



# KUTZTONIAN NEWS

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## North Park Bridge Replacement

**AFTER 2022 BRIDGE COLLAPSE, NORTH PARK IS ACCESSIBLE AGAIN**



The North Park Bridge was originally built in the late 1970s, and over the last few years, the structure began to fail. In the spring of 2022, the bridge collapsed, forcing the Borough to close access for about a year. Through emergency permits, the collaboration between the Borough and the Maxatawny Township Municipal Authority, the efforts of Dessco Design & Construction, Inc., and the hard work of Borough crews, the new and improved 50-ton bridge reopened in April. It took many meetings and agreements between the Borough and the Maxatawny Township Municipal Authority to see this long-term one-million-dollar investment come to fruition, but the collaboration has resulted in a safe, scenic, and successful bridge replacement.



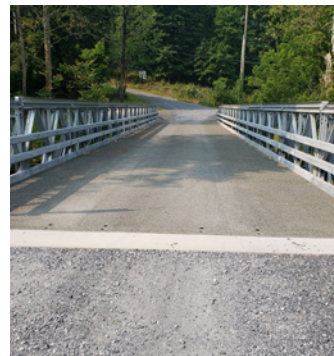
Since last year, the bridge was impassable



Collapsed bridge in 2022



New bridge being installed



Replaced bridge in April 2023

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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



To view a time lapsed video of the bridge replacement, please visit  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXvEAcZFqtg>





## Bilingual Historical Signage

To coordinate with visitors to Kutztown from Altrip, Germany, this summer, the Borough has put bilingual historical signs at the Park entrance, the Band Shell and at the Train Station. These signs were a collaboration between Deutsch-Pennsylvanischer Arbeitskreis, Germany, the Borough of Kutztown, the Kutztown Area Historical Society, the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, and Kutztown University.



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**SEPTEMBER 21 - 24, 2023**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.**



**Seven out of ten firefighters and emergency responders are volunteers.**

Your community needs more volunteers like you. We invite you to join a family that'll always have your back and train you to serve our community in ways few can.



**READY TO LEARN MORE?**  
Kutztown Fire & Rescue  
610-683-8703 x2  
jyoung@kutztownfire.com

**FIND THE FIGHTER IN YOU**  
MakeMeAFireFighter.org

**Regroup**  
Mass Notification®


**The Borough's Emergency Notification System has changed from Smart911 to Regroup Mass Notification**

Like Smart911, Regroup Mass Notification is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas, in the event of an emergency, or for sharing important information.

Residents who previously filled out the form for Smart911 will not need to fill out a new form. New residents should fill out a new form as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the system, please call a Borough representative at 610-683-6131.

Find the form via the QR code or at  
[www.kutztownboro.org/departments/administration/public\\_notification/](http://www.kutztownboro.org/departments/administration/public_notification/)





## Join the 2023 Summer Quest AT THE KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This summer will be one for the books! Let's spend this Summer Quest "All Together Now," and focus on experiencing new things, reading fantastic stories and working as a team for our community Monday, June 5, through Saturday, August 12.

On June 5, stop by the library to pick up your first library bingo sheet. Once completed, stop back for your second (or tenth!) sheets that will include a ticket for raffle baskets awarded at the end of the summer. Children, teens and adults are encouraged to participate.

During June, July and August, we will host many incredible performers and programs that you will not want to miss: meet and greets with characters from "A Galaxy Far, Far Away" and Kit's Interactive Theatre in June; Kindness Rock Painting, Ice Cream Sundae Decorating with Pop's Malt Shoppe, Yocum Institute's The Commedia Prince and the Pauper, and Jesse the Reptile Guy at the Kutztown Band Shell in July; Music Play Patrol for the little ones and Eddy Ray the Magician for all in August.

 For more information, please go to [www.kutztownlibrary.org](http://www.kutztownlibrary.org) and visit our events calendar.

### Get Your Passport in Time to Travel!

Kutztown Community Library is at your service to help with your passport needs while you create your travel plans.

Call our experienced agents to inquire about the proper documentation needed to apply. We also take passport photos for your new or renewal applications.

The library offers appointments six days a week, including weeknights and Saturdays.

 Check [www.kutztownlibrary.org](http://www.kutztownlibrary.org) for times or call KCL at 610-683-5820 to schedule a date and time.

## Books, Brew & BBQ AT THE GROVE IN KEMPTON

On Sunday, July 16, the Kutztown Community Library hosts our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Books, Brew & BBQ at The Grove in Kempton. This fundraiser supports the library's role in our community where books are just the beginning.

The Grove in Kempton, with its simple charm and rustic elegance, is the perfect setting to enjoy a summer afternoon to support the library.

The event runs from 1 to 5 p.m. with food served between 2 and 4 p.m. Messy Pig BBQ Company is providing pulled pork and brisket, mac & cheese, baked beans and coleslaw. A vegetarian option is also available. Jackee Sharayko, Assistant Director at KCL said, "I love their mac & cheese. It was so good that my entire family fought over it."

Beverages include two beers, unlimited soda and water. To top off the meal, indulge in delicious Heisler's Cloverleaf Dairy ice cream and homemade desserts.

Popular local vocalist, Hannah Violet, will provide live music. Rhythm guitarist and fiddle player, her father, Mitch Miller, is her accompanist.

Take a chance on winning a raffle basket. Check out the display at the library or raffle tickets where you can also buy prior to the event. You do not need to be present to win.

Admission tickets are \$50 per person. Ages 6 to 12 are \$15, and ages 5 and under are free, both with a paying adult. The more the merrier makes this a fantastic fundraiser. So, please invite your friends! All proceeds benefit the library.

 To purchase tickets, stop at the library or visit our website at [kutztownlibrary.org](http://kutztownlibrary.org).







## 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 the evening Firefly Express, a Sunset Special, a Grandparents Picnic, a Movie Train, Pumpkin Trains, and holiday events with Santa Claus.

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

### Kutztown Playground Program

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

**Dates:** Monday – Friday, June 19 – August 11, 2023  
**Times:** 9am – 1pm  
**Location:** The Scooter Building is the hub of activity  
**Fees:** \$65 (in Borough of Kutztown)  
 \$130 (outside Borough)  
**Questions:** Call the Tri-Valley YMCA office at 610-944-6515

## Park Facility Reservations

2023 reservations will be accepted any time and 2024 reservations will be accepted on or after October 2, 2023.

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](mailto: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.

## 2023 Concert Series

IN THE KUTZTOWN PARK BAND SHELL

**JUNE 13 @ 7:30 – 9 PM (Tues) Flag Day Celebration**

**JUNE 17 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) The Mudflaps**

**JUNE 24 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) The Cramer Brothers**

**JULY 5 @ 7 – 9 PM (Wed) KU Summer Music Festival**

**JULY 8 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) TimeWhys**

**JULY 15 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) Frog Holler**

**JULY 22 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) Swing Fever Band**

**JULY 29 @ 6 – 8 PM (Sat) The Fabulous Greaseband**

**AUG. 3 @ 7 – 9 PM (Thurs) KASD Summer Band**

**AUGUST 6 (Sun) Kutztown Day Concerts**  
 12 – 2 PM Zeptones  
 6 – 8 PM Flamin' Dick & The Hot Rods

**AUG. 12 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) The Dave Mell Band**

**AUG. 13 @ 4 – 6 PM (Sun) Kutztown Pipe Band  
Kutztown Celtic Session**

**AUG. 19 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) The Ringgold Band**

**SEPT. 16 @ 6 – 8 PM (Sat) Buccaneer Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps**

**Thank you to our sponsors!**

**FIND THE 2023 LIST OF SPONSORS & ALL CONCERTS AT**  
**[kutztownboro.org](http://kutztownboro.org)**

### 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).

# BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SWIMMING POOL 2023 SEASON TICKET PRICES

|  | Borough Residents | Non-Borough Residents |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>FAMILY</b> Parents & children incl. high school seniors residing in the same household  | <b>\$ 200</b>     | <b>\$ 275</b>         |
| <b>ADULTS</b> Over 18 years of age   | <b>\$ 125</b>     | <b>\$ 175</b>         |
| Special Late Afternoon Season Ticket Option*   | \$ 95             | \$ 140                |
| <b>STUDENTS</b> Incl. current year high school graduates & college students with valid ID  | <b>\$ 100</b>     | <b>\$ 145</b>         |
| 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. |                   |                       |
| <b>SENIOR CITIZENS</b> 62 years of age or older  |                   |                       |
| <b>BOROUGH RESIDENT</b> w/complimentary ticket at Municipal Building   | <b>FREE</b>       |                       |
| <b>INSIDE KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>  |                   | <b>\$ 65</b>          |
| <b>OUTSIDE KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>   |                   | <b>\$ 95</b>          |

**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 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, 2023.

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

## GENERAL ADMISSION

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

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, **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.

## New Pool Concession Stand Operators this Season!

Pam Unger and Tracy Ream are ready to feed you at the pool! Stop by for lunch or a snack this summer!

## Saucony Creek Café SNACK BAR IN THE PARK

For more information,  
call 484-648-2813 or visit

[sauconycafe.wixsite.com/saucony-cafe](http://sauconycafe.wixsite.com/saucony-cafe)



## YOUTH TENNIS SUMMER PROGRAM

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**SUMMER 1: 6/12 - 7/21 \$180.00** **SUMMER 2: 7/24 - 8/25 \$150.00**

PRICES LISTED ARE FOR 1 CLINIC PER WEEK DURING THE SESSION

COACH KATIE: COACHKATIE4CYC@GMAIL.COM

## Water Treatment Plant Receives Area Wide Optimization Program Award

For the eleventh 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). AWOP is a national filter plant optimization effort among numerous states, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, and the water operators. AWOP recognizes outstanding efforts toward optimizing filter plant turbidity performance, and the Borough's Water Plant Crew will receive their reward at the annual WWOAP Conference in September.

**Congratulations and thank you for keeping our water safe and clean!**

## Borough of Kutztown Receives National Recognition for Electric Reliability

For a fourth consecutive year, the American Public Power Association (APPA) has presented the Borough of Kutztown with a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability.

The Certificate of Excellence in Reliability recognizes utilities that placed in the top 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of reliability nationwide in 2022, as measured against the U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) data. The APPA helps public power systems track outage and restoration data through its eReliability Tracker service and compares the data to national statistics tracked by the EIA.

"Kutztown's commitment to reliable electric service is commendable," said Jolene Thompson, American Municipal Power, Inc. president and CEO. "This recognition shows how dedicated Kutztown Electric Department is to serving its customers."

## Borough of Kutztown Named Patriotic Employer

Electric Superintendent Steve Diehl was surprised to receive an award, on behalf of the Borough, about which he knew nothing — the Patriotic Employer Award — recognition from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for "contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force." Electric Apprentice/Meter Reader Jared Babel nominated the Borough for the award.



When Jared was hired by the Borough in 2016, he was not in the military. In 2018, he spoke to a recruiter, because he wanted to "help my country," but he also wanted to keep his job with the Borough, so he joined the Army Reserve. He didn't mind the thought of giving up one weekend a month and two weeks during the summer, plus he was told that he was unlikely to be deployed. Not only was he deployed; he was deployed twice. He spent 2019 and 2020 in Jordan and Kuwait, and 2022 in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. He is back at work now, and while the future is unknown, he does know that he has the support of everyone at work.

The Borough Council and staff are proud of Jared, for his service, and are honored to be recognized as a Patriotic Employer.



## Honoring Borough Police Department Retirees

Officer **Bill Wyandt** joined the Borough of Kutztown Police Department, on October 21, 1985, as a Patrol Officer, and is the longest tenured Officer in the history of the Borough Police Department. He served as a Criminal Investigator and enforced public safety on bike patrol over the years. He also received Commendation, Life Saving, Exceptional Duty, and Distinguished Unit Citation awards during his time as an Officer.

Sergeant **Ray Schell** joined the Borough of Kutztown Police Department, on October 26, 1997, as a Patrol Officer, and he was promoted to Police Sergeant on May 24, 2004. Ray also served as Acting Police Chief from October 2008 to March 2009. In addition, he received a Meritorious Service Award and two Distinguished Unit Citation awards during his tenure.

Chief **Craig Summers** joined the Borough of Kutztown Police Department, on March 16, 2009, after retiring as the rank of Lieutenant from the Pennsylvania State Police following 25 years of service. Under Chief Summers, the Borough Police Department adopted the use of body worn squad car and video surveillance cameras, as well as License Plate Readers, to enhance public trust, collect evidence, and identify training needs. Additionally, with Chief Summers' leadership, the Borough Police Department took significant steps in hiring and training to provide officers with skills to handle all situations appropriately and treat everyone with respect and dignity.

Thank you for your service, congratulations on your retirement, and best of luck in all of your new adventures!

## Life Saving Award

Congratulations and thank you to Officer **Karl Schemberg**, who received a Life Saving Award for his heroic actions on December 14, 2022!

### The Borough of Kutztown and Kutztown Municipal Authority 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report

is available online at

[www.kutztownboro.org/departments/water/water-report/](http://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.**

## Public Works Updates

- 737 bridge maintenance at the car wash is scheduled to run through September 2023. This is state work.
- Peach Street bridge replacement will start this year and is scheduled to finish sometime in 2024.
- Eliminating the hockey rink for the future expansion of the pickle ball and/or tennis courts.

### 2023 PAVING:

- Chip and seal work on Carriage Court.
- Repave the Borough portion of the upper lot at the Park.
- Storm line replacement and Main Street restoration between Constitution Boulevard and Greenwich Street.

### A Pharmaceutical/Medication Drop Box is located at Borough Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Unused/unwanted medication can be disposed of at this secure location, Mon.-Fri., from 8am-4:30pm. Visit our Web site for details.



### Electronics Recycling Day

Saturday, August 19, 9-11 am (Railroad Street)



More details and a list of items accepted are available online at [www.kutztownboro.org](http://www.kutztownboro.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 |
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## **Your Current Mayor and Council for the Borough of Kutztown**

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Mayor                     | James F. Schlegel    |
| Council President         | Kevin J. Snyder      |
| Council Vice President    | Derek D. Mace        |
| Council President Pro Tem | Lisa Ladd-Kidder     |
| Council Member            | Edwin K. Seyler      |
| Council Member            | George Kusterer      |
| Council Member            | Frederick Engelhardt |

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Pricing and content subject to change. Where service is available. Equipment conditions may apply.  
An additional charge and franchise fee apply to Maxatawny Township customers.

**Did you know?** The Borough of Kutztown has not raised electric rates for more than a decade!