Kutztown’s 200th birthday party was a nine-day celebration from July 25 to August 2, 2015. The kick-off event was the Kutztown Kruizz on Saturday, July 25, which attracted thousands for a gathering of over 400 classic cars on Main Street during a beautiful summer day. The event moved to the park in the evening hours for a concert by The Fabulous Greaseband, followed by a showing of the classic movie “American Graffiti,” under the stars. The day was made even more special by the Allentown & Auburn Railroad, which began its celebration-long train rides featuring a steam-powered engine. The train rides, the only Bicentennial event that charged admission, proved very popular with most of its rides being sold out.

The second day of the celebration featured a community church service at the park and the family movie matinee “Goonies,” sponsored by the Kutztown Optimist Club, at the Strand Theater.

The beautiful weather continued on day three with the Walking History Tour of Kutztown. This very popular event, sponsored by the Kutztown Area Historical Society, began at the 1892 Public School Building and moved along Whiteoak Street and Main Street, focusing on properties that have significantly changed through the years.

Day four featured evening and night time train rides on the Allentown & Auburn Railroad, between Kutztown and Topton, to see fireflies in the many fields.

Day five of the celebration, had the Kutztown Women’s Club and the Kutztown Area Historical Society co-hosting an ice cream social at the 1892 Public School Building. This event featured hand-cranked ice cream as well as ice cream made with liquid nitrogen, demonstrated by the event sponsor, Air Products and Chemicals.

St. Paul’s U.C.C. was the host for Celebrate the Seniors on the sixth day of the celebration. All Kutztonians 75 and older were treated to a chicken dinner and fellowship, with entertainment provided by the Kutztown Community Choir.

Day seven of the celebration saw the 200 block of West Main Street closed for Dinner on Main, an open-air café featuring seven of Kutztown’s restaurants, local musicians, and more beautiful weather.

The Bicentennial Parade on day eight started at 7:00pm, just like the Halloween parades from Kutztown’s past, and boasted eleven divisions full of floats, bands and other marching units. There is a DVD of the parade (along with a DVD of Kutztown’s Sesqui-Centennial Celebration in 1965) for sale at the Kutztown Area Historical Society and Mr. Food for only $25 for both DVDs. The Kutztown Hobos hosted an after-parade party at the Kutztown Fire Company featuring the local band Frog Holler.

The last day of the celebration saw the continuation of the beautiful weather for the annual Kutztown Day celebration at the park, which closed with the traditional fireworks.

The Bicentennial celebration was blessed with fantastic weather, enthusiastic crowds, a supportive Borough government, generous sponsors, and most importantly, a hard-working and dedicated organizing committee. Having a nine-day celebration was an ambitious goal, but in true Kutztown fashion, everyone came together to make it a huge success that will be remembered for ages.

The Bicentennial Parade grand marshalls were Kutztown’s oldest citizens: Kathryn Saul (105) and Cathrine Madeira (101). Photo by Alan Robertson
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Allentown & Auburn Railroad steam engine was very popular during the celebration. Photo by Alan Robertson

Dinner on Main was the best place to see old friends and make new ones. Photo by Alan Robertson

Above, left to right: The crowd stops in front of Mr. Food during the Walking History Tour. The ice cream social was held during the hottest day of the celebration. Photos by Alan Robertson

Left: The smoke from the Allentown & Auburn Railroad steam engine can be seen hovering above the crowds during the Kutztown Kruizz. Photo by Craig Koller

COMMEMORATING A MILESTONE

To commemorate Kutztown’s Bicentennial for future generations, the Kutztown Area Historical Society has two projects currently under way. The most visible is the creation of Bicentennial Park on the grounds of the 1892 Public School House. Phase I has begun, and has been financed by the Kutztown Bicentennial Committee. Phase II needs funds. It includes a brick walkway, and the Society will sell engraved bricks to raise funds for this phase. The Society will also publish a book filled with photos of the Bicentennial to raise funds for the park, and is asking the public to submit their photos for inclusion in the book.

Details about these projects will be further communicated by the Historical Society at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the park on Sunday, July 31, at 4pm. The Society will advertise in other ways, but you can also get information by E-mail: kutztonbicentennial@hometownu.com.
On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

Kutztown Community Library’s Summer Reading Program, for people of all ages, is in full swing from June 13 through August 20. Every year, summer reading aims to acquaint children and teens with the community, animals, art, history and entertainment. This year’s theme, “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read,” will familiarize the participants with sports, gaming and healthy eating.

One goal of the program is to make sure children do not lose reading skills acquired over the past school year. Preventing this loss is simple — encourage children to read during the summer months. Another goal is to simply encourage everyone to find enjoyment in a good book.

Children from birth through high school can join the Summer Reading Program and keep track of the time they spend reading in order to earn prizes and raffle tickets for various items. Reading books, magazines, newspapers, comic books, and even listening to audio books count. Reading together is another way to earn your rewards. Parents can read aloud to their child, or children can read to parents, a sibling, a friend, a pet, etc. Everyone will keep track of how much they read by filling out a reading map. Anyone who completes an entire map will be entered in the grand prize drawing for special rewards.

Summer reading isn’t just for kids. Adults can also take part in the Summer Reading Program with special prizes.

We hope you will join us in reading this summer. Visit www.kutztownlibrary.org to see a complete list of programs and events. The library is located at 70 Bieber Alley.

Steps for Getting Your Passport

Kutztown Community Library provides convenient passport services to our local residents. Get yours in eight easy steps:

1. Go to Travel.State.Gov to download an application or visit the Kutztown Community Library to pick up a form.
2. Locate your citizenship evidence. Examples include your state-issued birth certificate with your parents’ names listed, naturalization certificate or an expired passport.
3. Bring your government issued ID.
4. Have your passport photo taken at the library.
5. You will need two checks or money orders for payment.
6. Call the library at 610-683-5820 to set up your appointment. Times are available mornings, afternoons, evenings and Saturdays.
7. Bring all your documentation to your appointment.
   The library is located at 70 Bieber Alley.
8. Your passport should arrive in four to six weeks. Enjoy your trip!

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

Public Works Department
Anticipated Project Dates

Early June/throughout summer:
Parking space line painting on West Main Street

Week of June 13:
Train Station exterior painting

Mid to late June:
Upgrading the storm sewer system on East Main Street, to collect and remove rain water from the road, by replacing storm pipe and catch basins

End of July:
Completion of the Normal Avenue Bridge Project

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.

FRIEND FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Borough’s winter food pantry drive for Friend, Inc.! Residents, businesses and Borough employees brought in 284 food items, along with several personal care items, that were much needed after the holiday season. Donations for those in need are always appreciated.

Laura Reichart and Cathy Dill, from Friend, Inc., with the donation.
Park Facility Reservations

2016 reservations will be accepted any time and 2017 reservations will be accepted on or after October 1, 2016.

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:

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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Borough of Kutztown Swimming Pool 2016 Season Ticket Prices

**FAMILY** Parents & children incl. high school seniors residing in the same household
- Borough Residents: $170
- Non-Borough Residents: $225

**ADULTS** Over 18 years of age
- Special Late Afternoon Season Ticket Option*: $95
- Borough Residents: $110
- Non-Borough Residents: $155

**STUDENTS** Incl. current year high school graduates & college students with valid ID
- Special Late Afternoon Season Ticket Option*: $85
- Borough Residents: $100
- Non-Borough Residents: $145

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

**POOL HOURS**
12 – 8pm (May 28 - July) • 12 – 7pm (Aug. - Sept. 5)
- 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 5, 2016.
- **NO SEASON TICKETS SOLD AT THE POOL**

**GENERAL ADMISSION**
- Kutztown School District (KSD) Resident
- Non-KSD Resident

**ADULTS**
- Over 18 years of age (including Senior Citizens)
- Borough Residents: $8
- Non-Borough Residents: $12

**STUDENTS/CHILDREN**
- Incl. ages 3 through high school seniors & KU students with valid ID
- Borough Residents: $6
- Non-Borough Residents: $10

**CHILDREN UNDER THREE** FREE
- Borough Residents: $5
- Non-Borough Residents: $7

- with paid ticket holder

**GENERAL ADM. AFTER 5pm**
- Borough Residents: $5
- Non-Borough Residents: $7

**Special Late Afternoon Season Ticket Option**
- Borough Residents: $95
- Non-Borough Residents: $140

**SNACK BAR UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!**
Enjoy lunch with your family at the pool or grab a quick snack to cool down in the heat! Now managed by Kutztown Community Partnership, a community non-profit organization.

Kutztown Youth Sports Organization Contacts
- Playground Program: Megan Dougherty 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

Kutztown Playground
**Managed by the Tri-Valley YMCA, Sponsored by the Borough of Kutztown**
- **Dates:** Monday – Friday, June 20 – August 12, 2016
- **Times:** 9am – 1pm
- **Location:** The Scooter Building is the hub of activity
- **Fees:** $40 (Kutztown School District)
- **Questions:** Call the Tri-Valley YMCA office at 610-944-6515

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Main Street is sporting new welcome banners as of April 19, thanks to the efforts of the Kutztown Community Partnership Design Committee, the Bicentennial Committee and Kutztown University student Laura Richardson.

Richardson was the winner of a design contest for Bicentennial banners and, when they were taken down at the end of festivities, was asked to design replacements for the aging decorations along Main Street. Her design includes traditional hex sign distelfink and tulip images curved to give the indication of a K.

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**Water Department Wins Award for Fifth Year!**

The Borough Water Department was recently awarded the esteemed Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award for the fifth 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!

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**Award Winning Newsletter and Web Site!**

On June 7, the Borough proudly received two awards from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Borough News magazine!

Mayor Green and Gina Wiand attended the PSAB Awards luncheon, in Hershey, where the Borough was awarded second place for the Kutztonian News and third place for our Web site, www.kutztownboro.org. There were over 50 submissions, and judging criteria was based on content, clarity and effectiveness, and layout and design.

The Borough’s newsletter and Web site are a true collaboration of efforts between the writer/editor, designer and everyone who contributes ideas and content to make each of them an informative platform for our residents to read and reference. We hope you enjoy this issue! A newly designed Web site will be released later this year.

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

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Keep in mind that on an investor-owned utility bill (such as Met-Ed or PPL), the generation, transmission and distribution charges are broken down; while they are all included in your Borough KWH usage rate.

### Borough Electric Department funds help the Borough maintain one of the lowest municipal tax rates in Berks County. For example, a 3% decrease in the Borough's electric rates would equal $180,000.00 or one mill increase of General Fund taxes. The electric revenue generated helps to fund the General Fund, which includes but is not limited to Streets, Police, Parks and Pools. While you might pay slightly more to the Borough for electricity than a friend or neighbor might pay to Med-Ed or PPL, you also benefit from an extremely reliable system, with a dedicated five man crew, that is always available to address any system issues immediately. Our system is known to have very few outages, and when we do, we get service restored in very little time.

Visit [www.kutztownboro.org](http://www.kutztownboro.org) for more information about comparing electric rates.

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### Annual Events

#### Kutztown Kruizz:
Last Saturday in July, 2-11pm, Main Street & Kutztown Park; The Fabulous Greaseband Concert (7-9pm) and Movie (9-11pm)

#### Dinner on Main:
First Friday in August, 6-11pm, Main Street

#### Kutztown Community Meet & Greet:
Last week in August, 10am-2pm, Kutztown University

#### Christmas in Kutztown:
First Saturday in December, 12-6pm, Kutztown Community

#### Community Block Party:
Third Saturday in April, 1-6pm, Main Street

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**
Visit [www.kutztownpartnership.org](http://www.kutztownpartnership.org)

### Fun in the Park this Summer!

#### Taste of Kutztown:
Saturday, June 11, 12-5pm

#### Kutztown Day:
Sunday, Aug. 7, beginning at 12pm

#### Valley Blues & BBQ Festival:
Sun., Aug. 21, 12-8pm

Sponsored by 2nd Story Blues Alliance & the Borough of Kutztown

### 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

### Ride the Rails in Kutztown this Summer

The Allentown & Auburn Railroad is bringing the trains back to Kutztown this summer! Special summer train rides include Father’s Day Picnic trains, steam engines in July, The Firefly Express, The Moonlight Special, Conrail Historical Society Benefit trips and Labor Day train rides. No time to ride this summer? Visit [www.allentownandauburnrr.com](http://www.allentownandauburnrr.com) for a listing of train rides through December!
Your Current Mayor and Council for the Borough of Kutztown

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