Last Wednesday of the month @ 7 p.m.

- All programming is subject to change.

Stay tuned for our Summer Events: *2024 SummerQuest, Annual Plant Sale, Music on the Patio, Used Book Sale/Yard Sale during Ebensburg Homecoming, and much, much more!*

Website: clsys.org/ebensburg-cambria

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EbensburgPublicLibrary/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ebencamlibrary/>

What is a Backflow Prevention Device?

The Borough of Ebensburg and the Ebensburg Municipal Authority are not responsible for the backup of water or wastewater into residences, whether or not caused by blockages in the municipal system. Customers are cautioned that such backups will occur from time to time, and are advised to install what is called a back flow prevention device to protect their personal property. Customers are further advised that homeowners insurance does not normally cover such a loss, but that additional coverage may be purchased to provide coverage for backup of water/wastewater.



Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm
 Saturday 10 am - 9 pm
 Sunday Noon - 9 pm

Phone: 814-472-4277
www.yppccrec.com

The Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility, located inside the YPCC, is ideal for those looking to improve their physical fitness. The facility offers first-rate cardio and weight equipment, along with personal trainers/fitness instructors. Classes are open for drop-ins at a rate of \$5.00/class or \$35.00/month. Check the website or Facebook page for a current class schedule. The YPCC is also affiliated with SilverSneakers, Silver & Fit, Prime and Affinity. (Check with your insurance provider to see if you qualify for the benefit.)

Monthly Fitness Membership Fees:	
Adult	\$35
Seniors (55+ years)	\$30
Student/Military	\$30
Family (1 Adult & 1 Student)	\$60
Daily Fitness Drop in	\$5
Open Gym over 18 yrs	\$2

SPECIALS ON ALL MEMBERSHIPS
 Purchase 3 months and get 1 month FREE
 Purchase 6 months and get 2 months FREE
 Purchase 9 months and get 3 months FREE

Anyone 18 or older can gain 24-Hour Access with purchase of a Key Fob for \$15.

The YPCC – The primary mission of the Young Peoples Community Center (YPCC) has always been to provide activities and a safe, inviting place for the areas youth to play and hangout with their friends. While still keeping this at the core of the mission, the YPCC has evolved into a Health & Wellness Center as mentioned above. Adding various exercise classes into the daily activities at the YPCC. There is open gym daily (hours vary) at no cost for kids under 18 to play in the gym.

Cross-Country Ski & Bike/E-Bike Rental Programs — Both cross-country skis/equipment and bike rentals are now offered through the YPCC at an hourly rate of \$8/adult or \$6/youth; or full day rate of \$32/adult or \$24/youth. A waiver of liability must be signed before renting. E-Bikes rentals are offered at a rate of \$15/hour. Instructional clinics will be available for cross-country skiing. Stay tuned to Facebook or the website for more information.

Pavilion Rentals – The Borough rents out three pavilions at Lake Rowena and two at the Ebensburg Borough Swimming Pool. The cost to rent a pavilion is \$100.00. A \$25.00 cleaning deposit is now required. Call the YPCC to check availability and to make a reservation.

Outdoor Skate/Hockey Rink – Located at Lake Rowena, the rink is open year round for street or in-line hockey. There are hockey goals provided and lights for evening play too. Best part is, it's FREE and open to the public.

Swimming Pools – Since its renovation in 2011, the Borough Swimming Pool has been enjoyed by many. The area is fortunate to have a public pool that is up-to-date, heated, kid friendly and handicap accessible. The Borough Pool is available for after hour private party rentals. In addition to the outdoor Borough Pool, the YPCC is also managing swimming lessons and open swims at the Central Cambria High School Pool.

For additional information on all of our facilities, be sure to Like Us on Facebook or visit www.yppccrec.com.

Ebensburg Borough Pool Information **Hours of Operation:** Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 7 pm
Opening Day - Saturday, May 25, 2024 Friday - Sunday 12 pm - 6 pm

2024 Pool Rates	Adult	Seniors 55+	Children (4-18)
Walk-in	\$7	\$5	\$5
Multi-Visit (Min. 5 Passes)	\$30	\$20	\$20
Season Pass	\$150	\$125	\$125
Add-on/person to season pass	\$50		

YPCC SWIM CLUB
 A swim club has been formed for kids to train/develop and compete against other local outdoor swim clubs throughout the Summer. Contact Rory Coleman for more information at: roryccoleman@gmail.com.

Free Admission for Children Under 3 and Free Admission with Military ID

Council Adopts 2024 Budget - Borough Council has adopted a \$7,266,390 budget for 2024. The general fund budget is balanced without an increase in real estate taxes. There are several projects planned in 2024 including:

1. Begin renovations to the pool to secure the stability of the structure for the future.
2. Refinish benches, bollard lights, trash receptacles, pole bases as needed.
3. Monitor and repair/replace wastewater mains as needed.
4. Begin an annual program of customer water meter replacement.
5. Secure funding for the construction of a significant stormwater project in the northern quadrant of town.
6. Continue with inspection of lines and laterals and complete paperwork involved to abide by mandated Lead-Copper Rule.
7. Resurface indoor tennis courts and refinish gym floor at the YPCC.



WINTER REMINDERS FROM THE EBENSBURG BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT



1. All vehicles must be parked WITH the flow of traffic. This means that your passenger side door is to be against the curb and driver side door must be open to the roadway. This violation, by itself, carries a fine of \$15.00 and will be enforced YEAR ROUND.
2. If the sidewalk is part of your driveway, you cannot park on the sidewalk part of your driveway. A fine of \$15.00 for blocking the sidewalk may be incurred.
3. When shoveling snow from your sidewalk or driveway, you cannot throw the snow onto the street. A fine of up to \$600.00 may be incurred.
4. You must clear your sidewalk within 12 hours after cessation of snow, sleet, or ice. A fine of up to \$600.00 may be incurred.
5. You are not allowed to plow snow from your property onto borough streets. A fine of up to \$600.00 may be incurred.
6. Shovel the sidewalks full width to the bare pavement and clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks.
7. When Winter Parking is in effect and you move your car to the opposite side of the street, try to avoid lining it up directly across from another car, in case emergency vehicles need to get through.
8. Winter Parking regulations will once again be in effect when staff deems it necessary. This will be posted on the borough website, the *Ebensburg Borough & Community* Facebook page, and by calling the office and selecting option #5 to hear a recording of the status of winter parking. You may also ask borough staff during office hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday - Friday.

Additionally, if there are neighbors on your street who are elderly, have a disability or may have a hard time shoveling for any reason, please work with your neighbors to give a hand and ensure your entire block is safe and accessible to all. If you are looking to hire someone to help with shoveling, contact the borough office for a list of names at 814-472-8780.

2024 STORMWATER PROJECT - Ebensburg Borough and Municipal Authority officials are ready to



move forward with the 2024 stormwater project. All necessary DEP permits are now in hand for the project. Officials were notified at the end of December that that the Authority was awarded a \$1.263 million grant from the H2O PA Program for the project. It will include building a stormwater collection and conveyance system and making needed improvements to its Ogden tank.

Borough staff will keep residents informed of all upcoming work to be done.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1



Ebensburg Borough and Municipal Authority are set to begin Phase 1 of a multi-phase waterline replacement project aimed at updating and upgrading the Authority's Public Water System. The Federal EPA has launched a nationwide initiative to replace all water mains and water services that may contain lead. Ebensburg's water system, as most water systems across the United States, falls into this category. We want our customers to know that our water is regularly tested for lead and it **DOES NOT CONTAIN LEAD OR OUR LEVELS ARE BELOW THE FEDERAL LIMITS ALLOWED FOR DRINKING WATER. OUR WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK.** If your property falls into the project area, you will be notified by the Borough. This project is set to begin in February and proceed through the end of 2024.

Go Paperless!

Have your bi-monthly water/ sewer/stormwater bill emailed to you. Simply call the borough office at 814-472-8870 extension 1 and ask to get signed up.



EBENSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Ebensburg Borough Council welcomed a new member to Borough Council; Mr. Mike Murphy. Mr. Murphy will take the seat vacated by Mr. Mike Owatt and will serve a 4-year term.



In 2023, Borough Council welcomed two Junior Councilors; Mr. Isaac Bradley and Mr. Abraham Remillard. Both are juniors in High School; Bradley at Central Cambria and Remillard is homeschooled. Junior Councilors are permitted to attend all meetings of Council (except executive sessions) and all committee meetings and are permitted to participate fully in those proceedings, except shall not be afforded the right to vote.



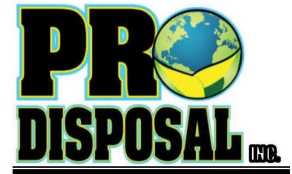
L to R: Mayor Datsko swearing in Mr. Isaac Bradley and Mr. Abraham Remillard.

Ebensburg Enjoys a Successful 2023 - Council and staff were able to complete many projects during 2023:

- Completed installation of new waterlines in the main section of downtown along East and West High Streets.
- Milled and resurfaced streets in northwest area of town.
- Replaced a police cruiser.
- Applied for and received a grant for the Borough Swimming Pool.
- Oversaw construction of the Dog Park at Lake Rowena, sponsored by the Rotary Club.
- Supported the Municipal Authority in a water line replacement project for Lovell Avenue and Manor Drive.
- Completed hiring search for new Police Chief and successfully transitioned over.
- Hired an additional full-time officer.
- Maintained gold certification in PA Sustainable Community Program.
- Started negotiations with the Police Union for a new 4-year labor agreement.
- Successfully negotiated a new five-year contract with Inframark for the continued operation of the sewer and water plants, plus oversight of sewage pumping stations.
- Negotiated a contract for the provision of electrician services, including coverage for emergency /quick-response needs.
- Bid the provision of garbage collection services and executed a new 5-year agreement with Pro Disposal.

Ebensburg Borough Residents:

As we begin our new contract to collect trash and recycling in Ebensburg Borough, we would like to take this time to thank you for your valued patronage and renew our commitment to assure quality service.



We are very excited to offer the brand new curbside toters! With the new contract, we are automating the pick-up. We will be delivering 96-gallon toters for both your trash and recycling. If you have a lower volume for trash or recycling, we can switch the toter out for a smaller, 36-gallon toter.

These toters will be used for the purpose of trash and recycling material ONLY. They are the property of Pro Disposal, Inc. For any lost, stolen, or damaged toter, the resident will be responsible for the cost to replace with a new toter.

Please note the 2024 holiday schedule/spring cleanup below.

Toter delivery began the week of December 11, 2023.

If for any reason you do not receive a trash or recycle toter, please call the Pro Disposal office and one will be delivered to you.



PRO DISPOSAL 2024 Garbage Collection Holiday Schedule

713 Mountain Avenue, Portage, PA

814-736-3631

Beginning the week of January 1, 2024:

**TRASH PICK UP will be on FRIDAYS for all residents.
RECYCLE PICK UP will be EVERY OTHER WEEK on THURSDAY.**

**Example: TRASH will be picked up on Saturday 1/6/24, Friday 1/12/24, Friday 1/19/24, etc.
RECYCLING will be picked up on Friday 1/5/24, Thursday 1/18/24, Thursday 2/1/24, etc.**

- New Year's Holiday - Monday, January 1, 2024 - All collections will be picked up one day late.
- Memorial Day Holiday- Monday, May 27, 2024 - All collections will be picked up one day late.
- Independence Day Holiday - Thursday, July 4, 2024 - All collections will be picked up one day late.
- Labor Day Holiday - Monday, September 2, 2024 - All collections will be picked up one day late.
- Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday, November 28, 2024 - All collections will be picked up one day late.
- Christmas Holiday - Wednesday, December 25, 2024 - All collections will be picked up one day late.

Please Note – If your every other week recycle falls during one of these holiday weeks, recycle pick up will be one day late.

During All Holiday Weeks – We will pick up trash & recycling earlier than normal due to landfill closings. Please place toters out the night before.

2024 Spring Clean-Up Schedule - Friday, May 3, 2024

Collection of Recyclables - the following materials will be collected in your blue recycle bins:

- Glass Containers • Aluminum Cans • Newspaper • Plastics (#1 - #7) • Steel & Bi-metallic Cans
- Cardboard (cereal and food boxes, etc.) • Corrugated Boxes (moving boxes, packing boxes, etc.)
- Cardboard (cereal and food boxes, gift boxes, etc.)

Please note, recycling works! We ask all residents to recycle and protect our environment!

Ebensburg Tennis Center

The winter tennis season is in full swing at the Ebensburg Tennis Center. If you are looking to tune up your game or just get started, the center offers individual and group lessons by USPTA certified professional, Jamie Taylor, tennis professional, Jeff Livermore, or tennis assistant, Samantha Fulcherio.



The tennis center offers court rental for play on the indoor and outdoor courts. The center is open for member and non-member play. Tennis memberships at the Ebensburg Tennis center will provide you with 24-hour access to the facility and an online court reservation book. Listed below are membership costs; memberships are based on an annual fee.

Need a partner to play with? Join one of our "flex" leagues. Play in a singles or doubles league. Leagues are available for players of all ages and ability levels. Play unlimited tennis with our "All You Can Play Pass." Members pay a one-time rate for unlimited play during specific hours, 7 days a week.

Visit the USPTA award winning ebensburgtenniscenter.com, find us on Facebook or call 814-471-2980.

TENNIS LESSON RATES

<i>Private Lessons w/ J. Taylor</i>	<i>Clinics/Group Lessons</i>
Mem/Non	Mem/Non
1 hour member lesson \$65/70	1 hour clinic \$16/18
1/2 hour lesson \$38/40	1 1/2 clinic \$22/25
	2 hour clinic \$32/35

Private Lessons w/ Livermore or Fulcherio

Mem/Non
1 hour member lesson \$54/57
1/2 hour lesson \$33/36

**Clinic and lesson packages are available. Ask at front desk.*

TENNIS MEMBERSHIP RATES

Single - \$190

Family - \$250 (includes immediate family members)

Junior - \$80 (17 and under)

***Out of Town Membership** - \$90 Single

***Out of Town Membership** - \$150 Family

Out of Town Junior - \$60

**Out of town memberships are for anyone living outside a 40-mile radius from the center. All memberships run one calendar year, unless otherwise specified.*

Fall/Winter All You Can Play Pass

Cost:

Single - \$390

Family - \$590

- * Pass runs from Sept 3rd thru May 11th, indoor only.
- * You must be a member to have an AYCP Pass.
- * You may reserve a max of two hours at one time.
- * You may reserve courts seven days in advance.

Fall/Winter Court Rates for Indoor Play

Mon - Fri	9 am - 4 pm	\$28
	4 pm - 9 pm	\$30
	9 pm - 9 am	\$15
Sat - Sun	9 am - 2 pm	\$27
	2 pm - 7 pm	\$25
	7 pm - 9 am	\$15
	Outdoor anytime per hr	\$15

- * All tennis rates are based on an hourly rate.
- * You may play as a non-member three times per year.
- * Non-members will pay an additional court fee of \$7. Non-members can only the facility 3 times a year.



Reminder to All Tennis Center Members:

Our center policy is that you are only allowed to reserve tennis courts 7 days in advance.



TAX COLLECTOR CORNER

2023 has come and gone and I can no longer accept tax payments for that year. If you owe real estate taxes from 2023, you can contact the Tax Claims Office at the Cambria County Courthouse at 814-472-1445 to set-up payments.

Tax bills are mailed out for the County/Borough on March 1. If you do not receive your tax bill by March 15, please call me at the number below and I will send you another copy.

The Ebensburg Borough Tax Office phone number is 814-846-4764. The Tax Collector's Office Hours, beginning March 1st are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Please note; the per capita tax that has been collected by the school district in the past is no longer being collected. The school board opted to do away with it in 2021.

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Use this QR code or "quick response" code to visit the Ebensburg Borough website
- to access it, scan with your smartphone camera and tap on the link that pops up.

Ebensburg Community Events

WinterFest*

Saturday, February 17

Art in Bloom Spring Art Show*

Saturday & Sunday, April 27 & April 28
Cambria County Courthouse

Ebensburg Borough Spring Clean-Up

Friday, May 3

Ebensburg Borough Pool Opening Day

Saturday, May 25

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony*

Monday, May 24, 10 am - Veteran's Memorial Park

20th Annual Wheels & Wings*

Friday, June 21, 5 pm - 10 pm
Historic Downtown Ebensburg

Movie in the Park*

Friday, July 12 - Veteran's Memorial Park

Farmer's Market*

Every Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm - Penn Eben Park
July 6 - September 21

Concerts in the Park*

July 19, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Penn Eben Park - 6 pm to 9 pm

Downtown Shutdown*

Friday, July 26, 6 pm - 11 pm
Center of Downtown Ebensburg

Ebensburg Homecoming*

Saturday, July 27, ALL DAY
Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

American Legion County Fair

Always Labor Day Week
September 1 - 7
American Legion County Fairgrounds

33rd Annual PotatoFest*

Saturday, September 28, 9 am - 5 pm
Historic Downtown Ebensburg

Fall Foliage Bike Ride*

Sunday, October 6, Ghost Town Trail

Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treat*

Sunday, October 27

Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club
Thursday, November 28

Small Business Saturday*

Saturday, November 30

19th Annual Dickens of a Christmas*

Friday, December 6 - Sunday, December 8
Historic Downtown Ebensburg

**Hosted by Ebensburg Main Street Partnership*