A word from the President…

Hello, Neighbors!

Is it Spring yet? I don’t know about you, but I’m really looking forward to packing up my coats and sweaters for the year and finally, FINALLY, getting all of the salt off of my car. Our community has a number of great events on tap for the Spring, from a visit from the Easter Bunny to the annual Memorial Day celebration, so we have a lot to look forward to as the weather gets warmer.

I am incredibly grateful to the excellent team we have working behind the scenes to make all of these events happen. Since I have been involved with the Community Club we have added a number of new faces and we are looking for a few more neighbors to take on the following leadership roles. After all, what better time for renewal and change than Spring?

**Treasurer (2 year term):** The Community Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The treasurer keeps track of all financial records, including incoming and outgoing funds, disbursements, and charitable donations.

**Service Committee Chair (1 year term):** Carries out service and charity projects voted on by the Club. This role entails two main tasks: #1 – Purchase Christmas Ornaments, and #2 – organize the Three Rivers Youth Gift Cards drive around Christmas.

**Adult Education Committee Chair (1 year term):** organizes educational and cultural outings for the adults in the community. Past events include a CPR certification class, a trip to Wigle Whiskey, and a special event at the Civil War Room of the Carnegie Library.

**Talk of the Town Editor:** fun fact: the ToT used to be written exclusively by the kids of Thornburg. We’re looking for a neighbor of any age with journalistic skills to edit and assemble our bi-monthly Community newsletter. (PC required).

Please contact me directly if you want more information about any open positions or if you want to volunteer. I am happy to sit down and chat with anyone about getting more involved. And don’t be intimidated: we’re a friendly bunch and the current holder of each position is highly-organized. New volunteers will be welcomed with open arms, and will have a massive amount of support (and spreadsheets). We look forward to you joining us! See you around the Borough!

Lauren Melfa Catanzarite  
President, Thornburg Community Club
Community Calendar
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Memorial Day Parade & Picnic
Sunday, May 27
Community Building & Park
2:00 pm sharp—Parade
Meet at 1:45 at Hamilton & Smith
2:45-4:45 pm Park Activities
5:00-6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner Picnic
6:30-10:00 pm Music & Merry Making

...with more to come!

~TOWN TALK~

NEIGHBORLY NOTES:

Welcome:
Marian Hudock moved into 52 Columbia along with her three children in late January. Her pipes froze and caused extensive damage to her home in Ingram. Remodeling is expected to take three months, end of April.

New neighbors Ed and Debbie Thomas and their son, Josh, who moved into 262 Tech Road.

Congratulations:
Amanda and Jarrett Katawczik of Tech Road on the birth of their second baby, Shae Matthew, born January 21. Big brother Kaeden can’t wait to show him off to meet all of his Thornburg neighbors this spring!

Proud grandparents Tom and Judy Thompson of Dartmouth have a new grandson, Charlie Albert Smith, born in February.

Condolescences:
Sincere sympathy to the Christy family of Eton Road on the passing of their young son, Samuel, on January 24, 2018.

Our sympathy to the Smallhoovers of Tech Road on the passing of Fred’s father, Frederick, on January 28, 2018.

Lillian Brandimarti of Tech Road lost her sister, Lois Robbins, on February 25, 2018.

TOT Publication Schedule:
Community members are welcome to contribute articles of interest to the community. Articles should be sent to sgolitko@verizon.net.

The following dates are the due dates for articles to be submitted for future issues of the TOT.

Wednesday, May 23
Dear Neighbors,

In 2017, Thornburg Council commissioned Morosco Architects to create a set of plans, elevations, and cross section drawings for the Thornburg School. These preliminary plans are necessary to begin the process of evaluating existing conditions and exploring future restorations and renovations to preserve this Historic Community resource for future years. Built in 1910, the Thornburg School was designed in the mission style by Peter Dowler. The School is located in the Thornburg Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

Architects Jerry Morosco and Jared Pohl discussed their initial report at the February meeting. Council is considering assigning specific evaluations of one or more of the following: the roof, wall system, windows and doors, utility systems, and space planning for current and future use. Council hopes to maximize heating and cooling efficiency, and proactively address long standing and recurring maintenance concerns, while preserving every bit of the charm of this community treasure,

In consultation with public works, Mayor Mackin and Council representatives Runyon, Coppola, and Perrott will meet with Morosco Architects to prioritize renovation needs.

Responding to concerns about some potentially dangerous conditions, Thornburg Council initiated a borough-wide survey of all sidewalks in our community last fall. Results of that survey were sent to affected homeowners along with drawings that identified cracked, broken, or raised sidewalk slabs or defective areas that required remediation.

Councilperson Zane Long and neighbor Jason Herman are working together to find ways to bring economy of scale to the sidewalk project. If enough neighbors show interest, there may be ways to approach contractors with a handful of related projects and negotiate reduced costs for all. Please contact Zane zanelong@gmail.com if you’re interested in exploring this possibility.

Mark Perrott, On behalf of Borough Council

Borough Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. Your attendance and participation are welcomed and encouraged.
PiYo Classes Tuesday Nights

PiYo is a fusion class that mixes elements of pilates, yoga, and cardio together improving your strength, balance, & core while sweating!

Classes are every Tuesday evening and they start at 7:30 PM in the lower level of the Community Building. Each class runs about 45 minutes.

Anne Dimond of Stanford Road is the instructor

Questions? Call Anne at 412-310-1951.

$5.00 per session.

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Miss Smiling Irish Eyes

Our very own Erin Sheedy of Tech Road was named to the court of Miss Smiling Irish Eyes and was in the big St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Downtown Pittsburgh on Saturday, March 17th! Congratulations, Erin!!
La Prima Coffee Sales

LaPrima Coffee fundraiser features locally roasted coffee available in many delicious blends.

The price per pound is $12.00. You may place your order by texting or emailing Gina Caliguire at ajcgmc@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.

HELP WANTED...

Amanda Katawczik is looking for part time child care 3 days a week asap for at least the next 2-3 months (and possibly longer). If you happen to know anyone in the neighborhood that might be interested, please call her at 412-303-8787.

Thornburg Memorial Library

The Thornburg Memorial Library is located in the Community Building, 545 Hamilton Road. It is open daily between 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. Please be sure to only keep the book for a reasonable period of time.

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

Let’s Plog!!!

Have you recently spotted people toting trash bags while jogging or walking? Or their hands filled with old plastic bottles? You might soon.

Sweden’s latest fitness craze — plogging — is making its way to U.S. shores. The term is a mash-up of jogging and the Swedish “plocka upp,” meaning pick up. In this case, litter.

Look out your home or car window any day of the week and you will see some of your Thornburg neighbors jogging or walking with Giant Eagle or Hefty trash bags. Every few feet, they will stop and bend down to pick up trash and deposit it in the bag. These bags are then taken home and put out with other trash bags on Friday mornings for the regularly scheduled “Garbage Pickup”.

AND just think... you could be one of them!

It’s so easy to do this. Put some trash bags beside your door and grab one when you leave the house to walk your dog or your kids or yourself. You will be stunned at the amount of trash on our streets and you’ll experience a wonderful feeling of accomplishment when you finish your walk/jog/plog and look back behind you at a clean street.

This is one very simple way to make a very big impact on our beautiful little town!

Submitted by Lorraine Runyon
IDEAS WANTED

Big and small ideas!
Silly, crazy, impossible ideas!
YOUR ideas!

The Thornburg Village Players invite you to share your ideas for future productions and events.

Let’s brainstorm at 7:00 pm
On Wednesday, March 28, 2018
In the Community Room at the Little School

Join us in an exchange of ideas for possible upcoming plays, radio dramas or comedy sketches, interactive or cabaret performances, talent shows or game shows, puppet shows or children’s theater, improvisation and acting workshops, mystery dinner theater, Kabuki...anything you’ve seen or would like to see or perform in.

Founded in 1937, The Thornburg Village Players is the oldest continually operating community theater west of the Allegheny’s.
Phelps Nursery Gift Cards Fundraiser

The snow has melted and it is finally starting to get warm. It's time to “Think Spring”. The Thornburg Community Club has a great idea to get you started on beautifying your patios and yards. You can purchase gift cards in $25, $50 or $100 denominations to use for your purchases at Phelps Nursery, just 5 minutes from Thornburg on Route 60. The Community Club earns $5 for every $25 sold.

Phelps carries a wide variety of annuals and perennials, herbs, vegetables and trees and shrubs. Hanging baskets or pre-planted pots make great Mother’s Day gifts.

Planning a larger project? Phelps carries mulch, gravel, stone, straw and much more. There 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

Update Your 2017-18 Directory with the Following Changes:

Higgins, Chris & Sarah; 214 Tech Road
Chris—chris.higgins1@gmail.com 412-609-3209
Sarah—sjthrower@yahoo.com 412-600-5680
Children: Samuel, Emmett and Annie

Thomas Ed & Debbie; 262 Tech Road
debrat@comcast.net
724-612-3964
Children: Brianne and Josh

Pg 19 Napor, Jack & Louise—new phone
412-722-9110

SIDEWALK REPAIR - Zane Long and Jason Herman are starting an email group to gather interest in exploring opportunities to get a better cost for a larger group.

Please email Zane (zanelong@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining this conversation, and indicate whether you are in need of repair / replacement or simply leveling the existing sidewalk.

Zane will then compile and connect the group, at which point volunteers will be needed to propose contractors, further coordinate with them to discuss pricing for multiple properties (e.g., if there are at least 5 properties, what kind of discount could be offered), and relay the information back to the group.
Community Bulletin Board

“tiny terrific Thornburg”

HEADS UP!!!

Crafton Food Bank is in desperate need of clean, recycled grocery bags.

Just toss them in the box on the porch at:
Golitko, 220 Tech Road

Military Banner Program
Honoring Our Veterans

Many of our neighboring communities are participating in the Military Banner Program honoring residents and family. This program honors our brave men and women who have served or are currently on active duty by creating and displaying a military banner. Banners are only displayed from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. The name of the veteran, a photo and branch of service is included on each banner. The family of the veteran pays the fee of $100.

Here is an example honoring Thornburg veteran James D. Crist.

More information is available at:
www.troopbanners.com

If you are interested in participating in this program to honor a loved one who resided in Thornburg, please contact:

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412-922-1669
Deluzio@mac.com