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TALK of the TOWN



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

As Oscar Wilde observed, "all at once, Summer collapsed into Fall." As I write this, cuddled up with a coffee and Libby on a cool, crisp September morning, it is hard to believe that it felt like summer earlier in the week. Fall in Thornburg is my favorite: marked by block parties and dinners, bake sales and bonfires. There's a true sense of community as everyone settles back into their post-summer routine.

In the spirit of the new season, the Community Club has decided to make a few changes that we think you'll enjoy. The first, and most obvious, is a new look for the Talk of the Town, designed by Colleen Kamnikar of Hamilton Road. We're so excited to have her on board and look forward to future issues! Thank you again to Suzy Golitko for her years of service with the Talk of the Town!

Also, to make the Community Club as accessible and open as possible, we have set a fixed time for the monthly meetings. Mark your calendars and plan to join us at 7:00 pm on the third Sunday of each month at the school library. Come for the volunteer-ism, stay for the neighborly chats and cookies.

Speaking of volunteers: we are looking for a few new faces to Chair our Service and Adult Education Committees, and we need someone to organize regular games that will put our new kickball set to good use. If you are interested, reach out to me directly, or come to the next meeting!

So enjoy Fall, neighbors. I hope to see you around town!

Lauren Melfa Catanzarite
President, Thornburg Community Club (TCC)



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UPCOMING

Borough Council Meetings -
7:00 p.m. in the Library

- Monday, October 8
- Monday, November 12
- Monday, December 10
- Monday, January 14

AROUND

TOWN

See all of Thornburg's upcoming events on Pages 5-7

BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTES:

SEPTEMBER 2018

Earlier this summer, in response to the closing of Baldwin Road, the Borough implemented a number of traffic changes including speed bumps, increased signage at the Baldwin Road entry, and temporary road closures in lower Thornburg. All these measures were designed to calm traffic, ensure the safety of Borough residents, and enlighten drivers unfamiliar with Thornburg's sometimes narrow and winding residential streets.

As an additional precaution Borough Council authorized increased Crafton Police presence throughout the Borough as this new school year begins, and especially during peak traffic times. At this month's Monday, September 10th regular Council meeting Mayor Tom Mackin reported that over the past month Crafton Police issued 54 citations, a dramatic increase beyond the typical monthly two or three traffic stops. Be careful and be safe.

Many thanks and with great appreciation to Suzy Golitko for her tenure as Talk of the Town editor. You have so wonderfully sustained this publication as so many regional and national newspapers have met their demise. And welcome, best wishes, and thanks from everyone in this tiny village to incoming editor Colleen Kamnikar.

Mark Perrott, *on behalf of Borough Council*



Note: Borough Council Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Thornburg School Auditorium. Your attendance and participation are welcomed and encouraged.

A New look for the Talk of the Town

Hello Colleen Kamnikar here, (513 Hamilton Road)

I will be the new editor / designer for the TOT. I am so glad to be a part of our wonderful community and so very happy to be able to lend my abilities and expertise in this way.

Just a little about myself - My husband Zac and I moved to Thornburg in 2015. We found Thornburg to be so warm and inviting that we fell in love with this sweet, tucked away community immediately. I have a degree in Mass Communications and have been an active Graphic Designer for over 10 years in various medias and companies. Right now, I work freelance, while being a stay-at-home Mom for our two little ones, Rita and William. You've probably seen us around town with our double, red stroller, a black and white dog out in front, and that would be me all the way in the back. I am very excited to see what new, fun and fresh things I can bring to Talk of the Town and the TCC.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Suzy Golitko for her many, wonderful years of service to the TOT. She has given me some great advice and pointers, and I truly hope I will not disappoint her and the community.

If anyone, has any new suggestions, questions or comments regarding the TOT, please feel free to contact me by email colleenmkamnikar@gmail.com. Thank you and all our best to everyone!

TOWN TALK

NEIGHBORLY NOTES:

Greetings,
Congrats, &
Sympathies

CONGRATULATIONS:

Former Thornburg Resident, Chris Dimond, has found great success in musical theater and now the TV screen. Chris' most recent theatre works are *The Enlightenment of Percival Von Schmootz* and *Romantics Anonymous*. Nowadays, Chris is writing for the Disney Channel with their very popular cartoon *Vampirina*.

Chris' Mother Carol (Hamilton Road) and Sister Anne (Stanford Road) both live in Thornburg. Congratulations on all of the success!

Congratulations to Jackie and Dave Haller of Kenyon Road on the birth of their daughter, Landyn, in August.

WITH SYMPATHY:

JANE B HARDCASTLE BRITTEN ERNST:

Condolences go out to Joan Britten, whose mother, Jane B Hardcastle Britten Ernst, passed away on July 10th. She would have been 99 on August 15th. Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Joan.

MARIAN SPANGLER:

Former Thornburg resident, Marian Spangler passed away peacefully at the age of 64 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Marian grew up on Princeton Road, with her 10 siblings. Her brother Gregory Clarke currently lives on Dartmouth Road. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her family and friends.

ELEANOR (GRAZIANO) YELICH:

On Saturday, July 14th Eleanor Yelich passed away. Eleanor and her husband, Mike, raised their family at 620 Hamilton Road. Currently their son, David and his family live in the family homestead. Our sincerest sympathies to David and his family.

EDMUND L. CONRAD:

Sympathy to Brenda Mack of Tech Road. Brenda's son-in-law, Edmund L. Conrad, passed on July 13th.

VICTOR GRECO

Condolences to the Pyros family of Princeton Road. Kathy's father, Victor Greco, passed on September 9th at the age of 92.



2018-19 Club Directories

The TCC directories should be delivered in early October.

Your due cards for the 2018-19 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.

Payment is due by November 15.



Weekly WHAT TO DO IN THORNBURG

MONDAY



Pickleball

When: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Thornburg Park
Tennis Courts



Thornburg Women's Wine Club

Looking for Ladies interested in a monthly "wine-down". Great place to try new wines and meet neighbors.

Interested - contact Julie Simelis
(1179 Harvard Road)
jemurphy7@gmail.com

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

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



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

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.



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Foggy stroll through Conservation Park - Kelly Chiodi Photography



6 Build a Scarecrow



When: Saturday, October 6th
10:00 a.m.
Where: Picnic Shelter
Thornburg Park

Join in the creative, straw-y fun. Just bring an outfit for the straw-filled friends.

13 Fall Bonfire in the Conservation Park

When: Saturday, October 13th 4:00 p.m.
(Rain Date Sunday, October 27th)
Where: Conservation Park

Hayrides • Bonfire •
Marshmallows • BYO Chair

If you have never attended the Fall Festival in the park then you are missing out. For many years, Jeff Leithauser has installed the most creative scarecrows throughout the park for all to enjoy. Make your way down to the park for a hot-dog, cider and s'mores. Bring a snack to share with your neighbors (finger food is best) and take the hayride through the park.



Interested in building a scarecrow, or help set up? Come to Picnic Shelter in the School Park on October 6th at 10 a.m. Questions, contact Jeff Leithauser at 412.737.5406

FYI: Jeff is in need of old clothes to make scarecrows. If you have any to donate, please drop them on the Leithauser's front porch at 1108 Princeton Road.

7 The 20th Annual Columbus Day Dinner



When: Sunday, October 7th 6:00 pm
Where: Thornburg School Auditorium

Join Janice and Vinnie Coppola for a homemade Italian feast. \$25 per person to reserve seats. Checks will be returned at dinner to those who attend. RSVP at 604 Hamilton Road. Reservations requested by September 29th.

VERY LIMITED SEATING!

Contact: Janice & Vince Coppola
412.937.8733 or
judythecat@verizon.net



20 President's Reception

When: Saturday, October 20th 2-4:00 p.m.
Where: McShanes' Home
221 Tech Road



Watch for emails on updates and further details.

OCT

31 Halloween Parade

When: Wednesday, October 31st 6:15 p.m.
Where: At the corner of Cornell and Yale

Ghouls and Goblins of all ages are welcome. Trick or Treating immediately follows the Parade.



6 Election Day Bake Sale & Much More

CAST YOUR VOTE AND FILL YOUR TOTE!

When: Tuesday, November 6th 7:00 a.m. until the food is gone!
Where: Thornburg School Auditorium

Chair Maura Pullford 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.
- Stop in and take home some treats. Profits are used to fund community events such as: bonfires, children's programs, and the President's Reception.
- Willing to donate your time and help? Call Maura at 412.928.2708



Please drop off your prepackaged & labeled items in the Auditorium on Monday evening from 6-8:00 p.m.

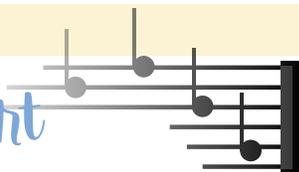
But wait there's more...

- Thornburg Pottery Sale: Only 5 pieces left in stock. Hurry to get yours.
- The 2018 Thornburg Holiday Ornaments & Note cards: \$15 each. All proceeds will help fund the Thornburg Community projects. This years ornament is a Snowman!
- Annual Holiday Charity will be available at the Bake Sale. We've picked something special this year...
- Phelps Nursery Gift Certificates: Remember they make a great holiday gifts for friends and family.

NOV

10 Free Concert

When: Saturday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: School Auditorium



Enjoy the musical combination of the The Chiodi Trio and Janice Coppola for a free concert. Watch the Thornburg e-blasts for further details!



NOV

24 Appalachia Clothing & Dry Goods Drive

When: Drop off deadline, November 24th
Where: The Mackin'ss -1124 Cornell Road

Upper Thornburg - We need another drop off. Anyone interested please contact Eileen Mackin at 4121.921.7876.

Thornburg Pottery

Interested in a piece of Thornburg pottery? There are only five pieces remaining in our inventory.

The three pieces in hunter green are a straight sided vertical jar, a quart jar with rounded upper lip and small bowl.

In cobalt blue, a quart jar with rounded upper lip and quart salt cellar.

To purchase contact Suzy Golitko, sgolitko@verizon.net or 412.922.1125. Whatever is left will be at the Bake Sale.



Get Ready for Fall with Phelps Nursery

Autumn is in the air and that means pumpkins, mums and straw for decorating.

The Thornburg Community Club has a great idea to get you started on fall's festive decorating. 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 gift card sold.

Phelps still has a wide variety of perennials, trees and shrubs. Along with pots, planters, fountains, garden gnomes, bird baths and statuary.

To purchase your gift cards, please contact Suzy Golitko at 412.922.1125 or sgolitko@verizon.net



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 or ThornburgNews@gmail.com.

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If you have any questions in regards to the delivery of the TALK of the TOWN, please contact:

Eileen Mackin:

- 412.921.7876 (Paper delivery)
- ThornburgNews@gmail.com (Electronic delivery)

The following are the due dates for article and news submissions for the 2018-2019 TOT issues.

- November 15th
- January 17th
- March 14th
- June 13th

Thornburg Military Banner Program



Our military banners will be going up again for Veterans Day. If you would like to order a banner, please go to our website to download an application and return to Rita Deluzio ASAP.

<http://troopbanners.com/Thornburg>



Progress on the Baldwin Road Project

The Baldwin Road closure certainly has caused some big changes for us here in Thornburg, such as, increased traffic and traffic violations, police presence, and speed bumps. Thanks to the Borough Council's actions we have a lot more safety on our roads.

Here are images of some of the progress on the Baldwin Road project this summer. Each image was taken one week to 10 days apart. Photo credit: Suzy Golitko.



Aug 8th - Excavation of the roadway and embankment



Aug 23rd - Installed soldier piles for the retaining wall



Sept 2nd - Concrete lagging installed for the retaining wall



Sept 15th - Backfilling and grading the road- preparing for paving

Spring cleaning is year-round and it means return your library books or make used or new book donations! For donations, please leave books in a marked bag or box under the desk in the Thornburg Library. Any returned books can be left on top of the desk. If you would like to have donations picked up at your home, please contact me at the email address below.

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. Any questions, please call Janice Coppola 412.937.8733 or email judythecat@verizon.net

Thornburg Community Club Meetings

Sunday, October 21st
7:00 p.m. in the Library

ALL ARE WELCOME
Extra Help Appreciated

All TCC meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Mark your calendars today!!!