



KUTZTONIAN NEWS

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The Borough of Kutztown Awarded \$674,844 Multimodal Transportation Grant **KUTZTOWN TO BECOME MORE WALKABLE AND ACCESSIBLE**

On April 22, 2021, the Commonwealth Financing Authority awarded the Borough of Kutztown a \$674,844.00 grant for Multimodal Transportation projects that will focus on making Kutztown a walkable community and developing “streets as places,” which can mean the difference between a monotonous route and a destination people want to return to.

Borough Manager Gabriel Khalife said that the grant will be used “to assist with improvements and enhancements to make the Borough more walkable and accessible for pedestrian traffic and ADA compliance, and to connect pedestrian traffic to the community. The Borough will invest an additional \$147,000.00 to the proposed scope of work.”

Kutztown Community Partnership/Kutztown University Community Liaison, Sandy Green, said, “Our goal is to make Kutztown a safe and walkable community by creating an Art and History Self-Guided Walking Route. The goal of this project is to promote walking in Kutztown by engaging a diverse set of community partners to help enhance the social infrastructure and to leverage existing visual assets, such as public art; architecture; and historical cultural sites, to promote walking as a form of active transportation.”

To that end, the funding will go a long way in helping Borough officials with their multi-faceted plan to make the town easier to navigate for both pedestrians and motorists. Per Council Vice President, Derek Mace, “The sidewalk and intersection improvements will increase walkability and equitable access for all residents and visitors of the Borough.”

State Senator Judy Schwank commended Borough officials for “their vision and foresight to pursue a project to make an already friendly Borough more welcoming for residents and visitors alike,” and State Representative Gary Day was pleased to see the award go to Kutztown as he thinks it is “one of the most walkable Boroughs in Berks.”

Borough officials thank everyone involved in working toward the good of the community in securing this grant from the state, and they invite visitors to town before and after the projects are completed!



 Visit www.kutztownboro.org/articles-videos/ to view the specific improvements that will be made to our town.

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Borough Info

**Borough Administration &
Community Development
Office**

Monday-Friday*
8:00am-4:30pm

*Except holidays (listed on Web site)

Borough Council Meetings

Third Tuesday of each month
7:30pm in the Train Station

All other meetings listed on Web site

Summer Quest 2021

AT THE KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Summer is here with lots to do at the Kutztown Community Library! Earn prizes at kutztownlibrary.readsquared.com and attend virtual programs with some of the most exciting presenters yet. Special guests include princesses reading stories, real reptiles taking over your screen, and Delrita the elephant showing off how she can paint with her trunk!

 Information on how to attend programs and participate can be found at www.kutztownlibrary.org or stop by the library located at 70 Bieber Alley.

Take a Break at the Pocket Park!

The Kutztown Pocket Park is a small space that serves as an extension of the sidewalk to provide outdoor seating and bicycle parking for residents and visitors to our downtown. It is a safe, sustainable, and healthy place for residents and visitors to connect, engage, and support the local economy.



New Mural Brightens Sander Alley

The white wall behind the Bagel Bar Café, on Sander Alley, has been transformed into a beautiful mural thanks to the coordinated efforts of Professor Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, from the Art Ed Department at Kutztown University, and muralist Mike Miller of West Reading.



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 www.kutztownlibrary.org for times or call 610-683-5820 to schedule a date and time.

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, including 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.



ChargePoint Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installed

THE CONVENIENT WHITEOAK LOCATION ALLOWS MOTORISTS TO SHOP WHILE RECHARGING

In mid-November, 2020, the Borough of Kutztown installed a ChargePoint electric vehicle charging station that can accommodate charging two cars at once. This unit provides approximately 20 miles of drive time after one hour of charging.

Purchased through a commonwealth grant, the Borough will receive \$9,000.00 of the \$10,000.00 purchase price back!

Borough officials hope that the ChargePoint station will bring electric vehicle owners in to Kutztown, while traveling, and then make it a future destination. It also makes for a great charging pit stop between Reading and Allentown.

Since the charging station was made available in December, local resident Scot Horst has been thrilled! "What a wonderful surprise to see and use the ChargePoint charger installed at the municipal lot in Kutztown. I believe it will be an attraction for many motorists as they drive through the area. Since I purchased an all-electric car in 2016, I joined all of the charging networks and I plan my trips around the chargers. It's so great to see the network expanding, and it says a lot about Kutztown to have one here. A town that is so steeped in history, and yet has an eye on the future, is a very interesting place. I believe electric vehicles are the future of transportation and charging will be even more essential as new car companies expand their electric vehicle offerings."

The ChargePoint electric vehicle charging station is available in the Kutztown municipal parking lot, located at 22 S. Whiteoak Street, and the charging cost per hour is \$1.35.



KU COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Kutztown University will host on-campus Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination clinics this summer for students, employees, community members and children ages 12 and older. Vaccines are free of charge; no registration is required.

Clinics are 10 am to 2 pm at KU's Student Recreation Center on the following Fridays: July 9, July 30, and August 20. Additional dates for the fall semester will be announced later.

The clinics, offered in partnership with 15toKnow, will be held at the East Gym of the Student Recreation Center. Please enter the Rec Center from the doors adjacent to the Rec Center parking lot (E-2). Do not enter from the main entrance of the Rec Center.

Participants must bring valid photo identification and are encouraged to bring their health insurance identification card, if available. Participant health insurance will not be charged. Participants under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Participants can receive their first or second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at KU clinics. Individuals who received their first dose

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 info at www.kutztownboro.org/SLF/



Electronics Recycling Day

Join the Borough and RRS on **August 14** from 9 am to 12 pm.



More details and a list of items accepted are available online at www.kutztownboro.org.

at a different location should bring their vaccination card. Pfizer vaccine doses should be received at least 21 days apart.

Questions: KU's Office of Univ. Relations, ur@kutztown.edu

2021 CONCERT SERIES

IN THE KUTZTOWN PARK BANDSHELL

sat 7/10 7-9PM
The Cramer Brothers Band

sat 7/17 7-9PM
Frog Holler

sat 7/24 7-9PM
The Fabulous Greaseband

sat 8/7 7-9PM
The Mudflaps

thurs 8/12 7-9PM
KASD Summer Band

sat 8/14 7-9PM
Time Whys?

sat 8/21 7-9PM
The Dave Mell Band

Thank you to
all our sponsors
of this year's
Concert Series!
Find the full list at
www.kutztownboro.org



[More details & this year's sponsors at www.kutztownboro.org](http://www.kutztownboro.org)

Kutztown Playground Program

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

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 21 – August 13, 2021

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

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 2022 (Kutztown Day).

Improvements Made to Softball Field

Upgrades have been made to the Kutztown Park softball field to improve player safety and to increase field size. The first and third base sides were made level, and fences were installed to define the playing area. The outfield fence was also extended, and a warning track was installed, which gives players a longer and flatter field on which to play. Upon completion, the softball team held a “veterans game” with special uniforms that honored local veterans. Borough Council wishes to thank everyone who collaborated on this project: Creekside Property Services, J/M Fence & Deck Co., the Hobos, the Borough’s electric, public works and refuse crews, and high school softball coach Kevin Conrad.



Park Facility Reservations

2021 reservations will be accepted any time and 2022 reservations will be accepted on or after October 1, 2021.

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.

BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SWIMMING POOL 2021 SEASON TICKET PRICES

	Borough 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 ID	\$ 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-TRANSFERABLE.

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

POOL HOURS

12 – 8pm (May 31 - July) ♦ 12 – 7pm (Aug. - Sept. 6)

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 6, 2021.

♦ NO SEASON TICKETS SOLD AT THE POOL ♦

GENERAL ADMISSION

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

Should the Borough of Kutztown, its employees and/or elected officials have to limit the attendance capacity at the Kutztown Pool, at any time, or close the pool for periods of time to be in compliance with COVID-19 regulations and requirements by the State of Pennsylvania, the County of Berks, or the Borough of Kutztown's Requirements and Operating Procedures, **there will be no Season Pass refunds available under any circumstance**, and the Purchaser/Holder of the Season Pass must acknowledge that risk upon purchase, and accept that risk as indicated by signing a disclaimer on the Season Pass application.



Saucony Creek Grille and Catering

SNACK BAR IN THE PARK



For more information, call 484-648-2813 or
visit www.sauconycreekgrille.com.



Pool 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.

Kutztown Day 2021 Cancelled

Please mark your calendars for August 1, 2022!

Borough of Kutztown Recognized for Reliable Electric Service to the Community

The Borough of Kutztown has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2020. For the second consecutive year, this recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (APPA), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

APPA helps electric utilities track power outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service. Once per year, APPA's Reliability Team compares this data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

"Public power utilities have proven their commitment to serving their community by continuing to lead the nation in reliability," said Alex Hofmann, APPA's Vice President of Technical and Operations Services. "These utilities are the best of the best when it comes to keeping the lights on in their communities."

Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the amount of time that customers of other types of utilities do.

"We are proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the hard work of our staff to ensure that we keep the Borough of Kutztown powered," said Steven Diehl, Electric Superintendent for the Borough.

 For more information on the Borough's electric department, visit www.kutztownboro.org/departments/electric/.

The Borough of Kutztown and Kutztown Municipal Authority 2020 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.

**We are pleased to report that our drinking water
meets federal and state requirements.**

2021 Wastewater Projects

The Borough of Kutztown applied for and received a \$100,000.00 PA Small Water and Sewer grant, which will help provide funds for a sewage sludge press at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The press will dewater the sludge and reduce significant costs in hauling liquid sludge off-site to another facility. This project is currently in the design stage and should be in operation in 2022.

At the end of 2020, Cured-In-Place Pipe was installed in the drainage area going to the College Garden Drive and Briar Cliff pump stations. This lining application reduced the inflow of groundwater into the system, from cracks in the existing piping, thus saving costs on wear and tear of equipment and the unnecessary treatment of groundwater. These two pump stations are also currently being updated this summer, with new pumps and controls, due to the current system reaching the end of its lifespan.

A Pharmaceutical/Medication Drop Box is located at Borough Hall, 2nd Floor



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

BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN CONTACT NUMBERS

45 Railroad Street

Administrative Offices	610-683-6131
Public Works/Utility Services	610-683-6131
Internet/Digital Phone Services	610-683-5722
Television Service (via yondoo).....	877-309-4462
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
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171 Industrial Avenue

Swimming Pool	610-683-9177
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70 Bieber Alley

Kutztown Community Library, Inc. ...	610-683-5820
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Girl Scouts Donate Handcrafted Birdhouses to Kutztown Park

As house wrens began their northern migration this spring, they were greeted by seven new birdhouses installed in the Kutztown Park. Girl Scout Daisy Troop 1168, who meet at Greenwich Elementary, took the initiative to build and install the birdhouses on tree branches, and will clean and remove them later in the fall. The troop was excited to donate the structures to the park and its feathered friends, since many of the girls live near town and enjoy visiting the park often. This service project allows for a comfortable habitat for these birds to nest. Visitors to the park are asked to not disturb the birdhouses.



Highlights from the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC)

On October 3, 2020, EAC members, local residents, KU students, and KU faculty helped plant 125 native trees along the Sacony trail. This planting is part of the EAC's work to restore the riparian forest here that has lost its dominant ash trees due to invasive emerald ash borer beetles. →



For more information, visit the EAC's restoration webpage at www.kutztownboro.org/commissions/eac/habitat-restoration/.



↑ Blandon Boy Scout Troop 183 conducted a service project at North Park on October 17, 2020. They cleaned up trash and debris along the bank of the Sacony Creek and planted 30 native trees to help stabilize the stream bank. Thank you to Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery for donating several of the trees.

Between April 6 and 8, 2021, students in the Kutztown → University Environmental Biology class removed invasive shrubs and planted 60 native shrubs to help restore the stream bank along the Sacony Trail. The shrubs were paid for by a grant from Giant Food Stores.





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Council President Pro Tem	Arabel J. Elliott
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Council Member	<i>Vacant</i>
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An additional charge and franchise fee apply to Maxatawny Township customers.

Did you know?

Borough of Kutztown electric remains independently operating for Borough residents and businesses, and rates have not increased since January 1, 2012.