



KUTZTONIAN NEWS

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Making Improvements One Project at a Time

MULTI MODAL (PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS)

The **Kutztown Pedestrian Improvements Project** is anticipated to begin construction mid-June 2024 with completion in September 2024. The improvements generally consist of new ADA/sidewalk upgrades and cross walk enhancements along Normal Avenue; traffic signal upgrades, pavement markings, crosswalk enhancements, and signage along Main Street at Constitution Boulevard and Whiteoak Street; crosswalk enhancements at Main Street and Maple Street; new sidewalk connection on Willow Street; and a new Main Street mid-block crossing adjacent to Kutztown Park. This project was financed, in part, by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority.



GREEN LIGHT-GO (TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS)

The **Traffic Signal Improvements Project** began in early April 2024, and the anticipated completion date is June 2024. The improvements generally consist of traffic signal and pedestrian crossing upgrades at six intersections along Main Street. These intersections include West Main Street and Noble Street, East Main Street and Willow Street, West Main Street and Constitution Boulevard, West Main Street and North Whiteoak Street, West Main Street and College Boulevard, and East Main Street and Elm Street. This project is being financed, in part, by a PennDOT Green Light-Go Grant.



Stay up to date with any road detours or closures by visiting
<https://www.kutztownboro.org>

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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

The Wall That Heals

The highly anticipated Wall That Heals, a touring Wall replica and mobile education center hosted by the Kutztown Vietnam Veterans Breakfast Club and the Kutztown Community Partnership, arrived in Kutztown on September 19, 2023.

Set up began and over 200 volunteers were trained on September 20. The Wall was displayed from September 21 through 24, on the Timothy Breidegam Baseball Field in the Kutztown Park.

Highlights from the Wall's time in Kutztown include opening and closing ceremonies, a candlelight vigil, visits from students and daycare children, as well as thousands of other visitors from Berks County and beyond.



Rent the Strand Theatre Marquee



Celebrate life's moments with a message on the iconic Strand Theatre marquee!

Birthday messages, engagement announcements, celebrations of life, graduations, and other congratulatory wishes can be commemorated on the marquee.

For more details:
Email kutztownpartnership@gmail.com or call 484-646-9069 to reserve your dates.

**** Applications must be submitted at least one week before the requested date ****

Altrip's Mayor Mansky Visits Kutztown

On July 8, 2023, Mayor of Altrip, Germany, Volker Mansky; and Consul General of the German Consulate General New York, David Gill, visited the Kutztown Folk Festival as part of the Borough's cultural exchange of Town Twinning with Altrip.



Volker Mansky also visited the Borough Train Station where Mayor Jim Schlegel presented him with a Key to the Borough.



To view photos from The Wall That Heals exhibit, visit www.kutztownboro.org/wall-that-heals

July 27, 2024
RAIN OR SHINE

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Register your vehicle online by July 15: www.kutztownstrong.org

Proceeds benefit Kutztown Strong's Mission: To Strengthen the Resolve of the Next Generation to make healthy, informed decisions.

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



Unleash your inner bookworm and kick off a summer of fun at the Kutztown Community Library with the Summer Quest program! Dive into fantastic stories, broaden your horizons, and set off on thrilling adventures with every flip of a page. The quest? To spark a lifelong love affair with reading for all ages through a lineup of exciting activities and programs.

Ready for the challenge? **Starting June 3**, swing by the library to grab your first tracker. Read whatever tickles your fancy, try new genres, and explore new experiences. Complete your tracker to earn tickets for awesome prize baskets. **Don't forget to hand in your forms by August 10** for a shot at winning big!

Get ready for a jam-packed summer of events you won't want to miss! Meet the Kutztown Public Works Department for a special story time at the Train Station, groove to music with Mister Boom Boom and Magic Play Patrol, and catch Shakespeare's classic "The Comedy of Errors" performed by the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.

In July, dive into Spanish and Police story time sessions, unleash your creativity at the "Create a Treasure Map" event, and indulge in ice cream sundaes with Pop's Malt Shoppe. Brace yourself for an epic alphabet adventure play by Yocum's Teen Ensemble and come face-to-face with fascinating reptiles from Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary.

Join the "Pages for Pets" program to clock in reading minutes and help an Animal Rescue League furry friend find a forever home. And don't miss magician Eddy Ray's spellbinding performance to wrap up the Summer Quest festivities.

Admission Passes Available

Looking for a fun activity? The library offers free passes for families to enjoy local museums, zoos, or attractions, including:

- Reading Public Museum
- Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
- Berks History Center

Thanks to a grant from the Kutztown Rotary Club and the Friends of the Library, we will also be offering passes to:

- Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown
- Battleship New Jersey, a floating museum in Camden
- Reading Science Center
- Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art, Chadds Ford

Upcoming Fundraisers

BY FRIENDS OF THE KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Embark on a bus journey to Gettysburg on Friday, August 16, with a full itinerary of historical site visits and guided tours planned. Limited spots available at \$125 per person, covering admission, lunch, transport, and tips.

Join us for an entertaining Bingo game at our annual event on Sunday, October 13, located at the Lyons Fire Company, for a chance to win many great prizes! Raffle baskets also available — winners need not be present.

Remember to explore our Used Book Sale on Saturdays from 9:30 am-2 pm and Thursdays from 10 am-12 pm.

Summer evokes thoughts of work, travel, and family gatherings. Consider using **wireless mobile hotspots** with unlimited T-Mobile data to fulfill your needs. The service is priced at \$45 per month or \$15 per week.

The library is here to help with your **passport needs!** Reach out to our experienced agents to review the required documentation for your application, or to schedule a photo. Evening/Saturday appointments are also available. Call 610-683-5820 to make an appointment.

UNIQUE LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Storytimes and **Wiggly Wednesdays** cater to toddlers, preschoolers, and their parents or caregivers. Explore the **StoryWalk®** in Kutztown Park, a creative way for families to immerse in reading and nature simultaneously.

Teen Tuesdays, starting at 3:15 pm, offer an hour of fun with games, painting, and socializing.

For our adult readers, **Cover to Cover** book club meets on the second Friday at 10 am at the library; **Literature & Libations** meets on the third Saturday at local wineries/breweries.

Better with Age is a monthly program for adults aged 55 and above. Topics range from decluttering to estate planning and feature movie screenings. No registration is needed.



Stay updated on library events, additional programs, and exciting announcements by signing up for our e-newsletter and visiting www.kutztownlibrary.org!



SUNDAY
August 4, 2024
IN THE KUTZTOWN PARK

CONCERTS • GAMES
FAMILY ACTIVITIES
FOOD • FIREWORKS

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, Easter Trains, Breakfast Trains, a Grandparents Picnic, Pumpkin Trains, and Santa Trains.

 Visit www.allentownandauburnrr.com for more information.



Cougar Café
SNACK BAR IN THE PARK

For more information, call 484-648-2813 or visit sauconycafe.wixsite.com/saucony-cafe



Kutztown Playground Program

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

Monday – Friday, June 17 – August 9, 2024: 9am – 1pm
The Scooter Building is the hub of activity

\$65 (in Borough of Kutztown); \$130 (outside Borough)
Call the Tri-Valley YMCA office at 610-944-6515

Park Facility Reservations

2024 reservations will be accepted any time and 2025 reservations will be accepted on or after October 1, 2024.

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.



2024 Concert Series

IN THE KUTZTOWN PARK BAND SHELL

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

JUNE 11 @ 7:30 – 9 PM (Tues) **Flag Day Celebration**

JUNE 15 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) **Ben Mauger Dixieland/ Mission Impossible**

JUNE 22 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) **The Mudflaps**

JUNE 29 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) **The Cramer Brothers**

JULY 6 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) **The Large Flowerheads**

JULY 10 @ 7 – 9 PM (Wed) **KU Summer Music Festival**

JULY 13 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) **Flamin’ Dick & The Hot Rods**

JULY 20 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) **Frog Holler**

JULY 27 @ 6 – 8 PM (Sat) **The Fabulous Greaseband**

AUGUST 4 (Sun)
1 – 3 PM **Zeptones**
6 – 8 PM **TimeWhys**

AUGUST 8 @ 7 – 9 PM (Thurs) **KASD Summer Band**

AUGUST 17 @ 7 – 9 PM (Sat) **Swing Fever Band**

AUGUST 18 @ 4 – 6 PM (Sun) **Kutztown Pipe Band**
Kutztown Celtic Session

AUGUST 24 @ 6 – 8 PM (Sat) **Buccaneer Alumni**
Drum & Bugle Corps

Thank you to our sponsors!

FIND THE 2024 LIST OF SPONSORS & ALL CONCERTS AT 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 2024 SEASON TICKET PRICES

	Borough Residents	Non-Borough Residents
FAMILY Parents & children incl. high school seniors residing in the same household	\$ 200	\$ 275
ADULTS Over 18 years of age	\$ 125	\$ 175
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		\$ 95

PURCHASE SEASON TICKETS AT THE KUTZTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING: 45 Railroad Street, Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm
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 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, 2024.

♦ NO SEASON TICKETS SOLD AT THE POOL ♦

GENERAL ADMISSION

	Kutztown Area School District (KASD) Resident	Non-KASD Resident
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

Come Grab a Bite at the PT Hut Snack Stand!

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

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.



CYC SUMMER '24 TENNIS PROGRAMS



7 WEEK SUMMER SESSION 🎾 JUNE 17TH - AUGUST 2ND

MONDAYS

HELD @ the FLEETWOOD HS

8:30 - 9:15 am	LITTLE FOOT Ages 3 - 5
9:30 - 10:30 am	RED BALL Ages 5 - 7
10:30 am - 12:00	VARSITY (EXPERIENCED HS)

TUESDAYS

HELD @ the KUTZTOWN PARK

5:00 - 6:00 pm	ORANGE BALL Ages 8 - 10
6:00 - 7:30 pm	JUNIOR VARISTY
7:30 - 8:30 pm	CARDIO TENNIS (ADULTS)

WEDNESDAYS

HELD @ the FLEETWOOD HS

9:00 - 10:00 am	ORANGE BALL Ages 8 - 10
10:00 - 11:00 am	RED BALL Ages 5 - 7
12:00 - 12:45 pm	LITTLE FOOT Ages 3 - 5

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WWW.CONQUERYOURCOURT.COM

COACHKATIE4CYC@GMAIL.COM

Electric Department Recognition and Updates

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

New high voltage circuit breakers and manual switches will be installed this fall, at the Borough's 69 KV substation, by the Borough's Electric Crew. They will be set up and tested by the Borough's electrical engineers before going into service. A recycling contractor will be used to remove the old oil-filled breakers.



High Voltage Circuit Breaker



High Voltage Manual Switch

Water Department Recognition and Updates

WATER DEPARTMENT RECEIVED AWARD

For a twelfth consecutive year, the Borough's Water Department has been selected to receive an Area-Wide Optimization Program award for their excellence in the performance of the Borough's Water Filtration Plant.

WENTZ STREET WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS

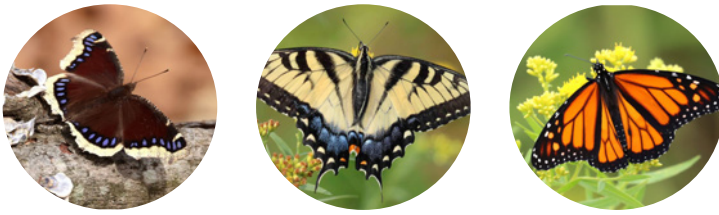
In a continued effort to improve the quality of water for our residents, the Borough has contracted with Allgyer Enterprises, LLC, to extend the dead ended waterline on the 100 block of Wentz Street to connect with the waterline on Greenwich Street. This will provide increased circulation of the water in this area, to help eliminate dirty water complaints, as well as to provide increased flows for fire protection. There will be an additional fire hydrant installed at the corner of Wentz and Greenwich Streets.

WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

In December 2021, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced new Lead and Copper Rule Improvements requiring that community and noncommunity/non-transient water systems, regardless of size, develop an inventory identifying the potential presence of lead within each service line connection. Because of this mandate, the Borough, in cooperation with 120 Water, has started identifying and compiling this inventory, which needs to be completed by October 16, 2024. This involved process requires the cooperation of our water customers because we need to

identify the water service materials used from the street to the curb box (system-owned side) as well as the materials used from the curb box to the inside of the home (customer side). To complete this inventory, the Borough has been contacting residents for appointments to gain access to the inside water meter for the purpose of identifying and taking a picture of the incoming water service to be included in the inventory. Some residents may also receive a self-mailing postcard from 120 Water asking that the customer complete the questionnaire and either return it by mail or to the Borough office to be included in the inventory. If a customer is unsure of what materials their service consists of, there is a box to check to have the Borough Water Department make an appointment to assist with identification. You may also see Water Department personnel with a vacuum trailer at your curb box to both clean out the box as well as take a picture of the curb stop. This can provide us with another means of service line identification on both sides of the service. If we are unable to determine service line materials, we will be required to excavate the service in both the street and on the customer's property to make identification. Your cooperation in this project is greatly appreciated. We are hoping to keep excavations to a minimum.

When this inventory is completed, the Borough will then begin to replace service lines that consist of galvanized steel with either copper or plastic service lines. Although the Borough does not believe that it has any lead service lines in its system, under the ruling, galvanized services are required to be replaced.



EAC Offers Online Resource for Identifying Butterflies in Kutztown

Spring is here and sunny days bring out the butterflies. If you want to learn more about the butterflies visiting North Park, the Sacony Trail, or your backyard in Kutztown, please visit the Environmental Advisory Commission's new butterfly Web pages, which are the work of six years of field work (2018-2023) observing and photographing butterflies and day flying moths. All the species listed have been documented at North Park or the Sacony Trail through photographs, except for the Baltimore Checkerspot record, which is documented through a specimen in the Kutztown University Museum of Zoology Collection. All butterflies and moths were photographed in natural light without a flash and were never captured and posed.

 www.kutztownboro.org/commissions/eac/butterflies/

CALLING ALL UNITS



Save the Date

July 28 at 2:00 pm

SEND BACKUP AND COME CELEBRATE WITH THE KUTZTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOLLOW FOR DETAILS: facebook.com/KutztownPD

The Kutztown Borough Community Park
440 E. Main Street, Kutztown, PA 19530

The Borough of Kutztown and Kutztown Municipal Authority 2023 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.



Electronics Recycling Day



Saturday, August 10, 9-11 am (Railroad Street)



More details and a list of items accepted are available online at 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
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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A Pharmaceutical/Medication Drop Box is located at Borough Hall, 2nd Floor

Unused/unwanted medication can be disposed of at this secure location, Monday-Friday, from 8am-4:30pm. Visit our Web site for details at www.kutztownboro.org/departments/refuse/medication-drop-box/



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30x30Mb for \$47.⁵⁰
75x75Mb for \$80.⁰⁰
150x150Mb for \$95.⁰⁰

610-683-5722

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An additional charge and franchise fee apply to Maxatawny Township customers.

Did you know?

In 2023, our residents recycled 16,595 lbs. of electronic waste at our public events.