A word from the President…

Hello, Thornburg!

For those of you that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting (or for those have not been greeted on a walk by our exceedingly friendly puppy), I wanted to take this time to introduce myself. I’m Lauren Melfa Catanzarite, current occupant of the Fleck House, and I am honored to serve as the Thornburg Community Club President this year. My husband, Brian, and I moved here in June of 2015 after selling our house in the city, and it is the best decision we have ever made.

In the time that we have lived here, we have come to love Thornburg’s “signature events”: the President’s Reception, the world’s best Halloween parade, the lovely luminaria on Christmas Eve, and, of course, the Memorial Day celebration. We’ve participated in the long-standing traditions of the Book Discussion group and the Columbus Day dinner. We’ve enjoyed full-moon bonfires and semi-annual clean-ups in the Conservation Park. And we have been encouraged to organize new events, like the February Chili Cook-off. As much as we have embraced this community, it has returned the favor, and I hope that all of our new residents (of which there are many!) feel the same.

In stepping into the role of President, I am humbled and awed by the hard work and dedication of my predecessor, Laura Irwin. Laura served in this role for two years. In that time, she presided over the TCC with a quiet grace and poise. She made events a pleasure for everyone who attended and made certain that the Club used its resources to better the lives of people outside of our community through donations of money and food to various organizations throughout the greater Pittsburgh area. Most importantly, she was incredibly welcoming. I would not have been enthusiastic to step into this role without her support. She left big shoes to fill, but they are pointed in the right direction!

This year, I hope to build on the strong foundation Laura laid and I encourage everyone to become involved in the TCC, either through attending an event or coming to a meeting. We welcome and encourage new ideas and members. I want to ensure that the Club continues to serve all of its members and that everyone who lives in Thornburg comes to love the community as much as my husband and I do.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Lauren Melfa Catanzarite
President, Thornburg Community Club
Free Concert—Thornburg Community Auditorium featuring Janice Coppola & Friends
Friday, October 27 — 7:00 p.m.
One Hep Concert

Fall Bonfire in the Conservation Park
Saturday, October 28
Conservation Park
(Rain Date Sunday, October 29)
Watch Email for More Information

Halloween Parade & Trick Or Treating
Tuesday, October 31 — 6:15 p.m.
At corner of Cornell and Yale
Trick or Treating follows after Parade

Election Day Bake Sale and Service Projects
Tuesday, November 7
7:00 am-6:00 pm in the Auditorium
Bake Sale: Meg Alarcon & Maura Pulford
Service: Lorraine Runyon and Cindy Kroneberg

Borough Council Meeting
Monday, November 13
7:00 pm in the Library

Book Discussion—A Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family by J.D. Vance
Wednesday, November 15
7:30 pm Rosemarie McShane
221 Tech Road

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

Welcome:
New neighbors Britany and Matt Ramos who moved into 247 Tech Road.
New neighbors Jacquelyn and David Haller living at 136 Kenyon Road.

Congratulations:
Kim and Ian Minyard of Harvard Road welcomed a baby girl, Mia, in July. Big sister, Rory, can’t wait to show her the ropes.
Proud Grandparents Alan and Marsha Thompson of Hamilton Road have a new grandson, Elijah James McLaughlin. And better late than never, their daughter Elise and her husband Bill were married earlier this year in Thornburg Park by our own wonderful mayor, Tom Mackin!

Condolences:
Sorry to announce the passing of long time Thornburger, Dolores Smith-Barber, on August 25, 2017. She and her husband, Dr. John Barber, resided on Harvard Road. Sincere sympathy to John and the family. John, we will all miss this beautiful lady.

Barbara Tunador of Harvard Road lost her mom, Mary Dudek, on June 21, 2017. So sorry, Barb.


...with more to come!
Dear Neighbors,

With autumn upon us and for the benefit of our newer neighbors, we thought it a good time for a refresher course on the...

Mark Perrott, On behalf of Borough Council

Rules for Disposal of Leaves, Cuttings, and Branches

Borough pick-ups are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for the following:
- leaves (by vacuum in October and November)
- cuttings (no grass clippings at any time)
- branches

♦ All items must be in untied bags or in containers with loaded weight of no more than 40 pounds.
♦ Please do not include stones, dirt, or animal waste in yard debris.
♦ Branches and limbs of less than 3 inches in diameter must be cut in lengths of no more than 4 feet and tied in bundles weighing no more than 40 pounds.
♦ Residents must find another method to dispose of limbs larger than 3 inches in diameter.
♦ The leaf vacuum is used in the fall (October 1st through November 30th). Leaves to be vacuumed must be raked and piled at the curb. Leaf piles should NOT include sticks, rocks, or other matter. At all other times leaves gathered for pick-up must be in containers.
♦ Commercial lawn care companies and tree surgeons are responsible for removing from the Borough all offal from their work. Borough employees will not pick up building material or tree stumps.
♦ Call Rob Murphy, Borough Maintenance Director (412.921.3720) with questions about pick-ups.

Borough Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. Your attendance and participation are welcomed and encouraged.
This year’s Halloween Parade will be held on Tuesday, October 31st.

The parade of characters starts at 6:15 pm sharp. We will meet at the corner of Yale & Cornell Roads.

Trick-or-Treat will immediately follow!
Fall Festival in the Conservation Park
Saturday, October 28
(rain date Sunday, October 29)

Hayrides-Bonfire-Marshmallows-BYO Chair

If you have never attended the Fall Festival in the park, then you have missed one of the most fun and delightful events of the season. For several years at Fall Festival, Jeff Leithauser has installed the most creative scarecrow vinettes throughout the park for all to enjoy on the hayrides. I cannot wait to see how he will outdo last year’s Circus Circus theme.

So come on down to the park for a hotdog and s’more or bring a snack to share with the neighbors (finger food is best) and take a tour; I mean hayride through the park. It really is fun for all ages.

Interested in building a scarecrow or tow or helping with installation? Please contact Jeff Leithauser at 412-737-5406 or watch your email blast for more information.

Additional Note: Jeff is in need of some old clothes to make the scarecrows. If you have a donation, please drop it on the Leithauser’s front porch at 1108 Princeton Road.

FREE CONCERT
THORNBURG COMMUNITY BUILDING

Come hear our very own Janice Coppola and some of her friends play a smattering of duos and trios following FACADE - An Entertainment by William Walton (with words by Edith Sitwell - narrator, Judith Dorian), a work that features flute, saxophone, trumpet, cello, percussion and - yes - clarinet!
Friday October 27, 2017  7 p.m.
Thornburg School Auditorium
Italian Dinner

Janice and Vinnie Coppola would like you to join your friends & neighbors as our personal guests for our 19th Columbus Day dinner 6 p.m. Sunday October 8, 2017, Thornburg School.

$25/person to reserve seats. checks returned at the dinner to those who attend RSVP 604 Hamilton Road limited seating!!

VENITE AC CAPITE!

Thornburg Memorial Library

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

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, November 8
Wednesday, January 10
Wednesday, March 14
Election Day Bake Sale
& Much More
Tuesday, November 7
7:00 AM UNTIL THE FOOD IS GONE!

Cast your vote and fill your tote!

Chair Maura Pulford needs your help to make the bake sale a success!

- Residents can donate an item or two for the bake sale.
- Sweet treats, jams, soups, breads, and more, whatever is your specialty.
- Can you work a shift at the sale? Call Maura at 412-928-2708.
- Stop in and make a purchase. Profits are used to pay for the many spectacular community events like the bonfires, children’s programs and President’s reception.

Please drop off your prepackaged & labeled items on Monday evening from 6-8 pm in the auditorium.

SEE YOU THERE!

But Wait There’s More...At the Bake Sale You Can...

1) Purchase the Annual Thornburg Holiday Ornament or Notecards

The 2017 Thornburg ornaments will be on sale at the Election Day Bake Sale. They are $15 each. All proceeds from this sale help fund the service projects of our Thornburg community. A limited supply of notecards will also be on sale to benefit the service committee.

2) Participate in the Three Rivers Youth Holiday Gift Card Drive

Get a name at the bake sale and purchase a $25.00 gift card for a young resident at one of the facilities operated by the Three Rivers Youth Agency. Names will be available at the bake sale or by contacting Lorraine Runyon, 412-922-0586. It’s the season for giving to those less fortunate than we are!

3) Winterize Your Yard with Phelps Nursery Gift Certificates

Fall is a great time of year for mums, pumpkins and outdoor work. Think about purchasing a Phelps gift certificate in $25 or $50 values to use around the house. The Community Club makes $5 dollars on every $25 sold.

4) And Last But Not Least—Thornburg Pottery for Sale

There is a lovely selection of Thornburg pottery that will be on display and for sale. Stop by the table to see the Westerwald mugs, crocks, pitchers, and more bearing the Thornburg logo in cobalt blue or hunter green.
The leaves are still green and the temperature is in the mid-70’s, so it is hard to believe the Service Committee is thinking about Christmas. We just ordered the 2017 Christmas Ornaments. This year’s ornament is a wooden “Jumping Jack Reindeer” and “Thornburg 2017” will be written on each one. The Service Committee will be selling these ornaments at the Election Day Bake Sale for $15 per ornament. And, since we ran out of 2016 ornaments last year, we want to offer everyone the option to “pre-order” an ornament (or two or three).

Please contact a Service Committee member to pre-order or you can pick one up at the Bake Sale

Cindy Kroneberg  412-920-0340 or email  jeffkroneberg@gmail.com
Lorraine Runyon  412-922-0586 or email  mesa@mesa-cad.com

From Desk of Roving Reporter Ben Irwin

Hello Thornburg, it is your roving reporter here, and today I am here to tell you about my talk with Mel Luke, Thornburg resident and owner of the Flying Squirrel, a shop of ice cream and oddities located on Main Street in Carnegie.

Mel moved to Thornburg about 6 years ago with her husband and son. She lives at the very end of Lehigh Road, and so far, she says that Thornburg is a wonderful community.

About 2 years ago, Mel decided that being a very active member of the Thornburg Community Club and a parent was just not enough work. So, she decided to open a store with her son, John Henry, and here we are.

The Flying Squirrel is an ice cream shop that sells a variety of other goods. Their ice cream was ranked best in Pennsylvania. The Thornburg Talk of the Town Investigative Department and the Thornburg Community Club Science Department have arrived at the conclusion that it is rather stunningly good. When Mrs. Luke was asked about the ice cream, she quipped, “Yeah, it’s pretty good”.

But ice cream is not the only thing the Flying Squirrel has going for it. It also sells vintage board games and many gag items. It’s the store you go to when you intend to get nothing specific, but walk out with a very unique, non-generic item. It is quite an experience, and this reporter would highly recommend it.

Mel started the business when she and her son had the idea to venture into the business world and the perfect place in Carnegie went up for sale. She wanted a kids store, but one that also piqued the interest of adults. The idea behind the vintage board games is that they are usually the most fun and simultaneously absurd. The board games would appeal to parents because they might remind them of their childhood. The games would interest kids because, after all, they are games, and most any game will catch the eye of a child.

The Flying Squirrel’s name came from the need for a whimsical, but also older sounding name. When Mel was searching on Google, a picture of a flying squirrel came up and everybody liked it, so it stuck. The Flying Squirrel has future plans as well. They might be expanding into the upstairs or basement, so be sure to stop by regularly so you don’t miss anything, or Mel!
First Annual Booktoberfest—September 30, 2017

What do you get when you fuse a fun Oktoberfest celebration with a popular local library fundraiser?

You get Booktoberfest!

Stop by Crafton Park (167 W. Steuben Street) on Saturday, September 30, 2PM – 7PM for frosty beer, festive food, and lively entertainment as the Crafton Public Library celebrates its First Annual Booktoberfest! This spirited festival will offer a fun selection of beers, including America’s oldest beer as well as an Octoberfest beer from Southern Tier Brewing and ever popular Sam Adams.

Get ready to chow down on freshly grilled brats and dogs, along with kraut, slaw and the ultimate beer companion—soft pretzels! And while you eat, drink and mingle with friends, enjoy some of the area’s finest local entertainment!

Button Box Society—Corned Beef and Curry Band—Broadway Dance Company—and others

An admission fee of $5 allows you access to the food and beverage areas, as well as a seat at the stage. Food and beverage tickets on sale at the event.

Proceeds from admission go directly to the Library. Tickets may be purchased online or from the friendly folks at the library!

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2017-2018 Club Directories

The TCC directories should be delivered in early October.

Your dues card for the 2017-18 club year is tucked into the envelope of the directory or inside the front cover.

Pull out your dues card and complete the form with changes to your listing.

Send the card with a $30 check for your dues made payable to Thornburg Community Club to

Kristina Szmul
222 Tech Road

OR

Drop your check and card off on Kris’s front porch. There is a box marked Thornburg Community Club

Payment is due by November 15.

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Thornburg Community Club Meeting

Monday, October 2

7:00 pm in the Library

ALL ARE WELCOME

Extra Help Appreciated

AGENDA

Budget Vote for 2017-18
Halloween Parade
Fall Festival & Bonfire in the Park
Election Day Bake Sale
## Jazz Up the Holiday Christmas Concert

Pittsburgh native Lisa Ferrarro

Manchester Craftsman Guild

Monday, December 11, 2017
7:00 pm

Tickets are $35 per person.

Additional information will follow closer to the date, but to order tickets early, contact Gina Caliguire at 412-651-0209 or email at ajcgmc@gmail.com

## 2017-2018 Thornburg Book Discussion

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All discussions will begin at 7:30 PM.
If you have any questions, please call Susan Kelly at 412-334-3186 or e-mail at skelly2000@aol.com
PiYo Classes Are Back  
Thursday Nights Starting  
September 21st

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

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 La Prima 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 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.

Bird Hikes in the Nature Park

A quiet contentedness can be felt over Thornburg Nature Park. Goldenrod and ironweed sway in the cool September breezes. Crickets and cicadas chirp and trill as the light slowly fades across the field. Summer’s impatience and hurry is all but gone. The slow march towards a new season has begun. Birds begin to flock and fatten themselves for their long journeys south. The time of comfort and rest is upon us.

My name is Luke Och, and for the past three years I have been leading free, beginner birding hikes at Thornburg Nature Park. The hikes take place every Wednesday evening from 7 – 8 p.m., beginning at the end of April and finishing up the first week of September. The park is home to numerous migratory and year-round bird species. The dynamic mix of habitats found in the park make for a wide range of bird species. The hikes are free to the public, no experience necessary, but binoculars are recommended.

Highlights of last year’s hikes include the nocturnal mating display of the American Woodcock, an Osprey (which fellow birder Jerry Luxbacher has seen a pair of on several occasions in the mornings), and a new bird for the park, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Common migratory birds you can almost always count on seeing are Cedar Waxwings, Orchard and Baltimore Orioles, Red-winged Blackbirds, and Indigo Buntings. The installation of birdhouses around the park will hopefully draw in Eastern Bluebirds next spring.

Although this year’s hikes have come to a close, fall and winter are excellent times to visit the park and scout for bird nests, where you’re likely to see the hanging basket of an oriole’s nest. I look forward to next season, when the high slurred tee-err of the Red-winged Blackbird signifies spring’s return. Look for flyers announcing next year’s birding hikes on the Thornburg community boards and at the Crafton Community Library. I look forward to seeing you next April.
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

Are you on the list?

Are you getting e-mail bulletins from the Thornburg Community Club regarding activities like the Columbus Day Dinner and Fall Festival?

If not, make sure you know about all club events by sending a note to ThornburgNews@gmail.com indicating the e-mail addresses to be added to the distribution list.

FALL CLEAN-UP
OF THE CONVERSATION PARK

No date is set yet for cleaning up the park.

We shall decide soon on a date suitable to many of you who enjoy working to tidy sections in the Conservation Park.

E-mails will be sent and notices will be posted around the community to inform you of the date. Please come with your enthusiasm and tools and ask your neighbors to join in too.

Many thanks,
Judy Kimblin