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# TALK of the TOWN



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello Neighbors!

Have you ever heard of the Danish concept hygge? Hygge (pronounced “hoo-ga”) cannot be defined by one word, as it is more of a feeling. A feeling of cozy contentment, enjoying the good things in life with good people. A sense of togetherness, of forgetting your troubles, of finding contentment in life’s small pleasures. What a great concept, especially during what can seem like an endless and abysmal season in Pittsburgh. Fortunately for you, the Community Club has lots of upcoming activities to help you get your hygge on.

Every other month, the Wine Club meets in another Thornburger’s home. This month, Lindsey Segu was kind enough to hostess with a Pacific Northwest theme. Each time there is food, wine, and good company for an enjoyable evening. Our little club has been steadily growing in numbers and is a great way to get out and meet new people in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. This is a women’s only event, however, there is talk of creating a men’s Bourbon group, so stay posted.

In February, the Chili Cook-off returns. Come join your neighbors for a delectable smorgasbord of every type of chili you could imagine. Winner gets bragging rights until next year, so bring your best!

If staying in is more your hygge style, you can still stay connected, as thanks to Sarah Mahone the TCC is getting with the times. If you’re unable to make our monthly meetings in person, we are now publishing the minutes on our Facebook page, Thornburg Community Club, so make sure to follow us. And of course, we have seen the fabulous updates to the email blasts and ToT thanks to Kelly Chiodi and Colleen Kamnikar. We also will be meeting soon for talks about updating other aspects of the community including the directory and historical documents. Watch out-the Community Club is joining the digital age!

With winter settling, I hope to see you at our many events, as together is a wonderful place to be!

Anne Dimond Molinero  
President, Thornburg  
Community Club (TCC)



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**UPCOMING**  
Borough Council Meetings -  
7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

- Tuesday, February 11
- Tuesday, March 10
- Tuesday, April 14
- Tuesday, May 12



### See all of Thornburg's upcoming events on Page 4

# TOWN TALK

NEIGHBORLY NOTES:

## GREETINGS & CONGRATS

Greetings,  
Congrats, &  
Sympathies

### THE ROSENBLATS

Please welcome our newest neighbors on Smith Lane, Neal and Elisa Rosenblat along with their son Beck. Welcome to the neighborhood.

### NEMETH WEDDING

Mary Claire Nemeth, daughter of Charles and Jean Marie Nemeth of 1132 Lehigh Road, married Christopher Pearlberg of Coatsville, Pa. on 17 August 2019 at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Perrysville. Mary Claire is an instructor of Art at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and Christopher is completing his Doctor of Music in Tuba Performance at IU Bloomington and is currently teaching and performing in the New England area.



JANUARY 2020



## Borough of Thornburg COUNCIL NOTES:

Dear Neighbors,

At its December 2019 meeting Council adopted a 2020 budget, and approved a 2020 millage rate of 5.60 mills, unchanged from the previous year. Council gave rousing and unanimous support (with Ron abstaining) to a resolution thanking councilperson Ron Varga, whose term has expired. Ron brought to Council a thoughtful and independent voice, and offered an inspired vision for our community.

Thornburg Council met on Monday, January 6th, 2020, for its reorganization and regular meeting. Mayor Mackin administered the oath of office to re-elected Councilors Sam Runyon and Zane Long, and to Mary Ditmore, our newly elected Council member. Welcome Mary. Council voted on, and unanimously approved the following;

Solicitor – Emily Muller (Goehring, Rutter & Boehm)

Engineer – Clint Reilly (NIRA Consulting Engineers)

Secretary/Treasurer – Dorothy Falk

Newspaper of record – Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Zoning Hearing Board – Judy Kimblin

Please consider this invitation to come and experience the next Council meeting on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7 PM. Council meets in the Thornburg School Library. Join Council in the pledge allegiance to the flag. Hear the Mayor read the monthly Police Report (serious at times, but sometimes just plain funny). Wait, this gets better. Watch as motions are made, seconded, discussed and voted (most often unanimously). All this live, with no instant replays. Hope to see you there.

Wishing every neighbor a safe and Happy New Year

Mark Perrott,  
*On behalf of Borough Council*

<sup>2</sup> *Note: Borough Council Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Thornburg School Auditorium. Your attendance and participation are welcomed and encouraged.*

LaPrima Coffee fund-raiser features locally roasted coffee available in many delicious blends.

The price per pound is \$12.00. You may place your order through Gina Caliguire;

EMAIL: [ajcgmc@gmail.com](mailto:ajcgmc@gmail.com)

PHONE: 412.651.0209

MAIL: 1121 Harvard Road

Please specify blend preference:

- LaPrima House
- French Roast
- Columbian
- Ethiopian
- Paulies
- Whole bean or Ground
- Decaf or Regular



\*Monthly delivery can be set up by request.

## 2019-20 Club Directories

Your due cards for the 2019-20 club year is inside your directory envelope or inside the front cover. Dues are \$30. Complete the form with any changes to your listing along with your dues. Please make checks payable to Thornburg Community Club.

You can mail or drop off your dues to Tony Szmul at 222 Tech Road. If dropping off, there is a box marked TCC on the front porch.

# Weekly WHAT TO DO IN THORNBURG

## SUNDAY

### Tai Chi

When: 11:30 p.m.

Where: Thornburg Auditorium

Tai Chi classes for the winter will be starting Sunday, January 26th and continue for 10 weeks and are taught by Celia and Mike Bauer (680 Hamilton Road) free of charge for Thornburg residents. The class is structured and open to adults of all ages and skill levels.

Tai Chi is a slow and gentle form of exercise and deep breathing that helps people of all ages and skills build strength, flexibility and balance, while reducing stress and improving memory. A recent New York Times article citing research by Harvard Medical School and Beijing University stated that 94.1% of participants in 507 separate studies enjoyed positive effects from Tai Chi, often seeing significant health improvements within 12 weeks!

Celia and Mike have over 9 years of experience in Tai Chi, and continue to train under instructor Sifu David Slaughter ([www.sifuslaughterscma.com](http://www.sifuslaughterscma.com)).

## TUESDAY

### Yoga

When: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Thornburg Auditorium

- \$50.00 for 6 week session – Due at First Class or \$10.00 per class - Cash or Checks made payable to: Ruth Rittenhouse.
- All skill levels are welcome.

Look for signs (in the communication boxes) and emails for more information and updates.



Are you getting email blasts from the TCC about upcoming events and happenings?

If not, then send us an email at [ThornburgNews@gmail.com](mailto:ThornburgNews@gmail.com). Let us know you would like to be added to the group.



AROUND

TOWN

## 22 Chili Cook-off

When: Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Where: Thornburg School Auditorium

Thornburg Chili Cook-off is a great way to beat the winter dull drums and get a your fill of all different kinds of chili. We still plan on inviting to our neighbors in Rosslyn Farms, so it should be a fun socializing opportunity. We will start collecting the names of the chefs who want to throw their toque into the tournament. Contact Brian Catanzarite at [brian.catanzarite@gmail.com](mailto:brian.catanzarite@gmail.com) to enter.



FEB

## 9 Thornburg Community Yard Sale

When: Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Where: All around Thornburg

More details to follow but mark your calendar and start looking through your closets on these cold winter days.



## 24 Thornburg Memorial Day Parade and Picnic

When: Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Thornburg Community Park

Events:  
Parade- 2:00 p.m. (sharp)  
Meet at 1:45 at Hamilton & Smith  
All kids are welcome to decorate their bikes or wagons, and join in on the parade.

Park Activities- 2:45-4:45 p.m.  
Jumping house, games, and ice cream!  
Pot Luck Dinner Picnic- 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Music & Merry Making- 6:30-10:00 p.m.



MAY

# Foster Love Project Update & Wrap-Up

This year the Thornburg Community Club supported a new charitable cause—Foster Love Project—committed to providing love and dignity to kids in foster care. There are currently more than 14,000 kids in foster care in Pennsylvania. As a community, we chose to support the 2019 Foster Love Project Placement Bag Drive which helps foster children as they transition into new homes. The Placement Bags are filled with items to provide a child with small comforts, meet their basic needs, and give them something to call their own. This is also a big help to the receiving foster family who with very little notice needs to provide clothing and other necessities to a child.

The Community Club set a goal of filling a dozen Placement Bags to provide to children put into foster care in Allegheny County. At the Election Day bake sale we solicited donations of cash, gift cards, and/or items to fill the Placement Bags. Thanks to the generous response from our Thornburg community we far exceeded our goal! On December 14th we proudly delivered 18 filled Placement Bags, over \$500 in gift cards, new crib sheets, bottles, diapers and even a few basketballs to the Foster Love donation center in Dormont.

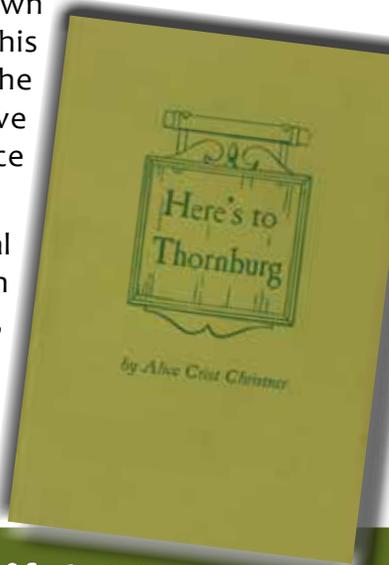
THANK YOU to the Thornburg Community for your generous donations and kind support which went far beyond our expectations. Also many thanks to all those who assisted with shopping—we were truly touched by the incredible care you put into the contents of the bags. ~ Marie Urick and Lorraine Runyon



## “Here’s to Thornburg” Reprints Underway

For those of you lucky Thornburger’s who own a copy of the book *Here’s to Thornburg*, this article is not for you. I am reaching out to the rest of us (including myself) who don’t have the privilege of owning this wonderful piece of local history. Well, we are in luck!

Lorraine Runyon has been working with a local printer to have copies made. This book written by Alice Crist Christner is full of street photos, charming memories, and local history. The TCC is planning to sell this gem for only \$25 projected sale at the Memorial Day Picnic! Stay tuned for updates.



**ONLY \$25**

## Thornburg Community Club Meetings

are now on Saturday mornings!  
8:00 a.m. in the Library

ALL ARE WELCOME  
Extra Help Appreciated

Mark your calendars today for  
the next meetings...

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Thornburg Memorial Library is located in the Municipal Building, 600 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. To check out books, please fill out the library card inside the book and place in the box on the desk in the library. This is an “honor system” check out and return procedure, so please be sure to only keep the book for a reasonable period of time of three weeks. If you are donating books, leave them in a marked bag or box under the desk in the Thornburg Library. If you would like to have them picked up at your home, please contact me at the email address below. Any questions, please call Janice Coppola 937 8733 or email [judythecat@verizon.net](mailto:judythecat@verizon.net).

# 2019 Thornburg's Lunch with Santa

The day was filled with magic and joy. All of the kids patiently awaiting the arrival of the "Big Man" himself. Crafts, games, snacks and songs were everywhere and when he arrived the auditorium was filled with the Christmas spirit.

A very big thank you to all involved with making this such a wonderful event for Thornburg families. We especially want to thank Santa Elves for taking time out their busy schedules to help.

TALK of the TOWN is published by the Thornburg Community Club to inform Thornburg residents and Community Club members of Borough news and Community activities and events.

Do you have any ideas, suggestions, or articles? Please send them to [colleenmkamnikar@gmail.com](mailto:colleenmkamnikar@gmail.com) or [ThornburgNews@gmail.com](mailto:ThornburgNews@gmail.com).

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Eileen Mackin:

- 412.921.7876 (Paper delivery)
- [ThornburgNews@gmail.com](mailto:ThornburgNews@gmail.com) (Electronic delivery)

2020 due dates for article and news submissions are...

- **March 18<sup>th</sup>**
- **June 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **September 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 18<sup>th</sup>**



## Help Wanted!!!

Neighbor looking for a responsible individual to shovel snow and other odd jobs. Interested please email [ThornburgNews@gmail.com](mailto:ThornburgNews@gmail.com)

# Thornburg Luminary 2019 Wrap-up

It was a foggy, foggy night and as the mist rolled in across the streets of Thornburg, the luminaria cast their glowing shadow to guide all who ventured out to see the sight. Truly, it was a fog like no other.

Every year I get a few notes from neighbors saying the night of the luminaria is their favorite event in our community. It is an easy committee to chair because each year I have a great amount of help. A shout out to my wonderful street captains who collect the orders and deliver the kits... Carol Ashby; Gina Caliguire; Kelly Chiodi; Rita Deluzio; Mary Ditmore; Gaynol Golitko; Mary Grogan; Adele Horstman; Laura Irwin; Mary Kubiak; Brenda Mack; Anna Mihalegan; Heather Pessy; and Vera Quinn.

Much thanks to Rob and George, our borough maintenance team, for doing the heavy lifting, filling sand bags and delivering them to each home. And with special appreciation to our Mayor for donating the sand.

Kit assembly day is always festive with music provided by Kelly Chiodi's phone and a hot chocolate run compliments of Sam and Lorraine Runyon. Ten volunteers and our mascot, Jethro Runyon, helped count to 20 and pack candles, bags and instructions; load two cars with boxes; and deliver the boxes to the street captains' front porches. Deliverymen Sam Runyon and Tony Szmul navigated the streets while Ben Irwin and his young legs carried boxes to the captains' houses. The packing crew included Mary Ann Bell; Kelly Chiodi; Ben Irwin; Eileen and Tom Mackin; Lorraine and Sam Runyon; and Kris and Tony Szmul.

A sincere thank you to everyone for their support ~ Suzy Golitko

## Thornburg Book Discussion Group

The Thornburg Book Discussion Group meets monthly (September through May) for interesting and fun discussions of the selected books, some wine and light refreshments. Anyone is welcome to join us. Below is a list of the books we will be reading and discussing for the next four months. If you'd like to join us or have any questions, please contact Susan Kelly at [kellysusan217@gmail.com](mailto:kellysusan217@gmail.com) or 412-334-3186.

Here is the upcoming schedule:

Date:	Title of Book	Host
February 19	Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (384 pp)	Susan Kelly
March 18	Bill Mauldin: A Life Up Front by Todd DePastino (384 pp)	Barbara Tunador
April 15	Educated by Tara Westover (352 pp)	Janice Coppola
May 20	Tell Me How It Ends by Valeria Luiselli (136 pp)	Marie Urick



## Tiny Terrific Thornburg Heads Up!!!

The Crafton Food Back is in desperate need of clean, recycled grocery bags or green newspaper cover bags.

If you have any lying around, just toss them in the box on the porch of 220 Tech Road.



## Phelps Nursery Gift Cards

Winter is here, but that doesn't mean your lawn or garden plans are on hold.

Plan ahead and purchase gift cards through The Thornburg Community Club. 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 gift card sold.

Don't forget these gift cards make great gifts for your garden-loving family and friends.

To purchase your gift cards, please contact Suzy Golitko at 412.922.1125 or [sgolitko@verizon.net](mailto:sgolitko@verizon.net)

## What's New & Upcoming

Here is what the TCC is working on for the New Year! Ideas are flowing from our energized group with such ideas as...

### ADULT EDUCATION:

- CPR Training
- Basic Sewing and Knitting
- Citronella Candle Making
- Adult Beverage Tours -
  - Helicon Brewing in Oakdale - Spring or Summer 2020
  - Bunko and Bourbon Tour
- Top Golf Outting

Stay tuned to email blast for current information and details.

### GET INVOLVED

Got an idea for a community event? Come to a TCC meeting every 3rd Saturday of the month and present it to the group. Everyone is welcome. All ideas are good ideas!



Community Club  
Dues are now

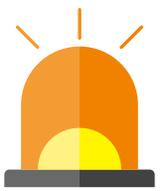
**OVERDUE.**

Remember dues go towards all events, general

upkeep of Community wears (i.e. tables & chairs) for the Community Center, etc.

Please send your \$30 to Tony Szmul at 222 Tech Road.

# Thornburg Crime Watch Alerts



## December 20, 2019 -

The Crafton Police Department took a report on this date from a Lehigh Rd. resident relating to their vehicles being entered overnight. Both vehicles were parked in the resident's driveway and both were unlocked. Loose change was stolen from these vehicles. No other items were reported to have been stolen. The resident believes that the theft took place between midnight and 5AM on today's date.

If any resident has any doorbell cameras or other types of surveillance cameras please take the time to review them and see if any suspicious people are observed walking through your yard and/or driveway trying to enter your vehicle(s). Please contact the Crafton Police Department if anyone is observed on your cameras so that we can attempt to identify them and charge them accordingly.

- PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR VEHICLE(S) AND RESIDENCES ALL OF THE TIME.
- RESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY UPON OBSERVING A SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR SOMETHING THAT APPEARS TO BE SUSPICIOUS.
- IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING (Please call 911 immediately, not later)
- Remember if it seems too good to be true. It probably is.



## January 6, 2020-

The Crafton Police Department took a report on January 6, 2020 of a stolen vehicle from Cornell Rd. This vehicle was left UNLOCKED and with the KEYS IN the vehicle. The theft was believed to have occurred after midnight and before 8AM. The vehicle was recovered in the city of Pittsburgh a very short time after the incident was reported to Crafton PD.

Residents are strongly encouraged to lock your vehicles ALL of the time. You are also reminded to NEVER leave any keys inside of your vehicle especially spare or valet keys to your vehicle, house keys and work keys. Please report any suspicious people, vehicles or circumstances immediately by dialing 911. If you have any information on this theft please contact the Crafton Police Department (412-921-2016).

## Brand New Pieces in the Thornburg Pottery Sale

Our inventory for the pottery sale is replenished! Lots of brand new quart jars, vases, and many more.

These pieces make a wonderful addition to dining room centerpieces, kitchen decor or holiday gifts.

To purchase contact Suzy Golitko, [sgolitko@verizon.net](mailto:sgolitko@verizon.net) or 412.922.1125.

