

Kutztonian News

KUTZTOWN – AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER

The Borough of Kutztown is a progressive community that does not shy away from tackling important issues, so it should come as no surprise that when Kutztown University students Tara Beretsky and Lindsay Chamberlain brought an important environmental issue to the Borough’s attention, Borough Council and the Mayor took action.

On March 20, 2007, Borough Council adopted, and Mayor Sandy Green approved a Resolution committing the Borough to strive to reduce global warming pollution by taking action in the Borough operation and in the Kutztown community. The standards in the Resolution are based on the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement pushes for local, state and federal governments to enact policies that the United States agreed to on February 16, 2005, in Kyoto, Japan, to meet pollution-reduction goals. Although U.S. leaders never ratified the international agreement, local governments, like Kutztown, are taking matters into their own hands.

Over 440 local governments have signed the Agreement, but the Borough of Kutztown is the first municipality in Berks County to sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and is believed to be the first municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass it by Resolution.

BOROUGH PLANS FOR KEEPING KUTZTOWN CLEAN AND GREEN

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In most of the other communities, only the government executive (i.e. Mayor) has signed the Agreement, but by unanimously adopting a Resolution, Borough Council has made an even stronger statement of its commitment to follow the standards.

Borough officials and Kutztown University students agree that the collaborative effort

between the Borough and KU make this even more exciting.

Borough Councilman Brendan Strasser feels that “what made this project so compelling to many of us on Borough Council is that it came from KU students, most of whom don’t get too involved in community affairs. I’m glad to see such commitment and initiative from a portion of our residential population that has been underrepresented in our town’s decision making.”



From left to right: Tara Beretsky, Council Pres. Malcolm Eidle, Mayor Sandy Green & Lindsay Chamberlain

Conversely, KU student Tara Beretsky was not sure what to expect from meeting with the Borough’s elected officials, but she was pleasantly surprised and thinks that it was “very refreshing to see that the local government is so enthusiastic about the concerns of Kutztown University students.”

Adopting this Resolution is just the beginning. The Borough will continue to work together with KU students to follow the standards that they have established.

With the help of Kutztown University students, the Borough has made impressive progress toward strengthening its resolve to help the environment, which will hopefully result in a clean and healthy future for the Borough of Kutztown.



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THE BOROUGH WILL MAKE EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS AND TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. Inventory global warming emissions in Borough operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan;
2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy as appropriate for our community;
5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting Borough facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
6. Purchase Energy Star equipment and appliances for Borough use; purchase supplies and equipment from local sources when possible; purchase locally-grown organic food products when possible;
7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices;
8. Take appropriate steps to increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles and decrease the consumption of fuel;
9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
10. Increase recycling rates in Borough operations and in the community; purchase products with maximum recycled content when possible;
11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and absorb CO₂; and
12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.



GOOD DEEDS GET NOTICED

On March 8, 2007, the Berks County Conservancy honored the Borough of Kutztown with a "Municipal Leadership Award" for the impressive work that Borough employees did on the Sacony Creek Trail.

The Borough would like to extend a special thanks to everyone involved with the Sacony Creek Trail project, especially the Berks County

Open Space and Recreation Advisory Council, Larry Lloyd and Kris Recek of the Berks County Conservancy and Elaine Bartholomew of the Maiden Creek Watershed Association.

Take in the scenery this spring and summer with a stroll along the Trail and check out the many different native wildflower species that are growing along the way!





CURTIS DAUB RETIRES

After ten years of dedicated service, Curtis Daub retired on April 27, 2007, from his job as the Borough's Master Technician. He was primarily responsible for maintaining over 100 pieces of equipment. While Curt does not think that ten years is long, compared to some of his co-workers' years of service, he said that it was the best job he ever had and that it was a great way to end his 44-year career.

Curt especially enjoyed the diversity of his job and felt very fortunate to work in a job that he loved.



Although he is retired, Curt has not slowed down. One of his favorite pastimes is building hot rods and restoring antique vehicles. In fact, he owns two vintage trucks and three vintage cars that he restored himself! In addition to his love for cars, Curt sings in a band (he even sings in PA Dutch!) and enjoys spending time on his family farm, hunting and four-wheeling with his family.

Curt and his wife of over 40 years, Judy, live just outside of the Borough and have two grown children, Curt, Jr. and Lana. Curt's grandchildren, Kathryn and Josh, are his pride and joy, plus there are triplet grandchildren on the way this summer!

When asked to describe Curt, his co-workers agreed that he is a character and an entertainer, an excellent mechanic and a great musician. Most of all,

PROMOTIONS

The Borough of Kutztown is pleased to announce that the following employees have recently been promoted:

MARK A. ARNOLD

Telecommunications Tech II in the Electric/Telecom Dept.

JARRAD R. BURKERT

Crew Leader in the Sewage/Wastewater Department

PAUL M. CLERY

Police Corporal in the Kutztown Police Department

MICHAEL R. MILLER

Certified Operator in the Sewage/Wastewater Department

The Borough would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions these employees make as they assume more responsibilities in the operations of the Borough.

Curt is missed at his post in the Borough garage.

We bid Curt a fond farewell and a long, happy and healthy retirement! 🌸

LIBRARY NEWS

The Summer Reading Program at the Louisa Gonsler Community Library begins on June 11, 2007. Don't forget to turn in your summer reading tickets for chances to win great prizes all summer long, including the countywide grand prize drawing for a new computer!

SUMMER SCHEDULE



June 13, 10:00 am
Summer Reading Kick-Off:
Get your own "ID Me" card

July 17, 3:30 pm
"Tales of Mystery" featuring
Storyteller Lethan Candlish

July 21, 10:00 am
"Harry Potter Party:" Pre-order
your own copy of the last book

July 26, 10:00 am
Magician Craig Collis

August 15, 10:00 am
Held at the Bandshell in the Park
"Cluesapalooza," followed by
our End of Summer Celebration

DO YOU NEED A U.S. PASSPORT?

The Library now accepts passport applications. For more information, please call 610-683-5820

OTHER EVENTS: Dates & Times To Be Announced
"Blues Clues at the Library," "Mystery Storytellers,"
"Family Game Nights," Kutztown Police Department
Programs, Story Rider Storytimes and the
"Detective Dog town-wide Scavenger Hunt"

The Louisa Gonsler Community Library thanks its local partners & sponsors of the Summer Reading Program: The Borough of Kutztown Police Dept., Mark's Sandwich Shop, Betty's, Jackie and Daughter, The Bark on Main, Citizens Bank, Sorrelli, Berkleigh Travel and East Penn Manufacturing.



2007 CONCERT SERIES AT THE PARK BANDSHELL

May 23 (Wednesday)

6:30-7:15 pm

KAHS Show Choir

7:30-9:00 pm

KAHS Jazz Bands

June 12 (Tuesday)

7:30-9:00 pm

Flag Day Concert -

Kutztown Community Choir

June 23 (Saturday)

7:00-9:00 pm

“Keystone Band of

Rehlersburg”

June 29 (Friday)

7:00-9:00 pm

“The Happy Dutchmen

German Band”

July 14 (Saturday)

7:00-9:00 pm

“Toad Creek Ramblers”

August 5 (Sunday)

Kutztown Day

Allentown Band

YMCA FITNESS CLASSES IN THE PARK

Sponsored by the Tri-Valley YMCA



Dates: Monday and Wednesday Mornings
June 18 – August 29, 2007

Times: 9 am – 10 am

Location: Kutztown Park Roller Rink

Questions/Fees/ Call the Tri-Valley YMCA office

Registration: at 610-944-6515

KUTZTOWN PARK ROLLER SKATING RINK

Skating is FREE!

Dates: Monday and Thursday Evenings
June 11 – August 5, 2007

Times: 7 pm – 10 pm

Location: Kutztown Park Roller Rink

Miscellaneous: Evening programs are geared toward all ages, with contests and prizes!

Roller blades are permitted with proper capping.

Skate rentals are NOT available — please bring your own skates.



IMPORTANT DATES AT THE PARK



Date	Event	Location
5/25 – 5/27	Kutztown Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament	Timothy M. Breidegam Field
6/23 – 6/24	Kutztown Legion Tournament	Timothy M. Breidegam Field
6/23 – 6/24	KYAA Sr. Girls 12 and Under Tournament	KYAA Sr. and Softball Fields
7/13 – 7/15	KYAA Jr. Boys Baseball Tournament	KYAA Baseball Fields
7/21 – 7/22	KYAA Sr. Girls 14 and Under Tournament	KYAA Sr. and Softball Fields
7/28 – 7/29	KYAA Sr. Girls 16 and Under Tournament	KYAA Sr. and Softball Fields
7/28 – 8/1	PA Jr. Legion Eastern Regional Tournament	Timothy M. Breidegam Field
9/8 – 11/4	Kutztown Cougar Youth Football/Cheerleading Games held every Saturday and Sunday	Park Multi-Purpose Field



BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SWIMMING POOL 2007 SEASON TICKET PRICES

		RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS
FAMILY	Parents & children including high school seniors residing in the same household	\$165.00	\$205.00
ADULTS	Over 18 years of age	\$105.00	\$135.00
	* Special Late Afternoon Ticket Option	\$ 90.00	\$120.00
STUDENTS	Including current year high school grads & college students with valid ID	\$ 95.00	\$125.00
	* Special Late Afternoon Ticket Option	\$ 80.00	\$110.00

DISCOUNTS GRANTED THROUGH MAY 25, 2007

\$15.00 on Family Tickets | \$10.00 on Adult and Student Tickets

SPECIAL LATE AFTERNOON SEASON TICKETS are available to *individuals* and are valid after 4 pm until closing on weekdays and any time on weekends during pool hours.

POOL HOURS

Noon – 8 pm (May, June, July)

Noon – 7 pm (August & September)

NOTICE: Season Tickets must be purchased at the Kutztown Municipal Building and ARE NOT available at the pool.

Evening hours extended, weather permitting and at the discretion of the Borough. Swimming Pool will be open daily, subject to staff availability and weather permitting, from 5/26 through 9/3/07.

GENERAL ADMISSION

ADULTS — Over 18 years of age \$5.00

STUDENTS — Incl. high school seniors \$4.00

GENERAL ADMISSION — after 5 pm \$2.50

Children under six years old are admitted free and must be attended by an adult 18 years of age or older.

Free admission for Kutztown Borough Senior Citizens 62 years of age or older who obtain complimentary tickets at the Kutztown Municipal Building.

KUTZTOWN YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS

Park Summer Playground Program:	Veronica Arehart	610-944-6515
Little League:	Kathy Schlenker	610-683-7274
Girls/Boys Soccer:	Rich Reimert	610-756-4105
T-Ball:	Andy O'Neil	610-683-6322
Football/Cheerleading:	Lee Onorofsky	484-221-0780
Dolphins Swim Team:	Todd Mertz	610-683-7224
YMCA Swim Team:	Veronica Arehart	610-944-6515
Basketball:	Jack Enriken	610-683-6748
Legion/Jr. Legion Baseball:	John Schmoyer	610-683-5281
Wrestling:	Steve Diehl	610-683-6201
Street Hockey:	Veronica Arehart	610-944-6515

KUTZTOWN PLAYGROUND

Managed by the Tri-Valley YMCA
Sponsored by the Borough of Kutztown

Dates: Monday through Friday
June 18 – August 10, 2007

Times: 9 am – 1 pm

Location: The Scooter Building is the hub of activity.

Fees: \$35 (Kutztown School District)
\$45 (outside Kutztown SD)

Questions: Call the Tri-Valley YMCA office at 610-944-6515

KUTZTOWN STREET HOCKEY

Fall Session: Saturday mornings in September and October, from 10 am – noon.
Please call the Tri-Valley YMCA office at 610-944-6515 for more details.



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KUTZTOWN DAY 2007
 IN THE KUTZTOWN PARK
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WANTS YOU TO KNOW:

- The Community Development office has updated its Web page (www.kutztownboro.org/departments/communitydevelopment/). Find new information about permitting, fees and inspections as well as download application forms and update housing roster information online.
- Now is the perfect time to plan ahead for those summer home improvement projects. Per State law, the Office has up to 30 days to review permits and depending on the number of applications submitted, it often takes that amount of time. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received, no exceptions. The good news is that once issued, permits are

valid for six months, allowing you to obtain necessary approvals in advance of the project start date... something we highly recommend!

- A few spring/summer property maintenance items to remember: high weeds or excessive overgrowth, noticeable pet waste, loose trash/litter in yards and interior furniture stored outside are violations of the Kutztown Code. Keep your property tidy, and notify us of property owners not doing their part to keep our community beautiful.
- Housing license renewal forms and rosters will be sent in mid-June with a return deadline of July 31. There has been no increase in fees.



AUDIT NOTICE FOR YEAR END 2006 Borough of Kutztown, Berks County, PA

CASH IN BANK 1/1/06 12/31/06

Operational Funds

General	\$176,674	271,490
Refuse & Recycling	\$102,793	12,060
Water	\$1,094,614	1,544,888
Electric	\$966,412	372,653
Sewer	\$1,700,969	2,119,190
Telecommunications	\$102,593	40,988

Special Purpose Funds

Fire Tax	\$28,431	55,789
Recreation	\$3,004	6,440
Road Tax	\$1,935	5,914
State Highway Aid	\$-	1,974
Unempl. Comp. Escrow	\$-	77,135
Total	\$4,177,425	4,508,521

Fiduciary Funds

Police Pension Fund	\$2,436,091	\$2,682,794
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OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Taxable real estate assessed valuation	\$176,698,200
Tax rate	1.2 Mills

EXTERNAL DEBT

G.O. Bonds

Series of 2001A, matures 11/2031	\$2,055,000
Series of 2003, matures 8/2023	\$5,220,000
Refi. Series of 2005, matures 8/2024	\$3,875,000
Refi. Series of 2006, matures 8/2031	\$2,465,000
Total	\$13,615,000

PUBLIC WORKS

Proposed Improvements for Spring & Summer 2007

Street Repair/Reconstruction

- Constitution Boulevard from West Main Street to Normal Avenue
- James Street from Maple Street to Trout Alley

Stormwater Repair/Reconstruction

- Bieber Alley at Noble Street

Streetlights The new pedestrian-friendly streetlight project will begin this summer on Main Street from College Boulevard to approximately Whiteoak Street.



ALERT SIREN TO SOUND!

In case of an actual emergency, the best sources of information are local TV and radio stations.

The Kutztown Emergency Alert Siren will be tested
May 4, Aug. 3, & Nov. 2 at 12:00 noon

EXPENDITURES

General government	\$467,493
Public safety	\$1,365,433
Sanitation and recycling	\$834,910
Highways and streets	\$601,799
Water, Sewer, Elec & Telecom	\$8,962,076
Recreation	\$374,229
Community Development	\$361,003
Debt service	\$1,082,440
Miscellaneous expenses	\$47,887
Transfers & refunds	\$3,378,661
Total	\$17,475,931

REVENUES

Tax revenues	\$817,413
Licenses & permits	\$122,648
Fines	\$148,222
Interest & rents	\$1,191,975
Intergovernmental revenues	\$462,208
Charges for services	\$11,192,412
Proceeds of refinancing	\$-
Miscellaneous revenue	\$239,462
Transfers & refunds	3,523,756
Total	\$17,698,095

The Borough is converting its accounting system from the cash method to the accrual method. This change will impact how the Borough records its financial transactions and the resulting financial reports. As a result of this change, the value of all Borough fixed assets must be established before the 2006 accrual based audit can be done. The 2006 audit will be done later this year and will be available at the Municipal Building. This notice reflects pre-audit summaries of 2006 financial data, consistent with prior years' spring newsletters.

IT'S TIME TO RECYCLE – BIG TIME!

The Berks County Solid Waste Authority will hold a "Household Hazardous Waste" collection on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, and an "Electronic Waste" recycling program collection on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007. Both events will take place at FirstEnergy Stadium in Reading, from 8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m., rain or shine!

For more information, please visit
www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

The Borough of Kutztown is a proud sponsor of these environmentally-friendly events!

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Council Member James F. Schlegel – Water/Wastewater
Council Member Mark R. Gangewere – Electric/Telecom
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BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN PHONE NUMBERS

45 Railroad Street

Administrative Offices 610-683-6131
Hometown Utilicom 610-683-5722
After Hours TV Support 610-778-2088
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Police Department
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Office Information 610-683-3545

324 W. Main Street

Community Development Office 610-683-3290
Office of the Mayor 610-683-5962

105 Railroad Street

Borough Garage 610-683-3202
After Hours Utility/Refuse Services . 610-683-3202

Industrial Avenue

Swimming Pool..... 610-683-9767

70 Bieber Alley

Louisa Gonser Community Library 610-683-5820

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