

# Kutztonian News

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Artists of the winning window!



PAINT THE TOWN GOLD

The crowd gathers for the pep rally!



The Avalanche Spirit Strut!



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MERCHANT TRICK - OR - TREAT NIGHT

Too Cute!



PHOTO BY LISA MITCHELL, EDITOR, KUTZTOWN AREA PATRIOT

SACONY TRAIL DEDICATION



Sacony Trail ribbon-cutting ceremony!



Kutztown Elementary third-graders sing a song!



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



*From left to right: Nathan Keller, Evan Muller, Cathy Runkle, Andrea Rahn and Ann Deisher*

**ANN DEISHER** Ann joined the Borough in August, 2008, as a part-time Administrative and Human Resources Assistant. She enjoys working outside in her yard, swimming, traveling, cooking, spending time with her husband, Denny, and playing with their Sphynx/Siamese black cat, Sheeba. Ann and Denny used to restore classic cars and Corvettes, which resulted in first place trophies for them at several car shows.

**NATHAN KELLER** Since March, 2008, Nathan has worked in the Borough's Public Works Department. In addition, for the past nine years, he has contributed his time to the Lyons Fire Company as a volunteer firefighter. Nathan attended Vo-Tech for cabinetry, and he enjoys woodworking in his shop at home. Nathan and his wife, Becky, reside in Fleetwood.

**EVAN MULLER** After serving as an intern in the Borough's Electric Department, Evan was hired in June, 2008, as an Apprentice/Meter Reader. In his free time, he enjoys four-wheeling, jet skiing and

snowmobiling. In addition, Evan recently earned his Eagle Scout rank, the highest level in Scouting advancement. Evan lives in Hamburg with his parents and sister.

**ANDREA RAHN** A member of the Borough family since April, 2008, Andrea is the Payroll Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Human Resources Director. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Jody, her step-children Jessica, Kristi and Justin, and her dogs, Rusty and Gunner. Additionally, Andrea likes reading, boating on the Indian River Bay in Delaware and taking motorcycle trips.

**CATHY RUNKLE** In August, 2008, Cathy joined the Borough family in the role of Field Operations Coordinator. Her hobbies include golfing, knitting, crocheting, traveling and reading. Cathy has four step-children: Ian, Kim, Jared and Brittany, and she and her husband, Keith, make their home in Lenhartsville. The Runkle family pet is Casey, a yellow lab.

## A FAREWELL TO THE BOROUGH'S RETIREES

Ask **Dick Diehm** anything about the Borough of Kutztown. If he doesn't know the answer, he will know where to find it! Since 1978, Dick has been a strong presence in the area of Borough



code enforcement, planning and zoning, but after 30 years on the job, he retired on October 24, 2008.

Dick is truly passionate about the Borough, and he will miss playing a vital role in its development, but he will not be out of the loop entirely. Because of his passion, Dick plans to stay involved by volunteering his expertise on certain special assignments, such as the Sacony Trail, Phase III, and the Train Station renovation projects. In addition to his love of the job, Dick really enjoyed working with his fellow employees, as well as the engineers and contractors involved in the Borough's many projects.

In his spare time, Dick enjoys spending time with his wife of 19 years, Mary, his four children and five grandchildren, building trains, working on his garden railroad, and all things Penn State, including frequent jaunts to State College to attend football games.




**IN ADDITION TO DICK DIEHM,  
TWO OTHER LONGSTANDING BOROUGH  
EMPLOYEES RECENTLY RETIRED.**

**Dallas Miller** retired on July 28, 2008, after spending 28 years as a Borough refuse laborer in the Public Works department. With a legendary work ethic second to none, Dallas left behind big work shoes to fill. Dallas was an outstanding, dedicated employee who took pride in his work every day, according to his supervisor, Norman Milnes. Dallas fills his free time with camping and helping out at his church. He was enjoyable to work with and will be sorely missed on the Public Works team.



**Randy Cole**, who spent 29 years with the Borough police department, starting out as a patrol officer in 1979, then becoming sergeant in 1986, and spending the last 12 years as chief, retired on November 5, 2008. At his retirement party, Mayor Green said that the chief taught her

a lot and further commended him for his deep knowledge of law enforcement policies and procedures. When asked what he liked most about his job, Randy replied that he liked the challenges involved in providing law enforcement services to the community. Most of all, he will miss the people he worked with and served. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and traveling, although he may not have much time for his hobbies as he assumes his new position as Director of Emergency Services for Berks County. Good luck, Randy, in your new position.

**Our sincere thanks to Dick, Dallas and Randy for all of their hard work and many contributions throughout the years. Best wishes for a very happy and healthy retirement!** 

## SACONY CREEK TRAIL DEDICATION

The Sacony Creek Trail, Phase II, was dedicated on a crisp fall day at the end of October, with plenty of excited people present for the event.

The Kutztown Area High School marching band played as attendees arrived for the celebration. Elementary and middle school students filled the grassy area in front of the brand new observation deck, while community members, volunteers, elected officials and local dignitaries mingled under the refreshment tent, waiting for the ceremony to begin.

Mayor Sandy Green; President of the Berks County Conservancy, Kim Murphy; and Borough Special Projects Coordinator, Dick Diehm, gave opening remarks, including a history of the trail and its environmental and educational importance to the Kutztown community.

Borough Superintendent of Public Works, Norman Milnes, and Borough employees Brian Bailey, Dan Batz, Brian Bilger, Randy Conrad, Steve Diehl, Dennis Follweiler, Kenny Gilmore, Dan Hess, Nathan Keller, Evan Muller, Jonathan Seaman, Naaman Schlegel, Leroy Stitzer and Joe Wessner were on hand to accept a tree planted in honor of their hard work and dedication in making the Trail a reality for the community to utilize and enjoy.

Third-graders Matthew Strauss and Olivia Sica recited short poems they had written about the Trail, and the rest of the third grade class performed "The Sacony Creek Trail Song," composed especially for the event.

After the ceremonial ribbon-cutting, the crowd scattered. Kids went back to school, while others spent time walking the trail, talking with friends or munching on trail mix, of course!

The Borough of Kutztown wishes to thank everyone involved with the Sacony Creek Trail, and we look forward to working on Phase III!



D. Batz, N. Keller, B. Bailey, L. Stitzer & N. Milnes plant the tree dedicated to their work.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY... Join KUBoK Neighborhood Watch!

KUBoK (Kutztown University and Borough of Kutztown) is a volunteer program supported by students and residents who are dedicated to maintaining a safe and distinguished community. YOUR participation is greatly needed! All new volunteers are required to complete one hour of training.



Call Naomi, the Graduate Assistant for KUBoK, at 484-646-9070 to find out more!

WE HOPE YOU'LL WALK WITH KUBoK!

## KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY'S OFF-CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL 2008-2009 Programs

### • OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

Kutztown University's Off-Campus Advisory Council offers "Operation Snowflake," a snow removal program for elderly and disabled residents in the Borough. The program starts on December 1, 2008, and runs through March 28, 2009.

### • ADOPT-A-BLOCK

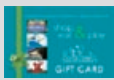
A volunteer program for student organizations to remove small trash throughout the Borough.



For more info, please call 610-683-1524.

## KCP COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Kutztown has its own gift card, and you can use it at any of the 27 participating local businesses.

For more information on the program or to find out where gift cards can be purchased and redeemed, visit the KCP Web site at [www.kutztownpa.org](http://www.kutztownpa.org).

### SOCIAL SUNDAYS



Shop, Eat & Play in Kutztown on the FIRST Sunday of every month, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Local businesses are open!

### MERCHANT TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT



There is family fun and lots of treats during this event which is held the week before Halloween every year, rain or shine. Hundreds of trick-or-treaters pack Main Street for KCP's most popular event!

### PLEIN AIR ART FESTIVAL & ART IN THE PARK



Plein Air is a term used for paintings or drawings made directly from nature and infused with a feeling of the open air. This spring, regional artists will be invited to capture the beauty of our region by painting on location throughout the Borough. The following day, their art will be for sale during the popular Art in the Park art and music festival. Dates are to be determined.

### TRAILWAGGERS



In 2007, the KCP Promotion Team developed Trailwaggers to help the needy paws of Berks County. This year, the **Trailwaggers Dogwalk**, a walk through the Kutztown Park in October that included over 75 people and 50 dogs, raised over \$2,000. **Pet Photos with Santa**, will be held during Christmas in Kutztown, on December 7, from 11 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at The Bark on Main. Proceeds from all events will be divided between the Humane Society of Berks County, the Animal Rescue League of Berks County and One By One Cat Rescue. To make a donation, volunteer for events or for more information, please contact Kim Davis at 610-683-8266.

### CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY PARKING PROGRAM

This program is designed to give customers the chance to shop, eat and conduct business in the Borough without receiving a parking ticket after the limited two-hour parking time has expired.



Make sure to ask your favorite merchants for a parking pass the next time you are doing business in town!



For more information about any of these KCP events, call Mayor Sandy Green at 610-683-8880.



## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Although there is no drought watch or warning at this time, everyone is encouraged to conserve as much water as possible due to current dry conditions.

The following suggestions will conserve water and could possibly save you money!

### INSIDE THE HOME...

- Install low-flow plumbing fixtures.
- Check for household leaks.

### CHANGE WATER USE HABITS...

- Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth and use a glass of water for rinsing.
- When shaving, use a sink filled with rinse water. Do not let the faucet flow.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Do not use the toilet as a trash can.
- If the shower has a single hand control or shut off valve, turn off the flow while soaping or shampooing.
- Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink.

For more information about water conservation, visit the Department of Environmental Protection Web site at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us).



## PAINT THE TOWN GOLD —

### A Golden Success!



From Kutztown University's (KU) campus and throughout the community, everything turned to gold in late September for the first annual Paint the Town Gold (PTTG).

This high-spirited initiative, designed to spread excitement and support for KU and the Kutztown community, was a tremendous success, and the soggy weather did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance.

PTTG kicked off with a community-wide food drive to benefit Friend, Inc. A pep rally took command of the 200 block of West Main Street, as Avalanche, along with members of the KU marching band, dance team and cheerleading squad, engaged the enthusiastic crowd in getting the football team energized for their game against West Chester University.

Approximately twenty-five KU buildings, downtown storefronts and homes became canvases for a PTTG window painting contest, as KU art students mentored and collaborated with Kutztown Middle School and High School students, creating designs to cheer the Golden Bears on to victory. Although each window was outstanding, top honors went to Kutz's Footwear (first place), Eckhaus (second place) and Yarn Calling (third place).

As residents and visitors arrived, five hundred gold balloons adorned the sidewalks of the community and the KU campus. The "Avalanche Spirit Strut" took center stage along Main Street, with assistance from the Kutztown Fire Company, to rally the community to University Stadium where the first 1,000 attendees received a gold tee shirt and gold thunder sticks.

This collaborative venture between Kutztown University, the Borough of Kutztown, Maxatawny Township and over 50 supportive community partners succeeded in bringing students, families, businesses and residents together. It was GOLDEN!

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.PAINTTHETOWNGOLD.COM](http://WWW.PAINTTHETOWNGOLD.COM)**



Happy HU customer, Mark Pisco, shows off his brand new shiny blue iPod Shuffle™!

## AND THE WINNER IS...

Kutztown University senior Mark Pisco is this year's lucky winner in the HU iPod Shuffle™ drawing.

As a loyal HU customer in his second year of service, Mark said that in addition to HU's "variety of channels and reliable Internet service," he especially likes the "package and pre-payment options."

Although the Secondary Education/English major will graduate in December, 2008, Mark said that he has and will recommend HU to his friends because he feels that it's the "easiest way to get service in town."

# HOMETOWN UTILICOM UPDATES

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Is there a television network that you are interested in receiving?

Are you willing to pay \$7 - \$10 per month for additional HD programming such as Discovery, Speed, National Geographic and others?

**Let us know what you think! Contact an HU representative at 610-683-5722 or [huserservices@kutztownboro.org](mailto:huserservices@kutztownboro.org).**


## SERVICE UPGRADES!

We are currently looking to add BBC America, Fox Business News and MLB (Major League Baseball) networks to the HU line-up.

In a continuing effort to grow and improve Internet service, HU tests and upgrades will continue through early 2009.

We'll keep you updated on any permanent changes that take place! Keep an eye on your mailbox and on the HU Web site: [www.hometownutilicom.org](http://www.hometownutilicom.org).

## FEBRUARY, 2009, IS COMING!

HU has converted all off-air channels to a digital frequency. As an HU customer, there's no need to worry about programming not being available this coming February. We believe in providing Digital and HD services without a set-top box, and we will continue on this path unless and until requirements change. 

## 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 |
| Internet/E-mail Support ..... | 484-646-9000 |
| Police Department             |              |
| Emergency .....               | 911          |
| Non-Emergency .....           | 610-655-4911 |
| 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 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|

### Online

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| <a href="http://www.kutztownboro.org">www.kutztownboro.org</a>         |
| <a href="http://www.hometownutilicom.org">www.hometownutilicom.org</a> |



## 2008-2009 HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

| Holiday                                  | Date Observed    | Collection Information   |
|--|------------------|--|
| Christmas 2008                           | Thurs., 12/25/08 | Refuse collection <i>cancelled</i>   |
| New Year's Day 2009                      | Thurs., 1/1/09   | Refuse collection <i>cancelled</i>   |
| Good Friday                              | Fri., 4/10/09    | Fri. Route collected on Thurs.<br>Thurs. Route collected on Wed.             |
| Memorial Day                             | Mon., 5/25/09    | Mon. Route collected on Tues.<br>Tues. Route collected on Wed.               |
| Independence Day                         | Fri., 7/3/09     | Refuse collection <i>cancelled</i>   |
| Labor Day                                | Mon., 9/7/09     | Mon. Route collected on Tues.<br>Tues. Route collected on Wed.               |
| Thanksgiving Day                         | Thurs., 11/26/09 | Refuse collection <i>cancelled</i><br>No cardboard collection for businesses |
| Day after Thanksgiving (Borough Holiday) | Fri., 11/27/09   | Refuse collection <i>cancelled</i>   |
| Christmas Eve 2009                       | Thurs., 12/24/09 | Refuse collection <i>cancelled</i>   |
| Christmas 2009                           | Fri., 12/25/09   | Refuse collection <i>cancelled</i>   |
| New Year's Day 2010                      | Fri., 1/1/10     | Refuse collection <i>cancelled</i>   |

## ROUTINE REFUSE COLLECTION DAYS

**North Side of Main Street:**  
Tuesday and Friday

**South Side of Main Street:**  
Monday and Thursday

Please place refuse at collection points by  
**7:00 a.m.**  
on collection days.

## CANCELLATION NOTE

When refuse collection is cancelled, you may leave up to three extra bags at the curb on your next collection day at no additional charge.

## 2008-2009 SNOW NOTICE

With snow season approaching, the majority of us face the task of removing snow and ice from all sidewalks adjacent to our properties.



Article 1 of Chapter 192 of the Kutztown Code requires that all snow, ice, hail or sleet that has fallen or formed on sidewalks be removed within 24 hours after the snow, ice, hail or sleet has ceased to fall or form. A path at least 48 inches wide must be provided.

Owners or tenants who fail to clear their sidewalks, as required, will be subject to citation. Please note that it is unlawful to discharge snow/ice into the public street or alley as per Article 1 of Chapter 192 of the Kutztown Code.

Let's work together to achieve the common goal of safe and clean Borough streets and sidewalks!

## 2009 RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

|           | SOUTH     | NORTH     |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| January   | 14, 28    | 7, 21     |
| February  | 11, 25    | 4, 18     |
| March     | 11, 25    | 4, 18     |
| April     | 8, 22     | 1, 15, 29 |
| May       | 6, 20     | 13, 27    |
| June      | 10, 24    | 3, 17     |
| July      | 1, 15, 29 | 8, 22     |
| August    | 12, 26    | 5, 19     |
| September | 9, 23     | 2, 16, 30 |
| October   | 7, 21     | 14, 28    |
| November  | 4, 18     | 25        |
| December  | 2, 16, 30 | 9, 23     |

The Borough recycles the following items: newspapers, magazines, computer paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, glass bottles, jars, plastic bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles (no bleach or oil bottles, please).

do you have any  
**QUESTIONS?**  
about refuse or recycling?

Please call the  
Borough Garage  
at 610-683-3202,  
Monday through Friday,  
7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

## 2009 SPRING TREE LIMB COLLECTION

A dump truck equipped with a chipper will collect tree limbs, at curbside, on the following dates:

**North Side of Main Street:**  
March 30 & 31 (Mon/Tues)

**South Side of Main Street:**  
April 1 & 2 (Wed/Thurs)

*Please, no grass or garden/yardwaste.*

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## Your Current Mayor and Council for the Borough of Kutztown

Mayor..... Sandra K. Green  
Council President ..... Malcolm A. Eidle – Finance, Electric & Telecom  
Council Vice-President ..... Edwin K. Seyler – Personnel  
Council Member ..... James F. Schlegel – Water/Wastewater  
Council Member ..... Mark R. Gangewere – Public Safety  
Council Member ..... Kevin J. Snyder – Public Works  
Council Member ..... Amy A. Bray – Community Development

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