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CELEBRATE KUTZTOWN'S BICENTENNIAL THIS SUMMER WITH A VARIETY OF FUN EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

Flag Day Concert, Kutztown Park, 7:30pm | The Kutztown Community Choir salutes Old Glory in song. Longtime Kutztown resident Richard Kelchner talks about the 1815 flag that flew during Kutztown's first year.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

Miss Kutztown Bicentennial and Lil' Miss Kutztown Bicentennial Pageant, Kutztown Area High School Auditorium, 7pm Open to all permanent female residents of the Kutztown Area School District, this pageant is a throwback to the Miss Kutztown Sesqui-Centennial Pageant held for Kutztown's 150th anniversary in 1965. The queens will be featured in all Bicentennial events. See the Bicentennial page at www.kutztownboro.org for more details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015

Decoration Contest, Borough of Kutztown, May 23 - August 3 The Kutztown Rotary Club is organizing a contest to entice property owners to decorate their buildings and lawns for the Bicentennial celebration. The contest is designed to boost civic pride as well as make Kutztown pretty for the celebration. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorations in multiple categories. Entry forms must be returned by May 23. Judging will be held on June 27. Decorations are expected to remain until after Kutztown Day (August 2).

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015

Kutztown Kruizz for the Bicentennial, Main Street, 3pm to 6pm; Kutztown Park, 6:30pm | Main Street in Kutztown will host classic cars from local collectors from 3pm to 6pm. Sponsorship opportunities include special plaques for the first 200 cars entered and prizes for the best cars in the show. The day will end at the Kutztown Park with a concert and a movie in the Band Shell. This event is designed to showcase Kutztown's crown jewels: its distinctive Main Street and the Kutztown Park.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

Community Church Service, Kutztown Park, 1pm | St. Paul's



U.C.C. in Kutztown is leading the local churches in a community service in the Kutztown Park. The churches participating will sponsor this event to showcase the role local churches have had in the Kutztown community since the very beginning of its history.

Family Movie Matinee, Strand Theater, 2pm | The Kutztown Optimist Club is sponsoring this event. It will be held in Kutztown's historic Strand Theater, which celebrated its 100th birthday in 2014.

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015

Walking History Tour of Kutztown, Kutztown Area Historical **Society**, **7pm** | Sponsored by the Kutztown Area Historical Society, this event is designed to showcase the "walkability" of Kutztown by walking to different historic sites in the Borough and learning their stories. The rain date is Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015

Ice Cream Social, Kutztown Area Historical Society, 6pm Sponsored by Air Products and Chemicals and organized by the Kutztown Women's Club, this event will be held at the Kutztown Area Historical Society. Food-based socials have been popular since the early days of Kutztown, and the Historical Society has become a focal point for Kutztown activities and pride.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

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Celebrate the Seniors, St. Paul's U.C.C., 6pm | St. Paul's U.C.C. in Kutztown is hosting a dinner to fete the 75 and older crowd, many of whom participated in Kutztown's Sesqui-Centennial celebration in 1965. The Kutztown Community Choir will perform.

OROUGH INFO

Borough Admin and Community Development Offices Monday through Friday* | 8:00am - 4:30pm *Except holidays (listed on Web site)

Borough Council Meetings

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Train Station (all other meetings listed on Web site)

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AROUND TOWN



Library Summer Reading Program

It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's **"Super Reader!"** This summer, **"Super Reader!"** will appear regularly at her home at Kutztown Community Library, during our adventurous **"Every Hero Has a Story"** summer reading program, from June 8 through August 15. All kids from birth through high school are encouraged to discover all different types of heroes.

Registration for summer reading begins on Monday, June 8. The Summer Kickoff will feature a "Super Hero Training Camp" and heroic family movie at 10am on Thursday, June 11. Guest presenters will be featured Thursday mornings throughout the program, including the D.C. Perry "Heroically Hysterical Drawings, Songs and Silliness;" Al Grout's heroic juggling and magic; Yocum Family Institute's "Miss Electricity;" Mad Science of the Lehigh Valley; Bug Heroes with Prof. Setliff; Lehigh Valley Heroic Therapy Dogs; Kutztown Community Heroes and more.

Preschool and toddler readers will have story times on Mondays and Tuesdays; teens will be "discovering the hero within" on Monday evenings at 6pm. This summer, **"BE A HERO, READ!"** at Kutztown Community Library.

Traveling Soon?

Ready to travel to a tropical beach after the cold and snowy winter? Kutztown Community Library provides convenient passport services to local residents several mornings and afternoons a week, evening hours up to 6pm, Monday through Thursday, and Saturdays late mornings into early afternoon. Call 610-683-5820 for more information and to set up an appointment.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Kutztown Community Library's "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: starting kindergarten.

Research has shown that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education, and an excellent way to get children ready to learn is to read to them. The program will encourage families to read at least 1000 books to their children before they enter school.

Parents reading with their children shows them that reading is valuable and enjoyable. It also helps children develop background knowledge, build vocabulary and become familiar with the reading process.

As milestone numbers are reached, children will receive coloring sheets, stickers, a book and a t-shirt once they have completed the program.



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FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

Dinner on Main, 200 block of Main Street, 5pm | Kutztown's 200 block of West Main Street will be closed to traffic. The street space will be set up and decorated for outdoor dining. Attendees will be encouraged to purchase food from Kutztown restaurants. Music will be provided. This event focuses on the charm of Kutztown's Main Street and its varied restaurants.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

Bicentennial Parade, Main Street, 7pm What's a celebration without a parade? Plans are well under-way to organize a memorable event that will be seen by thousands of people and publicized throughout eastern Pennsylvania. The parade will begin at 7:00pm, which was the starting time of the much beloved, but now defunct, Kutztown Halloween parade.

After Parade Party, Kutztown Fire Company, 8:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

Kutztown Day, Kutztown Park, all day Held for over 100 years in the Kutztown Park on the first Sunday of August, Kutztown Day and its fireworks will be the closing activity of the Bicentennial celebration. Kutztown Day activities include concerts, picnics, family reunions, games (organized and spontaneous), raffles, contests, and other "old fashioned" fun. As always, Kutztown Day has its own committee and fund raising activities.

Electronics Recycling Day

Join the Borough and RRS on September 12 from 9am-12pm.

More details and a list of items accepted are available on the Web at **www.kutztownboro.org.**

WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The new Water Plant has been fully operational since mid-September, 2014, and nitrate levels in our processed water distributed to our customers have decreased by 50%.



WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Borough of Kutztown's Wastewater Treatment Plant is a collection system, consisting of approximately thirtyfive miles of pipe and four pump stations, that feeds the 1.5 million gallons per day newly upgraded facility.

The upgrade completed in 2014 was comprised of the following: a phosphorous removal system, an ultraviolet disinfection system, a chemical feed building with bulk storage tanks, the replacement of settling tank weirs, flood-proofing walls and pumping system, a new 24" outfall with check valve, a 20-3250kw Kohler generator to power the entire facility, the demolition of the original control building and structures, and the construction of a new control building, maintenance shop and garage.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant and collection system are operated and maintained by three licensed operators and a licensed plant manager. The facility falls under the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Class B, Subclass #2. The treated effluent is received by the Saucony Creek, tributary to the Maiden Creek, which then enters the Schuylkill River waterway.



ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Over the last six months, the Borough Electric Department has performed various pole replacements and has been trimming trees from the electric lines to help ensure electric service reliability. Common causes of outages have been a pole fire due to a faulty insulator, squirrels, faulted lightning arrestors and tree branches. No outage has lasted more



than 90 minutes in the last six months. LED street lights have already been installed on College Boulevard and Noble Street as well as portions of East and West Main Streets, Normal Avenue, South Baldy Street and South Whiteoak Street. This summer, the Electric Department will install five more decorative street lights on West Main Street between Strausser Alley and Noble Street.



A scenic view from a bench overlooking the creek and bridge in North Park.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The County is expected to start construction on the Normal Avenue Bridge, in June, with hopes of finishing this fall. As a result of replacing the superstructure of the bridge, traffic will be detoured. The Peach Street Bridge is expected to be replaced in 2017.

In anticipation of the 2016 East Main Street Repaying Project, storm system upgrades will be performed this year.

Installation of updated playground equipment in the Kutztown Park began in May and is scheduled to be finished by Kutztown Day. The playground will be completely redesigned, making a loop around the sand box, and installing equipment that meets current safety standards. During the upgrade, playground equipment will be unavailable in the park.

2015 CONCERT SERIES IN THE KUTZTOWN PARK BAND SHELL

May 6 (Wed)	7:00-8:30pm	Kutztown Middle School Jazz Band
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May 13 (Wed)	6:30-8:30pm	Kutztown High School Show Choir & Jazz Band
May 23 (Sat)	6:00-8:00pm	The Wallace Brothers
May 30 (Sat)	7:00–9:00pm	Frog Holler
June 6 (Sat)	6:00–8:00pm	Friar's Point Band (After Taste of Kutztown)
June 13 (Sat)	7:00–9:00pm	Ben Mauger's Roaring 20's & Dixieland Band
June 16 (Tues)	7:30–9:00pm	Flag Day Concert — Kutztown Community Choir
June 20 (Sat)	7:00–9:00pm	Swing Fever
June 27 (Sat)	7:00–9:15pm	The 6o's Boys
July 11 (Sat)	7:00–9:00pm	The Cramer Brothers Band
July 18 (Sat)	7:00–9:00pm	The Happy Dutchmen German Band
July 25 (Sat)	6:30-8:30pm	The Fabulous Greaseband
August 2 (Sun)	3, 4:30, 7:30pm	Kutztown Day — The Allentown Band Sponsored by Lehigh Valley Health Network
August 13 (Thurs	:) 7:00–8:30pm	Kutztown School District Summer Band

Park Facility Reservations

2015 reservations will be accepted any time and 2016 reservations will be accepted on or after October 1, 2015.

A letter of request must be submitted to the Public Works Committee, at least 30 days in advance, for consideration of special events in the parks, Scooter Building, or Band Shell.

Fees must be paid to the Borough no later than five days after the reservation is made, except for reservations made less than fifteen days prior to the event, which must be paid on the day the reservation is made.

The following buildings are available for rental:

<u>KUTZTOWN PARK</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>
Band Shell*	100
Scooter Building*	130
Brick Pavilion	50-100
Ceres Pavilion*	50-60
Flora Pavilion	50-60
Pomone Pavilion	50-60
<u>NORTH PARK</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>
Pavilion	40
Gazebo	4

* Not available for rent on first Sunday in August (Kutztown Day).

ES	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION IN THE PARK
DATI	5/29 – 5/31	KYAA Boys 9 & Under, 12 & Under Baseball Tournament	All Upper Fields
RTANT	7/18 – 7/19	KYAA Girls 14 and Under Softball Tournament	KYAA Sr. and Softball Fields
RA	7/25 – 7/26	KYAA Girls 16 and Under Softball Tournament	KYAA Sr. and Softball Fields
IMPOF	9/5 – 11/8	Kutztown/Brandywine Youth Football and Cheerleading Games held every Saturday and Sunday	Park Multi-Purpose Field

BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SWIMMING POOL 2015 SEASON TICKET PRICES

Be	orough Residents	Non-Borough Residents
FAMILY Parents & children incl. high school seniors residing in the same household	\$170	\$225
ADULTS Over 18 years of age	\$110	\$155
Special Late Afternoon Season Ticket Option*	\$95	\$ 140
STUDENTS Incl. current year high school graduates & college students with valid I	D \$100	\$145
Special Late Afternoon Season Ticket Option*	\$85	\$ 130

* Special Late Afternoon Season Tickets are available to individuals and are valid after 4pm until closing on weekdays and any time on weekends during pool hours.

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

• SEASON PASSES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERRABLE. •

There will be a charge of \$25/pass for lost season passes — no exceptions.

POOL HOURS

12 – 8pm (May 30 - July) • 12 – 7pm (Aug. & Sept. 7)

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, through September 7, 2015.

NO SEASON TICKETS SOLD AT THE POOL .

GENERAL ADMISSION

	Kutztown School <u>District (KSD) Resident</u>	Non-KSD <u>Resident</u>
ADULTS	\$8	\$12
Over 18 years of age (inclu	iding Senior Citizens)	
STUDENTS/CHILDR	REN \$6	\$10
Incl. ages 3 through high s	school seniors & KU students	with valid ID
CHILDREN UNDER with paid ticket holder	THREE FREE	\$5
GENERAL ADM. AFT	ER 5 pm \$5	\$7

Kutztown Youth Sports Organization Contacts

l	Playground Program:	Megan Dougherty	610-944-6515
	Little League:	Dave Rothermel	610-756-6748
(Girls/Boys Soccer:	Rich Reimert	610-756-4105
-	T-Ball:	Mike Collins	484-664-8864
I	Football/Cheerleading:	Darcy Calkins	484-894-6473
l	Dolphins Swim Team:	Donna Feiertag	610-683-6173
I	Basketball:	Doug Sanders	610-763-9169
	Legion/Jr. Legion Baseball:	Rob Rarick	610-682-6015
	DaseDall:	RODRATICK	010-062-0013
1	Wrestling:	Steve Sharadin	610-683-5495
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Taste of Kutztown: Saturday, June 6, 12-5pm Kutztown Kruizz: Saturday, July 25, Concert & Movie at 6:30pm

Fleetwood Blues Festival: Sunday, Aug. 16, 12-8pm

Kutztown Day Sunday, Aug. 2, beginning at 12pm

Kutztown Playground

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

Dates:	Monday – Friday, June 15 – August 7, 2015	
Times:	9 a m – 1 p m	
Location:	The Scooter Building is the hub of activity	
Fees:	\$40 (Kutztown School District)	
	\$80 (outside Kutztown SD)	
Questions:	Call the Tri-Valley YMCA office at 610-944-6515	

Water Department Wins Award Again!

For the second year in a row, and the fourth time overall, the Borough Water Department was presented with an Area Wide Optimization Program Award for their efforts in optimizing water turbidity, which is the level of cleanliness of drinking water. The award was given by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection during the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association Annual Conference in March. Congratulations to the Water Department and thank you for a job well done!

Ride the Rails in Kutztown!

Did you hop onboard the Bunny Train this past Easter? The Allentown & Auburn Railroad operates a four mile track between Kutztown and Topton, offers seasonal and excursions as well as special events throughout the year. Upcoming events include rides during the Kutztown Folk Festival, an evening Fire Fly Train, rides during Kutztown Bicentennial Week, Fall



The Easter Bunny and his helper, Preston, changing cabooses at the Swoyers area of the railroad.

Foliage rides and Christmas Trains. Visit the Web site for more information: www.allentownandauburnrr.com.

BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN CONTACT NUMBERS

45 Railroad Street

Administrative Offices 610-683-6131
Public Works/Utility Services 610-683-6131
TV/Internet/Digital Phone Services 610-683-5722
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 610-587-3298
After Hours Support
Choose a department option 610-683-6131
Industrial Avenue
Swimming Pool 610-683-9177
70 Bieber Alley
Kutztown Community Library, Inc 610-683-5820

From the Desk of Brenda S. Bailey, Borough Tax Collector

County/Borough Real Estate Tax bills arrived on March 1 and the 2% discount period ended on April 30, 2015. Payments made in May and June are due at the flat rate. Payments made July 1 or later should be paid using the 10% penalty rate.

School Real Estate Tax bills are mailed July 1. If you are interested in paying these bills in three installments, please remember the first installment is due by July 31. Paying in three installments allows you to pay the flat amount in three even installments over four months. If you want to take advantage of the 2% discount, your payment must be received by August 31.

Per Capita Tax bills (the \$15.00 per head tax due for anyone 18 years or older that lists Kutztown as their home for Income Tax purposes) are also mailed by July 1. There is an annual exemption form for the Per Capita Taxes for anyone whose income does not exceed \$5,000.00 per year. These forms are available in my Tax Office at 350 W. Main Street in Kutztown. If you feel you received a Per Capita Tax bill in error, please notify me by mail or call 610-683-8245. It is very important for all corrections and payments to be completed by December 31, 2015. Starting in January, the unpaid Per Capita Tax bills are sent to Berkheimer Delinquent Tax Bureau for collection. After that time, any payments or questions need to be addressed to Berkheimer at 866-701-7202.

I hope this helps explain your taxes. If you have any questions, I will be happy to help you. Enjoy your spring and summer!

Employee News

The Borough is happy to welcome the following new employees to the workforce:

- Susan Johnston, CPA, Finance Director/Assistant Treasurer
- James Blaukovitch, Public Works Laborer I
- Kirk Hoffman, Refuse Laborer I
- Therese Mertz, Office Clerk
- Jacob Auman, Police Officer

The Kutztown Emergency Alert Siren will be tested quarterly, at 12 noon, on the first Friday in February, May, August and November. In case of an actual emergency, the best sources of information are local TV and radio stations.

Officer Bob Gately Retired

Officer Robert "Bob" Gately retired from the Kutztown Police Department (KPD) on October 16, 2014, after over 34 years on the force.

Before joining the KPD in 1980, Bob was hired as the very first police officer in Kutztown University's Department of Public Safety, where he worked for a year and a half.

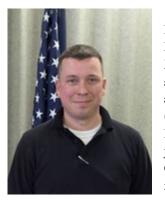
Throughout his years with the KPD, Bob held several different positions, including patrol officer, which is how he began and ended his career. He also served as sergeant and criminal investigator for several years each. As impressive as that sounds, Bob insists that "the title didn't matter because the main part was to help people and provide the services to protect and serve."

Although police work can be dangerous, Bob loved the job, the people with whom he worked and always residing in or just outside the Borough. When asked what he would miss most about his career as a police officer, Bob didn't pause before stating that he would miss "having a positive influence on people's lives, providing a necessary service and locking up predators."

Bob plans to keep busy in his retirement. He and his wife, Judy, love to take walks, travel and visit their son Matthew.

Thank you, Bob, for your many years serving and protecting the Borough of Kutztown. We appreciate your service and wish you the best.

Meet Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Russo



On November 18, 2014, Michael Russo was appointed as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. Mike's involvement with emergency services for the past 15 years, working as an EMT, volunteering as a firefighter (he is currently the Kutztown Fire Department's Fire Captain), and his job as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher for the Lehigh County Office of Emergency Services made him a perfect fit for the position.

Mike wants Kutztown residents to know that Emergency

Management is here and that the duties range from mitigating potential threats and preparing for disasters, to responding to community emergencies and helping residents recover from them. During a disaster, the Emergency Management Center is staffed with volunteers from the community, as well as representatives from Borough Council, the Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services and the Police Department.

Praising former Coordinators Ken Kern and Mac Eidle, Mike stated that they did a "phenomenal job" staying on top of issues and making sure that Kutztown was always prepared. He also recognized



Cheryl Wiltrout Retired

From greeting customers and answering busy phones, to processing accounts payable (and baking tasty treats!), the Borough lost a valuable long-time employee when Cheryl Wiltrout retired, after 25 years, on January 9, 2015.

Cheryl worked in the Borough's administrative office for a quarter century, and her knowledge of the job as well as her rapport with residents, vendors and customers were proof of an established and comfortable career.

When asked what she enjoyed most, Cheryl responded that the diversity of the job always kept her busy, which was very important to her. She explained that because she worked through so many different versions of Borough Council and several different managers, "there were always new challenges and different things to do." She also enjoyed "interacting with customers and co-workers, as well as living close by, and being a part of the community."

Cheryl has many hobbies and interests to keep her busy throughout retirement. In addition to her incredible baking, she loves crafting, especially making cards; travelling via motorcycle with her husband, Kenny; spending time with her daughter, Katie, son-in-law, Mike, and granddaughter, Mary; and volunteering with her church.

Although the time leading up to her retirement was bittersweet, Cheryl now enjoys getting up in the morning and doing exactly what she wants to do.

Thank you for your service to the Borough, Cheryl, and best wishes for many years of retirement doing what makes you happy! 🍩

"the outstanding efforts" of volunteers Edna Kramer and Suzy Barron. While Edna recently retired, Suzy still serves as the Emergency Management Administrative Assistant.

Mike is dedicated to serving the Borough's Emergency Management needs long in to the future, declaring that he loves everything about the position, from preparing the Borough for whatever may happen, to helping get the community back on its feet should a disaster strike again.

The love and support of Mike's family - wife, Brittany, and daughters, Mackayla and Alexandra - are immeasurable to him, and he thanks them for allowing him to pursue his goals.

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