

Kutztonian News

A HISTORIC GLANCE OF THE KUTZTOWN TRAIN STATION

As previously reported in the *Kutztonian News*, the Borough received a \$270,825 grant from PennDOT to revitalize the historic Kutztown Train Station. Two years and a lot of planning and hard work later, the finishing touches will be put on the project this summer.

Built in 1869 and 1870 by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, passenger train service went from Allentown to Kutztown, with connections to Reading at the Topton Station. Passenger service ended in 1934, but freight service continued until 1962, when Agway moved into the Train Station and was operated until 1988.

In 1990, through the help of volunteers and donations, the Train Station was renovated to be used for events such as book sales, card parties, musical performances and Christmas and Easter train rides.

Current renovations are being made with the intent of maintaining the historic integrity of the Train Station, while creating additional meeting space for the Borough and a special place for community gatherings.

The Borough wishes to extend a very big THANK YOU to the Kutztown Foundry for their generous donation of \$2,500 and to the volunteers on the Train Station Revitalization Committee for serving as advisors on the project. 🌟

GRANT-FUNDED RENOVATIONS INCLUDE:

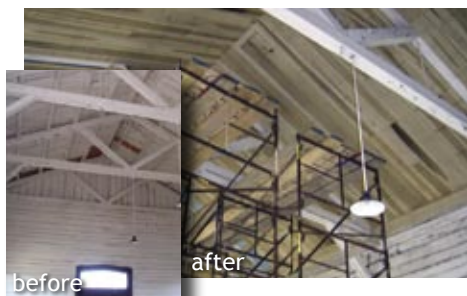
- Insulation of the freight room
- Reconstruction of a former wall
- Installation of restrooms
- Installation of a heating and cooling system
- Installation of a new electric system
- Installation of exterior doors

ADDITIONAL PLANNED RENOVATIONS:

- Installation of ADA-compliant ramps
- Installation of a new sewer line
- Installation of a new electric transformer
- Fresh coats of paint

BEFORE & AFTER

From left to right: new insulated ceiling in freight room; new restrooms; reconstruction of former wall



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JAYMES VETTRAINO RESIGNS

For the past five years, Jaymes Vettraino has provided strong and enthusiastic leadership for the Borough of Kutztown. He recently resigned to become the City Manager for Rochester, Michigan, and his last official day with the Borough was May 9, 2008.

Jaymes and his wife, Lynne, along with their daughter Elizabeth (plus one on the way!) decided to make the move simply to be closer to family.

Jaymes' magnanimous nature contributed greatly to his success in forging new and positive relationships with many people. He was very well-liked and respected by everyone from employees to elected officials, and from Kutztown University administrators to Maxatawny Township Supervisors.

Because of these good relationships, Jaymes managed to keep the daily operations running smoothly, while achieving other goals, such as navigating through years of deregulated electric markets;

planning for well-head protection; working with the Township and the County to address sewer needs on a regional level;



continuing to grow the Hometown Utilicom customer base and service offerings; applying for and receiving the Main Street designation and renewing the focus on residential rental property maintenance; implementing a five-year plan for major improvements to streets and storm water infrastructure; working with PA law makers on drafting legislation to address the impact of the Borough's student population on its police operation; and implementing new financial and payroll software.

Obviously, the Borough kept him very busy, but it was evident when Jaymes was around because his friendly smile and open door policy made his office a sort of "Grand Central Station" at Borough Hall. Jaymes would listen to any problem, big or small, (often several times per day!) and always find a thoughtful answer to help in whatever way he could.

During this bittersweet transition, Jaymes publicly thanked Mayor Green; Borough Council members, old and new; and the Borough employees for the cooperation and support that he received. He truly enjoyed his time working and living in the Borough of Kutztown, and he is very proud of what was accomplished over the past five years.

Everyone at the Borough of Kutztown wishes Jaymes and his family the best of luck in Michigan and wherever life takes them. We will miss you, Jaymes... you are a tough act to follow. 🌟

WATER DEPARTMENT WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



On April 2, 2008, Borough representatives attended the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association conference, where they were presented with an Area-Wide Optimization Program Award.

The award, given by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, was presented for the Borough's efforts in optimizing water turbidity (the level of clarity and cleanliness of drinking water).

Out of the 254 water filtration plants that submitted data for consideration of this award, the Borough was one of only five water filtration plants in the nation to receive this prestigious honor.

Thank you to the Borough Water Department for keeping our water clean, and congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment!



LINWOOD HAMM RETIRES

Linwood Hamm, known affectionately as Hammy to family, friends and co-workers, retired on January 11, 2008, after serving the Borough for over 41 years.

Hammy was a fixture in the Public Works department over four decades and served as the Crew Leader for many years. The diversity of the job was especially rewarding for him, as he enjoyed doing something different every day. He also enjoyed the people with whom he worked, referring to them as “a good bunch of people.”

Although he’s retired, Hammy finds time to stop by the Borough offices to visit his old friends and co-workers...he even admits to missing his daily routine at work, demonstrating the dedication and loyalty that made him so valuable to the Borough for so many years.

Hammy lived out his need for speed as a race car driver on the local circuit for 35 years, and after he stopped driving, he owned a race car for five more years. Although he is no longer involved in racing, Hammy still enjoys working on cars. He also frequents flea markets and enjoys spending time with his wife of almost 40 years, Debbie, and his son, Todd.

Hammy’s co-workers had a lot of nice things to say about him, including the fact that he was dedicated, did his job well, had a good work ethic and a good sense of humor, and that he was well-liked and respected.

Thanks, Hammy, for the 41 years of devoted service to the Borough. We wish you a healthy and happy retirement! 🌟

AMY BRAY APPOINTED TO BOROUGH COUNCIL

On April 15, 2008, Borough Council appointed Amy Bray to the seat that was vacated earlier in the year.

Amy enjoys living, working and volunteering in the Borough, and she applied for the open Council seat in an effort to improve the community in whatever way she can. She is eager to help provide a high quality of life for all members of the Kutztown community.



LIBRARY NOTES

Nothing is free anymore, right? Wrong! A **free membership to The Louisa Gonsler Community Library** grants you access to all Berks County public libraries.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- A multitude of books, audio-books, magazines and movies for people of all ages and interests. Any number of items may be checked out with a library card, and there are no fees as long as items are returned on time.
- Children’s programs and story times
- Parent-Child Workshops
- Summer Reading programs for children, with prizes as incentives (June 9 – August 16)
- Programs and book clubs for adults
- Public computer and wireless access
- Passport application processing by appointment with some evening and Saturday hours available

COMING SOON!

- A spacious, newly-renovated Community Room/Children’s Program Area!
- Don’t miss the **LIBRARY GARDEN TOUR** on Sunday, June 8. For details about this or any other library program, please call **610-683-5820**.



2008 CONCERT SERIES AT THE PARK BANDSHELL

May 21 (Wednesday)

6:30-9:00 pm

KAHS Jazz Band, Show Choir
and Vocal Jazz Ensemble

June 10 (Tuesday)

7:30-9:00 pm

Flag Day Concert -
Kutztown Community Choir

June 14 (Saturday)

7:00-9:00 pm

Keystone Band of Rehrersburg

June 21 (Saturday)

7:00-9:00 pm

Swing Fever

July 12 (Saturday)

7:30-9:00 pm

The Mudflaps



July 19 (Saturday)

7:00-9:00 pm

The Happy Dutchmen
German Band

August 3 (Sunday)

Kutztown Day

Allentown Band

August 7 (Thursday)

7:00-9:00 pm

KASD Summer Band

YMCA FITNESS CLASSES IN THE PARK

Sponsored by the Tri-Valley YMCA



Dates: Monday and Wednesday Mornings
June 16 – August 7, 2008

Times: 9 am – 10 am

Location: Kutztown Park Roller Rink

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

KUTZTOWN PARK ROLLER SKATING RINK

Skating is FREE!

Dates: Monday and Thursday Evenings
June 9 – August 3, 2008

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
5/23 – 5/25	Kutztown Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament	Timothy M. Breidegam Field
6/20 – 6/22	Kutztown Legion Tournament	Timothy M. Breidegam Field
6/22 – 6/23	KYAA Sr. Girls 12 and Under Tournament	KYAA Sr. and Softball Fields
7/11 – 7/13	KYAA Jr. Boys Baseball Tournament	KYAA Baseball Fields
7/19 – 7/20	KYAA Sr. Girls 14 and Under Tournament	KYAA Sr. and Softball Fields
7/26 – 7/27	KYAA Sr. Girls 16 and Under Tournament	KYAA Sr. and Softball Fields
9/6 – 11/2	Kutztown Cougar Youth Football/Cheerleading Games held every Saturday and Sunday	Park Multi-Purpose Field



BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SWIMMING POOL 2008 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 23, 2008

\$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 5/24 through 9/1/08.

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:	Brett Mayer	610-944-6515
Little League:	Kathy Schlenker	610-683-7274
Girls/Boys Soccer:	Rich Reimert	610-756-4105
T-Ball:	Mike Collins	484-256-4014
Football/Cheerleading:	Ron Stoudt	610-682-4679
Dolphins Swim Team:	Beth Stump	610-683-0159
YMCA Swim Team:	Brett Mayer	610-944-6515
Basketball:	Mike Collins	484-256-4014
Legion/Jr. Legion Baseball:	Rob Rarick	610-682-6015
Wrestling:	Steve Wehr	610-683-3831
Street Hockey:	Brett Mayer	610-944-6515

KUTZTOWN PLAYGROUND

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

Dates: Monday through Friday
June 16 – August 8, 2008

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 (times to be determined). Please call the Tri-Valley YMCA office at 610-944-6515 for more details.



DIGITAL TV AND SET-TOP BOXES: HOW AM I AFFECTED?

If you're a Hometown Utilicom (HU) customer, there's no need to worry!

The following information is provided to shed some light on the confusion regarding Digital TV and set-top boxes in order to possibly save you money.

As reported in the local media, the federal government has mandated that, beginning in February 2009, all broadcasters provide all channels to cable companies via a digital frequency. Some cable companies are placing the burden of this federal mandate on their customers by requiring them to rent or purchase a set-top box for each TV in their home in order for the TVs to continue receiving cable service.

This is not the case for HU customers! Instead of passing

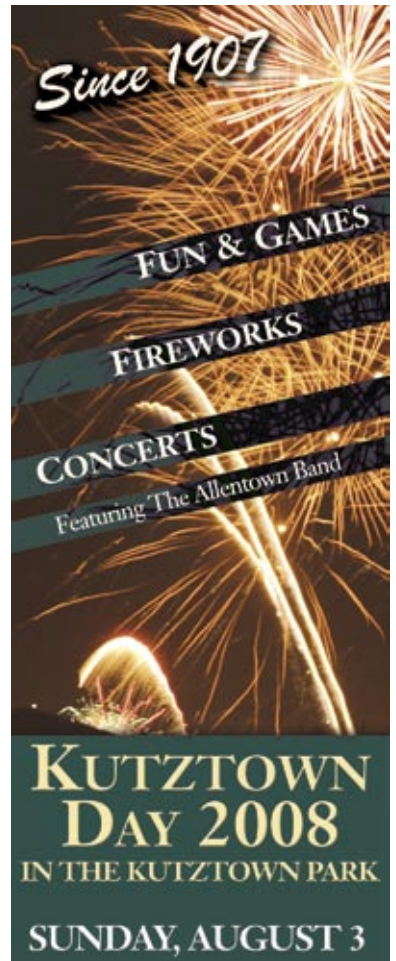
this burden on to you, the Borough decided to implement changes at the HU television head-end, which eliminate the need for set-top boxes. That's right! HU will continue to provide the same high quality signal without the cost and inconvenience of set-top boxes.

For the past several months, HU customers with Digital and High Definition (HD) televisions have enjoyed FREE Digital and HD channels, without purchasing set-top boxes. If you'd like to experience HU Digital and HD TV, log onto www.hometownutilicom.org/HDdigital/index.html.



Your Town.
Your System.
Your Savings.

610-683-5722



SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDO)

- Information on permits, fees, licenses and downloadable application forms can be found at the department's Web page (www.kutztownboro.org/Departments/CommunityDevelopment).
- Plan ahead for summer home improvement projects. The CDO has up to 30 days to review an application, and during busy times, the review can often take that long. Also, applications are reviewed in the order they are received, without exception. Once issued, a permit is valid for six months.
- Be aware that violations of the Borough Code for Property Maintenance include, but are not limited to: high weeds or excessive overgrowth, especially if it impedes a public walkway; accumulation of pet waste; loose trash and litter; and upholstered interior furniture on the exterior. Keep your property tidy and encourage your neighbors to do the same. If you have elderly neighbors or other folks that might need assistance in this area, lend a hand.
- Housing license renewal forms and rosters will be mailed in mid-June with a return deadline of July 31, before late fees begin to accrue. Licensing fees for 2008-2009 have been increased. The rates are \$42 per unit and \$42 per unit plus \$34 per room for a rooming house/unit.
- New swimming pools cannot be constructed or placed on a property without a permit from the CDO! Under EPA's "Clean Stream Laws," water from swimming pools must be discharged into a sanitary sewer system for proper treatment.
- Signs advertising yard/garage sales, local events, etc. are not permitted to be attached to street lights, utility poles, staked in the ground, etc. A sign may be placed on your property the morning of the event but must be removed promptly upon completion. Advertising opportunities are also available through Hometown Utilicom Channel 40. Call 610-683-5722 for details.



AUDIT NOTICE FOR YEAR END 2007 Borough of Kutztown, Berks County, PA

CASH IN BANK

	1/1/07	12/31/07
Operational Funds		
General	\$271,490	203,218
Refuse & Recycling	\$12,060	33,646
Water	\$1,544,888	1,355,099
Electric	\$372,653	1,080,595
Sewer	\$2,119,190	2,461,863
Telecommunications	\$40,988	45,615

Special Purpose Funds

Fire Tax	\$55,789	19,994
Recreation	\$6,440	6,919
Road Tax	\$5,914	7,020
State Highway Aid	\$1,974	5,728
Unempl. Comp. Escrow	\$77,135	106,744
Total	\$4,508,521	5,326,441

Fiduciary Funds

Police Pension Fund	\$2,682,794	2,930,887
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OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Taxable real estate assessed valuation	\$184,166,100
Tax rate	1.8 Mills

EXTERNAL DEBT

G.O. Bonds

Series of 2001A, matures 11/2031	\$2,020,000
Series of 2003, matures 8/2023	\$4,850,000
Refi. Series of 2005, matures 8/2024	\$3,770,000
Refi. Series of 2006, matures 8/2031	\$2,390,000
Total	\$13,030,000

PUBLIC WORKS

Proposed Improvements for Spring & Summer 2008

Street Repaving

- Sander Alley from South Whiteoak St. to Normal Ave.
- East Walnut St. from Cedar St. to Kemp St.

Storm Sewer Improvements

- Extend the storm sewer from the existing inlet on Sander Alley, just west of South Whiteoak St. to Baldy Alley
- Replace the galvanized water line on Sander Alley with a new 4" ductile iron line

Parks

- A new roller hockey rink in the park is now open

General government	\$438,757
Public safety	\$1,844,790
Sanitation and recycling	\$2,176,137
Highways and streets	\$720,898
Water, Sewer, Elec & Telecom	\$7,765,858
Recreation	\$501,874
Community Development	\$6,221
Debt service	\$1,146,348
Miscellaneous expenses	\$33,906
Transfers & refunds	\$1,313,600
Total	\$15,948,389

Tax revenues	\$967,258
Licenses & permits	\$136,257
Fines	\$191,934
Interest & rents	\$1,176,094
Intergovernmental revenues	\$359,080
Charges for services	\$11,328,596
Proceeds of refinancing	\$ -
Miscellaneous revenue	\$119,237
Transfers & refunds	\$1,713,293
Total	\$15,991,749

The Borough of Kutztown converted its accounting system and the resulting Financial Reports from the Cash to Accrual Method of Accounting in 2006, complying with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncement #34. This notice reflects pre-audit summaries of selected financial information consistent with prior years' notices. When completed, the full 2007 audit will be available at the Kutztown Municipal Building.



The Borough would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Kutztown Fire Company for 100 YEARS of dedicated service to the Kutztown community!

Celebrate the Fire Company's 100th anniversary on Sunday, May 31, with activities and a parade!
For more information, visit www.kutztownfirecompany.com.



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 2, Aug. 1, & Nov. 7 at 12:00 noon

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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

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

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