A word from the President…

Greetings, Thornburgers!

Without a doubt, Zeus was on the side of all Thornburgers big and small on May 28 for our annual Memorial Day celebration! The ruler of the heavens (and the clouds, rain, thunder, and lightening—and just about everything else) saw fit to hold back on rain and thunderstorms so that we could parade our proud veterans, fete our parade award winners, and enjoy a great day.

Miles Tirone started things off with a muse-like rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Army Veteran Tom Fitzgerald led a compelling and insightful discussion about his experiences serving as a medic in Vietnam and his work throughout his life working to improve the lives of veterans. Lauren Catanzerite put together the Mini-Olympics, the Bouncy House, and the Bruster’s Ice Cream (yummy!). Kris Szmul and Lauren made sure we had the grills fired up, ready to go, and filled with burgers and dogs. Suzy Golitko and Kelly Chiodi got the word out and kept us all on task. And, without Tony Szmul, Brian Catanzerite, and Jeff Leithauser readying the pavilion, our merriment would not have been so grand. Thanks to everyone—especially those I likely have forgotten to mention here—with making Memorial Day another great Thornburg event.

Speaking of Jeff Leithauser: he has distinguished himself as the Conservation Park Bonfire Man of the Century! A wonderful evening around the fire was had by all, particularly since it followed a busy day of yard sales virtually everywhere you looked! Thanks to Lauren Catanzerite for organizing and carrying out a very successful first community-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 20.

Events such as these, and more, will greet you in the future as the leadership of the Club is being turned over, with wide, welcoming arms to our incoming President, Lauren Catanzerite. And, as always, if you are interested in helping with events or other Club activities, please reach out to any of us. Even small contributions make a big difference.

It has been a fun and fulfilling two years as the President of TCC, and I look forward to chatting with our many new neighbors and members at our upcoming events. In the meantime, see you around the neighborhood!

Laura Irwin
President, Thornburg Community Club

Community Calendar

Thornburg Boy Scout Meetings
Every Wednesday
7:30 pm in the Community Building
Contact: Tim Gordon
412-534-4047

PiYo Exercise Class
Every Thursday
7:30 pm in the Community Building
$5.00 per session

Borough Council Meeting
Monday, July 10
7:00 pm in the Library

Borough Council Meeting
Monday, August 14
7:00 pm in the Library

Borough Council Meeting
Monday, September 11
7:00 pm in the Library

...with more to come!
NEIGHBORLY NOTES:

Welcome:
New neighbors Geoff & Mary Ditmore who moved into 215 Eton Road.

Congratulations:
Congratulations to Mark Deluzio (son of Rita & Vince) and Stephanie Davis who were married on May 27 in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The bride is originally from Long Island, NY. Mark and Steph reside in San Francisco.

Mark and Rosemarie McShane celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 17. Congratulations.

Breaking News:
Did you catch Tony Caliguire live on NBC’s “Kelly and Ryan”? The Harvard Road resident rocked the stage as the Summer Seas Travel Trivia dancer during the show on Thursday, June 15.

Condolences:
Ingram resident Carol McIlree passed on May 12, 2017. Carol was a devoted, former member of the Thornburg Borough Council. During her tenure, the Borough Community Building received much needed TLC.

Sympathy to former Thornburger, Rainy Laux, and her children upon the passing of her mother, A. Lorraine Laux, of Rosslyn Farms on April 19, 2017.

Our sympathy to Ross Pisano and Lillian Brandimarti of Tech Road on the death of Ross’ son, Michael Pisano, on May 18, 2017.

**2016-2017 Club Directories**
Update Your 2016-17 Directory with the Following Changes:

New Neighbors:
Geoff & Mary Ditmore at 215 Eton Road  
Mary  maryditmore@hotmail.com 412-389-3121  
Geoff  ditmoregp@gmail.com 412-716-5875

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Borough Council Notes: 
June 2017

GARBAGE and RECYCLING
As summer approaches, neighbors are out-of-doors, as are the raccoons, and other creatures-of-the-night, so please pay special attention to putting out and removing trash cans on trash day. As a reminder, our ordinances require that trash cans and recycling containers cannot be placed at curbside (including ALL streets) until 6 p.m. on Thursday evening, and must be removed by midnight on Friday. Except for this time, trash cans must be stored off of the street and “out of view.” For further information, please visit the Thornburg website www.thornburg-pa.gov, and check out Garbage and Recycling Schedule and Information.

We also want to remind residents that food should not be left out to feed wild animals such as raccoon and deer as this creates both health and safety issues for all of us.

And, as yards go green, and bushes blossom and grow, please take a moment to make sure shrubs and tree limbs don’t block neighborhood sidewalks, and grass is trimmed. Yes, Thornburg has an ordinance limiting grass height to 12” high.

MAN’S BEST FRIEND
As of June 1st this season’s purple 2017-2018 dog tags are required for all dogs in the Conservation Park. And, please note, dogs are never permitted in the Hamilton Road Park adjacent to the Thornburg School.

HOME SALES and SEWER LATERALS
Thornburg has recently amended the Borough Code covering sewers and sewage disposal to comply with Allegheny County Health Department obligations.

Beginning on June 12, 2017, if you’re selling a home in Thornburg you are now required to test, and repair if necessary, the sewer lateral that runs from your house to the Borough sewer main. This is in addition to the current dye test requirement for surface storm water.

Forty five days prior to any sale or transfer a seller must submit a Certificate of Compliance to the Borough. These forms are available from the Borough Secretary (Thornburg.Secretary@gmail.com). The Certificate of Compliance shows that a plumber, licensed by Allegheny County Health Department to perform such tests and inspections and approved by Thornburg, has performed a dye test of the property and completed a televised inspection of the sewer lateral. Any defects must be corrected before the Borough Secretary can issue a Certificate of Compliance. Once issued, a Certificate of Compliance shall remain valid for two years.

MINE SUBSIDENCE INSURANCE
Recently Dorothy received this item from State Senator Wayne Fontana regarding Mine Subsidence Insurance.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is urging homeowners to check updated mine maps to determine if their home or other buildings are at risk of mine subsidence. Mine subsidence occurs when the ground above an old or abandoned mine cavity collapses. A subsidence event can occur at any time and cause sudden, significant damage, oftentimes exceeding $100,000 or total loss of the structure.

Mine subsidence is not covered by a standard homeowner’s insurance policy. DEP administers low-cost mine subsidence insurance (MSI) coverage through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The average policy of $160,000 costs about $7 a month, and senior citizens are eligible for discounted rates.

Using geographic information systems (GIS) online, DEP combines location data with mining data to show where specific properties are in relation to old and abandoned mines. DEP’s MSI program uses the data to identify coverage areas. Homeowners should visit www.pamsi.org or call 1-800-922-1678 to check if their home is over an abandoned mine. More information on the Mine Subsidence Insurance Program is also available on that site.

(If you want to check a specific property...like your house !… here is the link: http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/msiRisk/).

MEETING
Please consider this invitation to come and experience the next Council meeting on Monday, July 10th, at 7 PM. Council meets in the Thornburg School Library.

Mark Perrott, On behalf of Borough Council
William Richard Flint, Jr (Billy) is the son of William & Brandi Flint of Smith Lane is graduating from Montour High School. Billy is a 3 year letterman for Montour Varsity Hockey. He will be attending Slippery Rock to study Sport Management.

Eric Ashby graduated from Central Catholic High School where he played baseball and was a drummer in the jazz band and combo as well as several musicals. He also served in the National Honor Society and was a Baginski Scholar. He will be attending Indiana University in Bloomington, IN in the fall majoring in Music Business. Eric lives on Tech Road.

Will Alarcon graduated from Central Catholic High School this spring. He plans on moving to Breckenridge, Colorado this fall and working for the resort. His father is looking forward to many visits :)

Maggie Leone graduated Summa Cum Laude from Oakland Catholic High School and will attend Boston University School of Communication in the fall. Maggie grew up in Thornburg and attended St. Philip School. While attending OC, Maggie was a member of the National Honor Society and a captain and four year letter winner of the golf team. She also participated in the Global Competence Initiative program and was the Sports Editor of the Eagle Eye newspaper. This past November Maggie was recognized for her community service and awarded the St. Joan of Arc medal at the Medallion Ball. She lives on Eton Road with her mother and father, Peter and Alice.


Nico Chiodi of Hamilton Road graduated from his home-education program. During high school, Nico was a dedicated member of The Pittsburgh Banjo Club, Musicians with a Mission, various theater productions and worked as part of The Chiodi Trio. He participated in the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad, National History Day, and Creek Connections. He received honorable mentions in The Ralph Munn Creative Writing Contest, and advanced in the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award Essay Contest. He also had an essay chosen for publication in Belt Magazine’s Pittsburgh Anthology. As a recipient of Point Park University’s Presidential Merit Scholarship, Nico will be part of their honors program and plans to study Creative Writing and languages.
Mareena Shuster is a graduate with Leadership Distinction from the University of South Carolina, where she earned a Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, from the College of Pharmacy.

During her undergraduate education, she served as a University Ambassador for four years and received the Ambassador Character Award for the 2016-2017 academic year. She will also be continuing to serve as University 101 Peer Leader for the pre-pharmacy section of the freshman seminar course.

She will be continuing her graduate education at the South Carolina College of Pharmacy to complete her Doctorate of Pharmacy, anticipated graduation in May 2019.

Peter Gordon graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Classics from the College of William & Mary on May 13, 2017. He was a Monroe Scholar and was awarded the Archaeological Institute of America Award for outstanding achievement in Classical Art & Archaeology. Peter is pursuing a career in business and is home for the summer.

Peter is the son of Tim and Wendy Gordon (now in Sewickley) and the grandson of Tucker and Katie Gordon, of Stanford Road. He grew up in Thornburg and started preschool at the Crafton Children's Corner in the Thornburg Community Building with Fallon Pulford and Margaret Clarke - where did the years go?!

Matthew Deluzio graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. While at Pitt Law, he was on the Editorial Board of the Pittsburgh Journal of Technology Law and Policy.

He has accepted a position as an Associate with the Pittsburgh office of the law firm Gordon & Rees.

Matthew is a 2010 graduate of Bishop Canevin High School and a 2014 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh College of Arts and Sciences.
Hello, It’s your roving reporter here, and I would like to share my interview with Thornburgh’s two newest residents, David Jose and Karen Uffalussy(you-fa-lussy). They moved in just a few months ago, and are currently having a blast here in our wonderful community.

First, I would like to talk about hobbies. Most people have them, and they can range from painting to clock making. David, however, likes to play and design board games. He has an entire room devoted to it, and it is quite impressive. He even designs his own board games, and he showed me one that he made that involves building and battling dragons. These aren’t your regular Monopolies or Candylands however, he explained he has city building games, strategy games, cooperative games, and all other sorts of board games. But he does not only play board games, he also works as a play tester (somebody that plays video games before they are released to the public).

Karen has a slightly greener hobbie, as she has a stunning collection of plants that includes bugeaters, vines, flowers, and cacti. It was quite interesting to learn about all of the different plants she has, and what captivated me the most was the pitcher plants. The pitcher plants have pitcher-like growths at the end of their stems and emit a sweet smell to attract bugs. Once the bugs get stuck in a sticky substance at the bottom of the “pitcher” the bugs nutrients are absorbed into the plant. I actually saw a fly in the room, and almost felt bad for it, for it was doomed for a slow but sweet smelling demise.

If anything could get more interesting than board games and bug eaters, it is Karen and Dave’s professions. Karen works at a company that makes heat resistant materials. The company produces things such as the vessels into which you would put molten metals (usually iron or steel). One of the plus sides of the company is that they also recycle those materials, unlike most others in the business. David works in the film industry. He has two jobs, one is to ensure the safety of people like the cameramen and the actors. He would be the one that would secure the platform that would hold the camera and the operator onto a car in a car chase scene. His other job is to be in charge of making lighting look good in the final film.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with Dave and Karen and I can guarantee that they will be a fine addition to our wonderful community. I cannot wait to see them and all of you throughout the summer. ENJOY!
The Thornburg Memorial Library is located in the Community Building, 545 Hamilton Road. The library is open daily between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., corresponding with the hours of the Crafton Children’s Corner. Just ring the bell and announce your intentions.

To check out books, please fill out the library card inside the book and place it in the box on the desk in the library. This is an “honor system” checkout and return procedure, so please be sure to only keep the book for a reasonable period of time.

All donations accepted. Please leave books in a marked bag or box under the desk in the Thornburg Library. Any questions, please call Janice Coppola 412-937-8733 or email judythecat@verizon.net

Can’t Get Enough Exercise? PiYo Classes Are Thursday Nights

What is PiYo? A fusion class that mixes element of pilates, yoga, and cardio together. This class will improve your strength, balance, & core while sweating!

The first class was music of the 80’s, a little easy listening mixed with a little dance rock. Come move with the groove.

Anne Dimond of Stanford Road will be the instructor for this class. Questions? Call Anne at 412-310-1951.

$5.00 per hourly session. Class starts at 7:30 PM in the lower level of the Community Building. Each class runs about 45 minutes.

La Prima Coffee Sale

The ongoing LaPrima Coffee fundraiser will continue. This locally roasted coffee is available in many delicious blends.

The price per pound is $12.00. You may place your order by texting or emailing Gina Caliguire at ajcgm@gmail.com or call 412.651.0209, or drop your order at 1121 Harvard Road.

Please specify blend preference (LaPrima house, French roast, Columbian, Ethiopian, or Paulies), whole bean or ground, and decaf or regular.

If requested, a regular monthly delivery can be set up for your convenience.
The Thornburg Community Club has gift cards for Phelps Nursery just 5 minutes from Thornburg on Route 60. You can purchase gift cards in $25 or $50 denominations. The Community Club earns $5 for every $25 sold; funding our activities.

Phelps carries a wide variety of annuals and perennials, herbs, vegetables and trees and shrubs. Planning a larger project? Phelps carries mulch, gravel, stone, straw and much more. Their shop has statuary, bird baths and gnomes to name a few.

To purchase your gift cards, please contact Suzy Golitko at 412-922-1125 or sgolitko@verizon.net

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**Thornburg Pottery**

There are some lovely pieces still available. Contact Suzy Golitko at sgolitko@verizon.net or 412-922-1125. She’s happy to deliver it to your door.

1-quart jars look bright and cheery with summer flowers. They come in hunter green or cobalt blue and are $19 each.

Fill the small crock with strawberries or eggs. There is one left in hunter green, and it is $20.

The 2-quart pitcher in hunter green is the only one remaining at $26.

There are two vertical jars in hunter green at $19 each.

A cobalt blue salt cellar crock (sorry no photo) is available for $20. It is handy to use as a nut or snack bowl.
Many thanks to all who helped with the spring clean up at the conservation park. Energized with coffee and donuts provided by Joan Britten and Mark Perrott, we had quite a bit of help from the neighborhood working to pull, clip and pile up weeds.

The boy scouts were also busy planting another batch of trees throughout the park.

The weather cooperated and we were able to accomplish so much with so many.
Memorial Day Celebration 2017

Installing the bunting at the picnic pavilion.

God bless our war veterans.

Creative decorations are wonderful to watch along the parade route.

The parade begins.
More fun costumes and decorated bikes and wagons.

A salute to the police and fire department.

The boy scouts raise the flag.

The national anthem is sung.
“tiny terrific Thornburg”
HEADS UP!!!
Crafton Food Bank is in desperate need of clean, recycled grocery bags.
Just toss them in the box on our porch at:
Golitko, 220 Tech Road

Are you on the list?

Are you getting e-mail bulletins from the Thornburg Community Club regarding activities and neighborhood news updates?
If not, make sure you know about all club events by sending a note to ThorburgNews@gmail.com indicating the e-mail addresses to be added to the distribution list.