By now, you have probably noticed the military banners adorning the light poles that wind through the Kutztown Park on the newly named Veterans Way, as well as on other Borough streets. The wonderful Hometown Heroes Banner Program is officially presented by the Kutztown Vietnam Veterans Breakfast Club; however, the initial spark was ignited by a man who wants no credit at all — Edwin “Eddie” Gehringer.

Humble as could be, Mr. Gehringer is a Vietnam War veteran who rightfully (and finally) received his Combat Medic Badge, in May 2017, after a series of events led to the realization that he was in fact a documented Combat Medic in Vietnam. News of this revelation received local attention, which led to several inquiries to Mr. Gehringer about why the Borough does not have military banners “like Fleetwood and Hamburg.” When he responded that he did not know, he was told to use his “clout” (their word, not his!) to get it done. He became intrigued by the idea, and a labor of love ensued to honor his “brothers and sisters in war.”

First, Mr. Gehringer asked around about how to begin, and Mayor Jim Schlegel pointed him in the right direction. He attended a Borough Public Works Committee meeting to discuss the idea, and while the Committee was eager to help, it ultimately had to go through Borough Council, who unanimously approved the project and agreed to facilitate the labor involved with hanging the banners.

Upon hearing about the project, the Kutztown Community Partnership offered to help by collecting orders and marketing the program to residents...and it took off immediately!

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Community Interest

Honoring Brothers and Sisters in War: Kutztown Community Veterans Heritage Project (continued)

With close to 100 contributors to the project and 319 banners sold at the time of this publication, the Hometown Heroes Banner Program became a quick success!

Excited by the success, the Kutztown Vietnam Veterans Breakfast Club decided they shouldn’t stop at the banner program. Now known as the Kutztown Community Veterans Heritage Project, other initiatives include the new memorial in the Park, a book, videos and a logo that is currently being designed. Be on the lookout for great things to come from this dedicated group.

Rare Keith Haring Fitness Court Coming to KU Campus

Kutztown University is partnering with the Kutztown Community Partnership to bring a world-class, one-of-a-kind Keith Haring Fitness Court to campus to help promote health and wellness in the Kutztown community. The interactive fitness court will be located on the corner of Baldy Street and Normal Avenue, where Haring’s art will be integrated into every element.

Haring, a Kutztown native, was a legendary activist and artist who revolutionized pop art through his graffiti-like pieces full of abstract lines and colorful flairs. His 1980s illustrations grew out of the New York street culture and have become a widely recognized visual language to many.

The Keith Haring Fitness Collection is a limited edition, outdoor, public art collaboration with the Keith Haring Foundation in New York, Outdoor Fitness Court, and the National Fitness Campaign. The fitness court will feature a 32’x35’ outdoor bodyweight circuit training system with 30 pieces of body-weight fitness elements, including seven full-body circuit training stations and a body-weight training wall.

“We are proud and excited that Keith’s hometown, Kutztown, was one of 10 nationally chosen sites for the project,” said Sandy Green, Kutztown University Community Liaison and Government Relations Assistant. “We have an amazing opportunity to transform one of Kutztown’s highly visible locations into an iconic destination point. The Keith Haring Outdoor Fitness Court will be part art gallery, part outdoor gym and a point of pride for Kutztown.”

The Kutztown Vietnam Veterans Breakfast Club wishes to thank the Borough’s Public Works and Electric departments for all of their help in facilitating their projects. They also want to acknowledge Dennis Krumanocker for beautifully enhancing the photos that appear on the Hometown Heroes banners.

The Borough of Kutztown thanks all of our hometown veterans!

TO FIND A BANNER, visit:

www.kutztownboro.org/community/banner-program/
or www.kutztownpartnership.org

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

171 Industrial Avenue
Swimming Pool ............................... 610-683-9177

70 Bieber Alley
Kutztown Community Library, Inc... 610-683-5820

Approved Keith Haring Artwork Selection for City of Kutztown Fitness Court®
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!

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

Beyond Kutztown:

Rainbow Paint Party | Wednesday, June 22 at 10 am
Join Susan from Sunshine Signs to paint a rainbow decoration. Sign up at the library before Tuesday, June 21. Most enjoyed by elementary school ages.

Keith Haring Appreciation | Tuesday, June 28 at 6 pm
Listen to Keith’s sister, Kay, read her book The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing at the library. First 15 families to sign up will receive a free book. Great for families. Sign up at the library.

Family Yoga | Wednesday, July 27 at 10 am
Explore how yoga improves balance, strength and flexibility. Practice breathing techniques to feel calm and relaxed. Register by emailing kutztownlibrary@gmail.com.

Summer Quest Starts! | Monday, June 13
This summer, it’s not just about reading. Stop by the library to pick up Activity Trackers and work your way toward earning prizes! Anyone can participate (babies - adults). No library card required.

Rainbow Fish Play | Wednesday, July 13 at 2 pm
The Yocum Institute Teen Ensemble presents the play, Rainbow Fish. Entertaining for families.

Reptiles at the Park | Thursday, July 21 at 10 am
Join Jesse the Reptile Guy to learn about reptiles and meet them in real life! Perfect for families. Held at the Kutztown Park Bandshell.

Under the Sea Dance Party | Wed., August 3 at 10 am
Play and dance to songs with colorful scarves, a parachute, and a playlist of family friendly music. Best for preschool and young elementary.

Magic Show | Thursday, August 11 at 4 pm
Join Eddy Ray the Magician for a magical afternoon! All ages will be entranced.

In 2021, Borough Council adopted a Resolution forging a relationship with Altrip, a municipality in Germany, through programming to exchange historical and cultural information in an effort to participate in town twinning.

Town twinning, also known as partnering towns or sister cities, refers to the concept of pairing cities across the globe as a way to foster human and cultural links among nations.

Located in the Rhine River Valley of Germany, Altrip is home to many long-time Kutztown residents’ ancestors. Town twinning allows both towns to explore, encourage and promote opportunities for shared cultural exchanges, visits and experiences between the two communities and their broader regions, to build understanding and nurture transatlantic friendship between the United States and Germany.

In addition, a pen pal program was created by the Kutztown Community Library to help members of the two communities get to know each other.
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* Not available for rent on first Sunday in August (Kutztown Day).

North Park is CLOSED until further notice.
Do not attempt to cross the bridge or the stream.
# BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SWIMMING POOL 2022 SEASON TICKET PRICES

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* 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.

## 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, 2022.

\* NO SEASON TICKETS SOLD AT THE POOL \*

### GENERAL ADMISSION

Kutztown Area School District (KASD) Resident | Non-KASD Resident
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ADULTS | $8 | $12
Over 18 years of age (including Senior Citizens)
STUDENTS/CHILDREN | $6 | $10
Incl. ages 3 through high school seniors & KU students with valid ID
CHILDREN UNDER THREE FREE | $5
with paid ticket holder
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 CDC, State of Pennsylvania or the County of Berks, **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.

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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, including Summer Days Train Rides, the evening Firefly Express, the Library Express, an Autumn Wine Tasting, and holiday events with Santa Claus.

Visit [www.allentownandauburnrr.com](http://www.allentownandauburnrr.com) for more information.

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**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.
Department Awards

Borough of Kutztown Departments Receive National Awards

WATER TREATMENT PLANT RECOGNIZED FOR DRINKING WATER CLEANLINESS AND PERFORMANCE

For the tenth consecutive year, the Borough of Kutztown Water Treatment Plant has received the prestigious Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award from the Water Works Operators’ Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP). To highlight this achievement, the Water Plant will receive a personalized crystal “10 Year AWOP Award” at the annual WWOAP conference in October.

AWOP is a national filter plant optimization effort toward optimizing filter plant turbidity, or drinking water cleanliness, and performance. It is a joint effort among numerous states, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators and the water operators. The top performing filter plants that submitted their 2021 turbidity data will receive an AWOP Award this year; 16 large filter plants (serving >10,000 people) will be presented with AWOP Awards; and only three of those plants, which includes the Borough of Kutztown, will receive the crystal award.

“This is only possible due to the hard work and dedication of our operators as well as Borough Council’s support,” said Troy Smith, the Borough’s Water Plant Manager.

For more information on the Borough of Kutztown’s water system and its commitment to clean water, visit www.kutztownboro.org/departments/water/.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

For a third consecutive year, the Borough of Kutztown has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2021. The 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.

“Once again, public power utilities have demonstrated their commitment to providing highly reliable power to their customers.” said Alex Hofmann, APPA’s Vice President of Technical and Operations Services. “We commend these utilities for their hard work 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 all our staff to ensure that we keep Kutztown powered,” said Steve Diehl, the Borough’s Electric Superintendent.

Compared to the national reliability data collected by the Energy Information Administration (EIA), the Borough’s reliability data compiled through the eReliability Tracker is in the top 25% of utilities for System Average Interruption Duration Index.

For more information on the Borough of Kutztown’s electric system and its commitment to reliability, visit www.kutztownboro.org/departments/electric/.
E-bike Offers Options to the Police Department

With a donation from Saucony Cross, the Kutztown Police Department purchased a new electric bike, which will be used for patrol when weather and operational needs permit. It will give officers the ability to respond to incidents as quickly as a vehicle in most instances and provide the ability to patrol in areas that can’t be reached while in a vehicle. It is much more environmentally friendly than a patrol car, moreover, the officer will be more accessible to the community. Police Chief Craig Summers believes that Kutztown is the first municipality in Berks County to employ the use of an e-bike.

Retirement News

Congratulations to Deb Loy, who retired after 37 plus years with the Borough! Deb joined the Borough staff, in early 1985, as a part-time clerical helper in the Code Office and a data entry clerk, and she became a full-time Borough employee on October 1, 1985, continuing her position in the Code Office. She transferred from her position in the Code Office to become a Borough Hall Office Clerk, with a primary focus on utility billing, in 1992, and she loyally filled that role through June 10, 2022. The Borough recognizes and commends Deb for her dedication and contributions to the Borough of Kutztown and wishes her a wonderful retirement!

Life Saving Awards

Congratulations and thank you to officers Karl Schemberg, Matthew Yerger and Robert Hriczko, who were all recipients of the Life Saving Award for their heroic actions!
Did you know? In 2021, the Borough of Kutztown recycled almost 9 tons of electronic waste.