



KUTZTOWN SKATE PARK OFFICIALLY OPENED

A few years ago, a very scary incident planted a seed in Deborah Clauss's head. Her son was riding his skateboard, in the street, while she watched in horror as a car almost plowed right in to him. She had just enough time to grab him before tragedy would have struck. Shaken by what happened earlier that day, Clauss couldn't sleep, so she thought about and researched safety for kids participating in roller sports. She began to think about all of the kids, just like her son, scooting, skateboarding, bike riding or roller blading unsafely, through the streets of Kutztown, and how older kids were constantly being shooed out of local parking lots. She discovered that the number one injury to children is being struck by a vehicle, and the idea for a Skate Park, or more accurately a multi-use roller sport park, was born.

One day Clauss struck up a Facebook conversation with a stranger, Andrew Kunkel. They connected on the idea of having a place for kids to safely skateboard, among other roller activities, in Kutztown. Together, as president and vice president, respectively, Clauss and Kunkel formed the Kutztown Community Skate Park Association (KCSPA), which is a 501(c)(3) organization. They went through the process of contacting the Borough and presenting their ideas, applying for grants and holding fundraisers.



In 2018, Tiffanie Devos-Little came onboard as the KCSPA's marketing and public relations director, and she was instrumental in starting the annual Rockin Roller Concert fundraising event.

Their collective efforts paid off as the KCSPA received \$4,000.00 in support from the Borough, a \$5,000.00 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation, and an additional \$16,000.00 through fundraising, plus

generous local business donations such as the Skate Park sign. The hope is to hold another Rockin Roller Concert, this August, for continued fundraising to help maintain and expand the Skate Park.

While Clauss admitted that a tremendous amount of time and personal front money went in to the project, she said, "when it comes down to it, it was worth it" for the safety of the kids and the peace of mind for parents. She noted that it was important to her that the Skate Park be located in the middle of the park, so that parents with multiple young children could keep an eye on their kids, whether they were in the Skate Park, playground or sand box. As luck would have it, the perfect spot existed — the vacant area of the demolished roller rink.



On May 18, a Grand Opening was held, and Clauss was happy with the "good turnout of about 150 people throughout the day."

It was a fun and busy day that included 15 contests in the categories of skateboards, scooters, BMX bikes and roller blades; and trophies were handed out in categories like Best Run and Best Fall, which the kids particularly liked!

The event also included music and basket raffles, as well as helmet and skateboard giveaways, courtesy of a grant awarded by Kutztown's Fraternal Order of Eagles.

It's safe to say that the Skate Park is a success and the seed that was planted several years ago is in full bloom. Clauss said that "feedback has been great" and the Skate Park gets about 35 visitors per day. Expansion of the 2,000 square foot structure is already being discussed and fundraising efforts will continue.

The Kutztown Community Skate Park Association wants to see tons of kids at the Skate Park this summer — **HAVE FUN AND WEAR YOUR HELMETS!** 🌟

Visit KCSPA on Facebook: @Kutztowncommunityskatepark

BOROUGH INFO

Borough Admin & 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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Kutztown Thriving's Pollinator Garden is the "Place to Bee"

Kutztown Thriving is a sub-committee of Kutztown Community Partnership that aims to sustain a healthy community through positive solutions and holistic endeavors.

The pollinator garden at the welcome sign at Constitution and Greenwich Streets was planted by and is maintained by Kutztown Thriving volunteers to beautify the area; benefit birds and insects by providing habitat and food; and to educate Kutztown residents about native plant and pollinator gardening.

Planted specifically for pollinators, such as native bees and butterflies, this garden and our maintenance practices, which include weeding, mulching certain areas, and timing clean up to best benefit the insects and animals that use the plants, have been aimed at keeping the pollinators safe and healthy.



We encourage pollinators and other insects to make this garden their home, while providing food and shelter for birds, and therefore we do not clean up in the fall. Leaving the stems standing is an intentional effort to leave the overwintering beneficial insects, such as native bees, in place as this is their best chance for winter survival. When they emerge in early spring, we remove the standing stems which also hold plant seeds that are food for birds during the winter.

We planted the garden in a prairie style which encourages the plants to reseed and fill in all ground area as a weed prevention technique. We do volunteer our time to weed the garden several times each spring and summer, and while it might look a bit messy sometimes, that is what nature intended.

This garden, and two others in Kutztown, are also home to native bee houses. Eagle Scout Griffin Price built and placed them after researching native bees. His efforts, combined with ours, are a boon to local native bees.

If you would like to keep up with the group or get involved, visit us on Facebook (@thrivingtownn)!



Come Quest with Us at Kutztown Community Library!

Summers at Kutztown Community Library aren't just about reading anymore. Now, there's Summer Quest where everyone can read, learn, and enjoy a plethora of activities!

Kids can learn a variety of life skills and earn prizes by completing several activities on the Summer Quest Tracker, which people can pick up beginning June 10. The tasks cover various indoor and outdoor ventures that will help keep everyone active and curious throughout the upcoming summer break. It doesn't only benefit the kids! Adults can get involved in the fun with their own version of the tracker, so families can conquer the expeditions of Summer Quest together!

The library hosts a variety of events in conjunction with Summer Quest: story times are offered for ages five and under, elementary programs are Thursdays at 10am, and teen activities are Tuesdays at 1pm. Program highlights this year are Line Dancing taught by Miss Megan, Aesop's Fables performed by Yocum Institute's Teen Ensemble, and crowd favorite, Jesse the Reptile Guy. Check the events calendar for specific details and other weekly programs at kutztownlibrary.org.

KCL's Awards and Nominees

Kutztown Community Library's vibrant staff and programs have received awards and nominations for their marvelous work serving the community this year.

The library itself was awarded its **PA Forward Gold Star** in April for being a community hot-spot and planning events to help broaden patrons' horizons.

Joanne Yoder was named Berks County Public Library Trustee of the Year in February for her exemplary work on the BCPL Board, beautifying the library with her gardening skills, planning the Library Express event, and so much more.

In May, **Taylor Kutz** was awarded Outstanding Library Support Staff by the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Library Association for her work in youth services.

Kutztown Community Library beat libraries all over Pennsylvania and won the **Commuter Services' competition** in March. They completed a variety of transportation related tasks to earn points.

Library Express, an event consisting of a train ride and picnic, was nominated for the Outstanding Fundraising Effort Award. Although it rained 5 inches the night before the event, Library Express still went through with its journey to fundraising success. This year the event takes place on August 3, so join us for the adventure!

Red Cross Babysitting Training was nominated for the Outstanding Program Award. The program taught teens babysitting skills, got them CPR certified, and provided a thorough two-day training.



Joanne Yoder and Taylor Kutz



Celebrate KCL's 70th Anniversary with Us!

This August marks Kutztown Community Library's 70th anniversary. The library was established in 1949 thanks to an incredibly generous bequest from Louisa Gonser.

**Visit the library during
the week of August 11
for a surprise!**

If You're Going to Fly, Get Your Passport in Time!

Kutztown Community Library is ready to help you reach your destinations. The library has been processing passport applications and taking photos for several years, so travelers can get their passports in time for any upcoming vacations.

Call our experienced agents to inquire about documentation needed to apply. Applications must be completed prior to your appointment. If you simply need a photo for a passport renewal, the library can do that too!

The library offers appointments six days a week, including weeknights and Saturdays. Check kutztownlibrary.org for times or call 610-683-5820 to schedule a date and time.



2019 Concert Series

in the Kutztown Park Bandshell



MAY 22 (Wed) 6:30 – 8:30PM

Kutztown School District
Instrumental Concert

JUNE 1 (Sat) 7:00 – 9:00PM

Frog Holler

JUNE 11 (Tues) 7:30 – 9:00PM

Flag Day Concert: Kutztown Community Choir

JUNE 15 (Sat) 7:00 – 9:00PM

Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods

JUNE 22 (Sat) 7:00 – 9:00PM

Time Whys?

JUNE 29 (Sat) 7:00 – 9:00PM

The Ringgold Band

JULY 6 (Sat) 7:00 – 9:00PM

The Cramer Brothers

JULY 10 (Wed) 7:00 – 9:00PM

KU Summer Inter. Chamber
Music Festival

JULY 13 (Sat) 7:00 – 9:00PM

Swing Fever Band

JULY 20 (Sat) 7:00 – 9:00PM

Ben Mauger's Dixieland Band

JULY 27 (Sat) 6:00 – 8:00PM

The Fabulous Greaseband

AUGUST 4 (Sun) KUTZTOWN DAY

12:30 – 2:00PM Dave Mell Band

2:00 – 5:00PM (Strolling)

The Happy Dutchmen Band

5:30 – 7:30PM The 60's Boys

AUGUST 8 (Thurs) 7:00 – 9:00PM

Kutztown School District
Summer Band



Thank you to all our sponsors of this year's Concert Series! The full list can be found online at www.kutztownboro.org

Park Facility Reservations

2019 reservations will be accepted any time and 2020 reservations will be accepted on or after October 1, 2019.

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.

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).

Kutztown Playground Program

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

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 17 – August 9, 2019

Times: 9am – 1pm

Location: The Scooter Building is the hub of activity

Fees: \$40 (Kutztown School District)
\$90 (outside Kutztown SD)

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



BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SWIMMING POOL 2019 SEASON TICKET PRICES

	<u>Borough Residents</u>	<u>Non-Borough Residents</u>
FAMILY <i>Parents & children incl. high school seniors residing in the same household</i>	\$170	\$225
ADULTS <i>Over 18 years of age</i>	\$110	\$155
Special Late Afternoon Season Ticket Option*	\$ 95	\$ 140
STUDENTS <i>Incl. current year high school graduates & college students with valid ID</i>	\$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 62 years of age or older

BOROUGH RESIDENT w/complimentary ticket at Municipal Building	FREE
INSIDE KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 65
OUTSIDE KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$125

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 25 - July) ♦ 12 – 7pm (Aug. - Sept. 2)

*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 2, 2019.

♦ **NO SEASON TICKETS SOLD AT THE POOL** ♦

GENERAL ADMISSION

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

Kutztown Youth Sports Organization Contacts



Playground Program:	Brandon Schurr	610-944-6515
Little League:	Darcy Calkins	484-894-6473
Girls/Boys Soccer:	Jared Diehl	610-698-3282
T-Ball:	Mike Collins	484-857-1499
Football/Cheerleading:	Ivy Day	610-550-0788
Dolphins Swim Team:	Donna Feiertag	610-683-6173
Basketball:	Ben Haas	610-763-5953
Legion/Jr. Legion		
Baseball:	Rob Rarick	610-682-6015
Wrestling:	Jed Wood	610-972-8532



SNACK BAR MANAGED BY THE KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Enjoy lunch with your family at
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Mad Dogs in the Park Concessions

For more information,
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or visit www.maddogskutztown.com.



Public Works Department ANTICIPATED PROJECTS

2019 Street Improvements Project:

- Sacony Alley – from College Boulevard to Baldy Street
- Miscellaneous trench repairs
- Crack sealing along various streets
- Storm inlet repair at East Walnut/North Kemp Street
- Storm inlet replacement at House No. 57 Noble Street
- Storm sewer replacement at intersection of Greenwich Street/Sacony Alley
- Strausser Alley – from Main Street to Sacony Alley
- We will continue to work on painting curbs around town and Main Street parking space lines.

2019 Park Updates:

- The Electric Department added large paddle fans to the Band Shell as an upgrade to make summer concerts cooler and more comfortable.
- A pickleball court will be added to the open area behind the hockey rink.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure Update

Later this year, the Borough will implement a new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system. During installation, all modern solid state meters will be installed replacing some electromechanical meters that are currently on the system. This new powerful system will provide loss of power notifications and mapping that will greatly aid us during outages and with tamper and energy theft detection, as well as continuing to improve customer service with hourly electric and water consumption data for customers.

Since most meters are on the exterior of the home, the installation contractor might notify you that your power will be interrupted for a short time while the meter is replaced, but no one should need to enter your home.

Before meter replacement, the Borough will inform residents and provide the contractor's company name in addition to photos of vehicles used by them. Project start dates and information will be posted on the Borough Web site.

ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESSES

Businesses and organizations must have **Spotted Lanternfly Permits** if they move vehicles, products or other conveyances within or out of the quarantine zone.



Find more information at kutztownboro.org/SLF/



Electronics Recycling Day

Join the Borough and RRS on **September 21 from 9am-12pm.**

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

Thank You!

To Brenda Bailey, who retired in December, for her **24 years of service** as the Borough's Tax Collector.

Water Department Wins Award Again!

The Borough Water Department was recently awarded the esteemed Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award for the ninth time! AWOP is a national filter plant optimization effort toward optimizing filter plant turbidity, or drinking water cleanliness, performance. Only 12 small water plants received the award this year. **Once again, thank you to our Water Department for keeping our water clean!**

The Borough of Kutztown and Kutztown Municipal Authority **2018 Drinking Water Quality Report** is available online at www.kutztownboro.org/departments/water/water-report/

To receive a paper copy, please visit the Kutztown Municipal Building or call a Borough representative at 610-683-6131.

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Ride the Rails in Kutztown!

The Allentown & Auburn Railroad operates a four mile track between Kutztown and Topton, and offers seasonal excursions as well as special events throughout the year.

Upcoming events will include Summer Days Train Rides, the evening Firefly Express, the Library Express, an Autumn Wine Tasting, and holiday events with Santa Claus. For more information, visit www.allentownandauburnrr.com.



Save the Date

FOR KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP'S UPCOMING EVENTS

DINNER ON MAIN

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6pm to 10pm

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For more info visit www.kutztownpartnership.org

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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

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