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MAYOR SANDY GREEN ENDING HER TIME IN OFFICE

After 12 "life changing" years in office, Mayor Sandy Green felt the time was right to end her historic run as the Borough's first female mayor. Her love and passion for Kutztown remain steadfast, and she plans to continue as a dedicated volunteer through her involvement as vice president of the Kutztown Community Partnership (KCP); the Community Relations Advisory Board, which she recently co-founded with Kutztown University President Dr. Kenneth Hawkinson; and countless other organizations and projects.

Topping the list of things Sandy loves about Kutztown is the fact that "our community is so far ahead of many communities because of the Borough's utilities and proximity to Kutztown University (KU)." She absolutely loves living in a college town, and part of her mission as mayor was to be a liaison between the Borough and KU to help create positive "town and gown" relations to benefit the entire community — full time residents and students alike. To that end, she recently attained a Level II Certificate in Town-Gown Relations from the International Town and Gown Association.



Mayor Green and Craig Koller riding in the Bicentennial parade.

The highlight of Sandy's years in office was the Borough's Bicentennial celebration. Looking back on the nine-day celebration, during the summer of 2015, she remembers how fortunate Kutztown was to have "a network of such dedicated volunteers, led by Chairman Craig Koller," and the collective mood at the time. "It was like Christmas," she said. "Everyone was happy and the community really came together."

In addition, Sandy tremendously also enjoyed serving on board the of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust Board. She says the experiences enriched her life and that "being out there and having the opportunity to work with leaders from across the state was invaluable for networking and bringing ideas back to Kutztown."

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While she is thankful to not have many negative memories as mayor, the hardest moment for Sandy came on September 7, 2007, when at 3:00am, she received a phone call from the Borough police chief about the brutal beating on Main Street that resulted in the death of KU student Kyle Quinn. While she says the incident "hardened" her a bit, it also strengthened a resolve in her and others to help stop something so tragic from happening again. From this horrific event emerged KUBoK Neighborhood Watch, a partnership between the Borough and KU to promote public safety for everyone in the community. Sandy has been a dedicated KUBoK volunteer since its inception in 2007 and she plans to continue as a citizen member.

When asked what Sandy will miss the most about being mayor, it was all about the people. She showered much praise and thanks on Police Chief Craig Summers and the Kutztown Police Department, as well as the Borough staff and the network of KU administrators, staff and students with whom she formed relationships over the years. Working for and with the community has also been both eye-opening and rewarding for the mayor.

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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)

MAYOR GREEN -

CONTINUED FROM PG. 1 During her tenure as mayor, Sandy worked with and gained the respect of innumerable people in Kutztown and beyond, some of whom shared their thoughts...

Senator Judy Schwank

Over the years I have been a keen observer and admirer of Kutztown Mayor Sandy Green. She is a visionary, understanding the need to take the long view when working on land planning, economic development and other issues key to the viability of the Borough. Sandy has fostered a strong relationship with Kutztown University helping to increase cooperation and resolve town and gown issues. Personable and very approachable, Sandy is a great example of a business leader who has brought her considerable knowledge and talents to local government. She is a true public servant and her leadership will be missed. Thank you and best wishes to Sandy Green!

Dr. Kenneth Hawkinson, Kutztown University President

Mayor Green is one of the most engaged and talented leaders of government that I have encountered in my career. She genuinely cares about her community on a personal level and strives to do all she can to improve the lives of her constituents and neighbors. As mayor of a small town with a university, she has been very proactive in working closely with the University and representing the interest of the community, while recognizing the unique challenges and opportunities that a university brings to a small town. She is a good person and has truly made a difference in the years she has spent as mayor.

Kevin Snyder, Borough Council President

Sandy Green has done more for our community than most residents realize. Her countless trips to Harrisburg have built a strong foundation of connections and friendships that will have lasting benefits for Kutztown. I can't even begin to address all the local meetings she attended and boards she served on to help foster better Borough, community and university relations. She has always made the best interests of Kutztown a priority during her tenure as mayor.

Kutztown Police Chief Craig Summers

I'm going to be sad to see her go. She has been an excellent mayor, and through her hard work and dedication, she has become a role model for other mayors throughout Pennsylvania. The next mayor has big shoes to fill indeed! I would like to wish her good luck in her future endeavors and I'm sure she will be as successful in anything she takes on.

Craig Koller, Bicentennial Committee Chair

I was first introduced to Sandy when she was running for mayor the first time. I was impressed with her commitment to Kutztown, and helped her with that campaign. After that, we never looked back. Throughout her three terms as mayor, we worked together on several projects, particularly the Bicentennial celebration. I was always impressed with the class and dignity she brought to her office. And her work ethic would impress any good Pennsylvania Dutchman! Kutztown was fortunate to have Sandy as mayor for 12 years. I am honored to have her as a friend.

Diane Piscitelli, Former Kutztown Community Partnership Board Member

Sandy Green has been a major advocate for the Kutztown community, from her position as mayor for the past 12 years, and being one of the founding members of the KCP. Through these two avenues, Sandy has managed to create a positive relationship between the Borough and KU working tirelessly for the betterment of the community as a whole. Sandy needs to be applauded for a job well done and I suspect her energy, enthusiasm and dedication to our Borough and the university will continue long after her tenure of mayor is completed. She has been a delight to work with and she certainly has left a mark on us all.

Jerry Schearer, Kutztown University Associate Dean of Students and Kutztown Community Partnership President

I first met Mayor Green as a new employee at KU when she accepted our invitation to give a welcome to our freshmen and parents during student orientation. She was passionate about Kutztown, encouraged students to visit the downtown businesses and park, and welcomed parents to come back to Kutztown often to visit and shop. She has always gone above and beyond in her role as mayor — always looking for opportunities to promote the Borough, bring more business to town, and build relationships between the Borough, KU and others. This same love and passion is also evident through her work with the KCP. Mayor Green's energy, hard work, ability to generate ideas, and positive attitude are the qualities I will remember most about her tenure as mayor of Kutztown. It was indeed a pleasure to work with her personally and professionally.

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Martin Smith, Sandy's husband, added that "12 years ago, when Sandy asked me if she should run for mayor, I advised against it and said, 'You might make some enemies.' Sandy loves Kutztown, and she has remained passionate about her job as mayor, always being positive, and never, anytime, ever complaining...just wanting to do a good job."

Sandy does believe that a lot of good was accomplished during her time as mayor, and she will continue proudly serving the community until the end of her term. Her advice to the new mayor is to "Take the first year to listen. Ride along with the Police Department to see what they go through. Observe everything."

As for her own legacy, Sandy hopes that her work connecting the Borough and KU will stand the test of time and not become divided again in the future.

While she will continue to be involved with the community that she loves, Sandy also plans to travel the world with Martin, and to spend more time with her two grandsons whom she adores, Penn and Orson.

On behalf of the Borough Council, Borough staff and Kutztown Police Department, we thank Mayor Sandy Green for her 12 years of dedicated and passionate service to the Kutztown community!

EVENTS & SERVICES

Build a Better World This Summer

Kutztown Community Library's Summer Reading Adventure is in full swing from June 12 through August 19. This year's theme is "Build a Better World," and we invite children from birth through high school to join us as we learn new skills to make the world a better place.

New this year is a wide variety of activities to choose for earning rewards: read a story, plant a flower, follow a recipe and lots more. New Trackers make it easy to record by marking icons, and after finishing ten activities, you will be entered in the grand prize drawing for raffle baskets, books and special rewards.

Reasons for children to participate besides having FUN:

- Keep reading skills acquired over the school year
- Enjoy a good book
- Learn something new
- Discover a new skill
- Attend a fascinating program
- Meet Jesse the Reptile Guy

Special Summer Reading Adventure programs for rising kindergarteners through fifth graders are held on Thursdays or Fridays at 10am. Preschooler story times are Mondays at 10am and Tuesdays at 9:45am. Toddler story times are Mondays at 11am. Wiggly Wednesdays for toddlers and preschoolers meet at 10am. Teen Tuesdays (rising sixth graders and up) meet at 2pm. Adults can also join in the fun by reading or listening to books and completing a reading ticket to be entered into raffle drawings for fantastic gift baskets and gift certificates to local businesses.

See our online events calendar for details at **www.kutztownlibrary.org** and stop by the library to register today!

Flying soon? It's time to check your passport and ID

Ready to fly to distant lands and tropical beaches? Don't get caught without your passport. Most people think of passports only for foreign travel, but they can also be used as an ID for domestic air flights.

Pennsylvania lawmakers recently voted to comply with Federal regulations for Real IDs, but until the new PA driver's licenses are issued, a passport or passport card can fill your needs. The PA Department of Motor Vehicles website states: "residents will not need an alternative form of federally approved identification for air travel until January 22, 2018, [...] unless another extension is granted by DHS."

Kutztown Community Library provides convenient passport services six days a week. To apply for a passport, travelers need the passport application, proof of U.S. citizenship, photo ID, passport photo, fees, and an appointment. Call 610-683-5820 to set up an appointment.



A Pharmaceutical/ Medication Drop Box is

located at Borough Hall. Unused or unwanted medication can be disposed of at this secure location, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm. Visit our Web site for details.

Electronics Recycling Day

Join the Borough and RRS on September 16 from 9am-12pm.

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

FRIEND FOOD PANTRY



David Willis (intern), Laura Moyer (Case Manager) and Katie Gorey (intern).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Borough's winter food pantry drive for Friend, Inc.! Residents, businesses and Borough employees brought in 272 food items, along with several personal care items, that were much needed after the holiday season. Donations for those in need are always appreciated.



610-683-7790 www.friendinc.org

For information about the 8th annual "Brake the Cycle of Poverty" benefit bike ride on August 12, please visit www.friendcycling.org.

PARKS & RECREATION



Park Facility Reservations

2017 reservations will be accepted any time and 2018 reservations will be accepted on or after October 1, 2017.

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. Contact Brian Bailey at bbailey@kutztownboro.org or mail your request to him at 45 Railroad Street, Kutztown, PA 19530.

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.

Kutztown Playground Program

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

Dates:	Monday – Friday, June 19 – August 11, 2017
Times:	9am – 1pm
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 $610\mathchar`eq 44\mathchar`eq 6515$

The following buildings are available for rental:

KUTZTOWN PARK	<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
NORTH PARK	<u>CAPACITY</u>
Pavilion	40
Gazebo	4

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



BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SWIMMING POOL 2017 SEASON TICKET PRICES

<u>B</u>	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	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 27 - July) • 12 – 7pm (Aug. - Sept. 4)

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 4, 2017.

NO SEASON TICKETS SOLD AT THE POOL +

GENERAL ADMISSION

	Kutztown School <u>District (KSD) Residen</u> t	Non-KSD <u>Resident</u>
ADULTS	\$8	\$12
Over 18 years of age (inclu	ding Senior Citizens)	
STUDENTS/CHILDR Incl. ages 3 through high s	EN \$6 school seniors & KU studen	\$10 ts 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



Playground Program:	Brandon Schurr	610-944-6515
Little League:	Dave Rothermel	484-336-4563
Girls/Boys Soccer:	Tom Fennerty	484-226-6588
T-Ball:	Mike Ciamacco	610-360-5152
Football/Cheerleading	: Paul Miller	610-683-7095
Dolphins Swim Team:	Donna Feiertag	610-683-6173
Basketball:	Hugh Smith	610-756-4440
Legion/Jr. Legion Baseball:	Rob Rarick	610-682-6015
Wrestling:	Tim Marks	610-698-1978



SNACK BAR MANAGED BY THE KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Enjoy lunch with your family at the pool or grab a quick snack to cool down in the heat! Kutztown Community Partnership is a community non-profit organization.

KCP Save the Dates

Kutztown Kruizz: July 29

Dinner on Main: August 4 (Rain date is August 5) Christmas in Kutztown: December 2

FOR DETAILS: Visit www.kutztownpartnership.org

Public Works Department ANTICIPATED PROJECTS

- Paving project to include full reconstruction of Raspberry Alley, which includes parts of Siegfried Alley and Keystone Avenue; full reconstruction of Baldy Alley, from W. Main Street to W. Walnut Street; chip and seal coating on N. Laurel Street, from N. Kemp Street, to Luella Drive, and on Carriage Court and Sander Alley, from S. Baldy Street to S. Whiteoak Street.
- W. Main Street parking space line painting.
- Painting of yellow curbs, stop bars, crosswalks, etc.
- Railroad crossing repairs.
- Planting of more replacement trees in the Park.
- Bench replacement at the ball fields in the Park. Thank you to The Grange for donating two of the six new benches.
- Bullpen mound repair, at the Legion Field, in the Park (Eagle Scout project).
- Install 'Tobacco-Free Zone' signs in the Park designated play area.
- Construction of proposed Skate Park at the site of the old Roller Rink.
- Train Station deck board replacement, washing and sealing.
- North Park improvements including a native plant garden (Girl Scout Gold Award project), information kiosks (Eagle Scout project) and additional signage acquired through a grant received by the Environmental Advisory Commission.



The Borough's first refuse truck outfitted with a cart tipper that can empty oversized receptacles is now in service.

Electric Department Plans Summer Projects

It will be a busy Spring and Summer for the Electric Department as they undertake the following projects:

- Overhead electric service conversion, to underground electric service, for customers in the 500 block of Highland Avenue.
- Installation of more decorative street lights, on West Main Street, will go from Noble Street toward Constitution Boulevard.
- Continuous routine maintenance on the Electric System.



Wastewater Treatment Plant

INTERNS

Kutztown University student interns Joe Ritzko and Daniel Steinberg conducted a research project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, using mathematical equations, to determine if the Borough can utilize the methane gas produced in the sludge digestion process as a fuel source. While they determined that this can be done, the next step is for the Borough to determine if the cost of equipment and installation would be cost effective in the long term.

Joe and Daniel will continue their internship, throughout the summer, to hypothesize various processes and equipment, in the plant, to determine if they can become more effective and efficient.

LAKESIDE FINE SCREEN REPLACEMENT

The lakeside fine screen, which removes suspended debris in the wastewater, such as rags, was recently replaced with the same product that was purchased 20 years ago.

TRICKLING FILTER ARMS

Two trickling filter rotary arms, which distribute wastewater across a rock media for biological treatment, were also replaced after 23 years of use.

The Wastewater Department reminds you that "Wipes Clog Pipes." Please visit the department page for more information: www.kutztownboro.org/departments/wastewater/.

REMINDERS FROM THE Community Development Office:

Don't wait! Apply for permits early if planning a construction project this summer. Permits are valid for six months.

If a permit (building, curb/sidewalk, electrical, plumbing, sign or zoning) was acquired from the Community Development Office, and the work was not inspected, please contact us to schedule an appointment. Typically, the inspection fee has already been paid for as part of the permit fee.

Feel free to contact the Community Development Office with any questions: 610-683-3290

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.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Employee Retirements

DALE KRAMER

On October 21, 2016, Dale Kramer retired from the Borough after a 39-year career in the Water Department. He started as an operator in the plant, and worked his way through the ranks, becoming Crew Leader for many years, before being promoted to Plant Manager in 2013.

Dale enjoyed the people with whom he worked, the good work conditions and the challenges of keeping the system running through various upgrades, continuously changing regulations, and keeping up with the necessary certifications to do a job that comes with a level of responsibility and pressure.

Since retiring last fall, Dale has already travelled to Florida and Las Vegas, and more travel is planned with his fiancée, Marianne. He also enjoys spending time hunting, bowling, golfing and doing renovations around the house.

While Dale misses the camaraderie of the "good crew" he worked with over the years, he says he had "a good career with no regrets."

Thank you for your many years of service to the Borough, Dale!

DEBORAH SMITH-CRAINE

For over 10 years, you probably saw Deborah Smith-Craine all around the Borough directing traffic, serving as a crossing guard, and providing crowd control at Kutztown's many events. As a Community Service Officer, Deb's favorite part of her job was "walking and talking to people," and that's what she will miss the most after her last shift at the Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2017.

Deb very much enjoyed being outside for her job, but she is excited about "not having anything to do" each day. This is her first summer off since high school and she plans to enjoy her free time with as much travel, reading and gardening as she can.

Thank you for your service to the Borough, Deb, and best wishes for a happy retirement!

The Borough Welcomes New Employees

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

- Sharon Dalickas, Office Clerk
- Matthew Yerger, Police Officer

IN MEMORIAM – MALCOLM "MAC" EIDLE

On January 17, 2017, Mac Eidle passed away, and the Borough lost a dear friend and steward of the Kutztown community. Mac served the Borough in several different roles for 43 years, 27 of which were spent on Borough Council. In addition to his well-known dedication to the Borough, Mac is also remembered for his love of the Roller Rink, building and running model railroads, and volunteering at the Historical Society. In his last interview for the *Kutztonian News*, when he retired at the end of 2013, Mac said of his many years of involvement in local government, "We may not always agree, but we can remain friends." Mac was a great friend to this community, and he is deeply missed by his family, friends and everyone at the Borough.



A lasting legacy — the Borough's Water Treatment Plant was named after Mac on July 21, 2015.

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
171 Industrial Avenue
Swimming Pool 610-683-9177
70 Bieber Alley
Kutztown Community Library, Inc 610-683-5820



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