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TALK of the TOWN



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello Thornburg,

Well, here we are, the summer sliding into the fall, another season ending, and a new one beginning, and yet, nothing at all is looking like it normally does. Most people continue to work from home, socializing is physically distant, and school looks nothing like what it used to. And yet, thanks to the contribution and participation of many neighbors, we were able to enjoy some semblance of normalcy and neighborly connection last month. Thank you to so many of you for coming out to support a local business and letting us see your (masked) faces.

Of course, the highlight of this day was the 50th Anniversary of the Thompson's Garage. For those of you who don't know, I grew up next door to the Thompsons, and there are not many of my childhood memories in which they are not involved. After my dad died, I was a constant fixture in the Thompson house, with Molly letting me tag along as a surrogate little sister for years. From weekend cabin trips, and daily swim team practices, art projects on the porch, to karaoke in the basement, I cannot think of the Thompson's without smiling and feeling warmth in my heart.

I know that is what many of you feel for the Thompson's as well, and that is why it was extra disappointing to have to cancel Memorial Day this year. The Thompson's garage is synonymous with Thornburg Memorial Day, and the Thompson's not only willingness, but eagerness and delight in hosting is an example of what we all need more of currently. The Thompson's epitomize what the world needs more of, especially during the current events of the country and world, kindness, decency, and generosity.

So, Mr. & Mrs. Thompson, I'm sure I didn't say it as a child, but thank you. Thank you for so many things that I can't put adequately into words, but mostly, thank you for being an example of what Thornburg truly is.

"Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each Of us offered as a matter of course just one kind word To another person." -Mr. Rogers

Anne Dimond Molinero,
President, Thornburg
Community Club (TCC)



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UPCOMING

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

- Tuesday, October 13th
- Tuesday, November 10th
- Tuesday, December 15th

AROUND

TOWN

See all of Thornburg's upcoming events on Page 6



Borough of Thornburg

COUNCIL NOTES:

Dear neighbors,

AL FRESCO COUNCIL MEETINGS

Over the summer Thornburg Council met al fresco in the Hamilton Road Park Sam Pace shelter for the first time in Thornburg's 121 year history. The October 13 th meeting will likely return indoors and meet at 7 PM in the historic Thornburg School auditorium. Masks for all participants are mandatory, and chairs will be set up to keep everyone 6 feet apart.

PARK SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Thornburg Council is applying for a PA Multimodal Grant to the help defray the substantial costs associated with replacing entirely a 492 foot "failed" sidewalk. This concrete sidewalk segment begins at the historic Thornburg School and continues past the children's playground, basketball court, and baseball field, ending above the community tennis courts.

Over many years the sidewalk slabs have settled unevenly. This situation has been exacerbated over time by intermittent overflow storm water runoff from Lewis Run (known colloquially as Chiodi Brook) and a nearby culvert, a situation that has since been remediated by Thornburg Pubic Works.

HISTORIC SCHOOL RESTORATION

Council continues the restoration and preservation of the historic Thornburg School, and with encouragement from a number of residents will explore opportunities to enhance Hamilton Road Park and its playground.

RECYCLING IN THORNBURG

Valley Waste will have a representative at the October meeting to answer questions regarding curb-side recycling in Thornburg. *See flyer on page 3.*

PRC TRAVELING GLASS BIN VISITS THORNBURG

Thornburg is joining with the Pennsylvania Resources Council to offer one-time contact free glass recycling. The bin will be located beside Rutgers Road just below the Borough Maintenance Building. Glass Drop off will begin Saturday, October 17 th and end Thursday, October 22nd. The PRC accepts glass bottles, jars, and jugs of all colors, no sorting required, but no plastic bags, paper bags, or cardboard. The container's access doors are approximately four feet off the ground. www.prc.org/glassrecycling

Mark Perrott,

On behalf of Borough Council

PRC'S TRAVELING GLASS RECYCLING BIN

PRESENTED BY



SPONSORS

Thornburg Borough

Owens-Illinois

CAP Glass

Support this and other
PRC programs by
becoming a member today at
www.prc.org/membership

NOT ACCEPTED:

cut glass
glass bakeware
mirrors
porcelain and ceramics
stemware
light bulbs
TVs
all other materials
including recyclables

Saturday, Oct. 17 – Thursday, Oct. 22

7 a.m. – 7 p.m., self-serve drop-off

THORNBURG BOROUGH MAINTENANCE BUILDING

25 Rutgers Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Location is under video surveillance

TYPES OF GLASS ACCEPTED:

All colors of glass bottles, jars and jugs **ONLY**

- Caps, lids and labels are acceptable
- Empty all containers



For a complete schedule of PRC's Traveling Glass Recycling Bin locations, visit
prc.org/glassrecycling

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NEIGHBORLY NOTES:

SYMPATHIES

SYLVIA WYATT

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Wyatt family, after the passing of our long time resident Sylvia Wyatt of 1128 Harvard Road on July 6th. May healing and peace find their family in this hard time.

KENNETH KINCAK

Community condolences are extended to Kris and Tony Szmul on the passing of Kris' brother Kenneth on August 5th. No words can heal your loss but know that the members of your community are with you.

Greetings,
Congrats, &
Sympathies

CONGRATULATIONS

MANALI PASTVA KAUL

Congratulation to Madhuri Kaul and Joelen Pastva welcoming their baby girl on August 17th. Manali and your family is such a wonderful addition to our community. All of our best!

ALESSIA JADE

Welcome to the neighborhood, Alessia Jade! The Pecache family, Marla, Michael, and 6 year old daughter Scarlett of Lehigh road welcomed their second daughter on July 31. Congratulations and enjoy your sweet little one!



Weekly WHAT TO DO IN THORNBURG

MONDAY

Pickle-ball



When: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Thornburg Park
Tennis Courts

Bring your tennis shoes (and a paddle if you have one). All are invited to come and learn and join in. Any questions, contact Linda Froehlich
Lfroehlich720@comcast.net

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.



OCT



31 Halloween Trick or Treating

When: Saturday, October, 31st
Where: Around Thornburg

Halloween is a cautious yellow right now. During the October TCC meeting we will confirm plans, watch for email blast for changes. As of today, we are planning on having Trick or Treating in Thornburg but no Parade this year. Neighbors can choose to hand out candy, or leave candy outside for self service. Masks and costumes are always encouraged on Halloween!

NOV

3 Election Day Bake Sale & Much More

CAST YOUR VOTE AND FILL YOUR TOTE!

When: Tuesday, November 3th 7:00 a.m. until the food is gone!
Where: Thornburg School Auditorium



This is our most important fundraiser without it the Community Club will be unable to support community events. To help make this fundraiser easier and safer we are asking all those willing to donate food or goods to have all donations **pre-packed and priced**. Also, Heather Pessey (Tech Rd) has offered to donate soup containers to whomever would need those to package up soups. Please contact her at 412.920.6128. Leave your name and quantity of containers. Willing to donate your time and help? We are in need of volunteers this year and also are looking for a Co-Chair to help with setup, organization and working the Bake Sale. Call Meg at 412.979.2878.

New this year...

- Electronic payment available. Search for the TCC Account in the Venmo App.
- For those who will vote via mail-in ballots or are unable to make the trip to the school, there will be order by phone option with contact-less delivery. Stay tuned for more details.
- *Here's to Thornburg* Book Sales. Only \$25!

And as always the return of the...

- Thornburg Pottery Sale.
- Annual Holiday Charity - Foster Love
- The 2020 Thornburg Holiday Ornaments & Note cards: \$15 each. All proceeds will help fund the Thornburg Community projects.
- Phelps Nursery Gift Certificates: Remember they make a great holiday gifts for friends and family.

2020 Community Picnic Success

The socially distanced picnic held on August 30 was a great success. Many neighbors came to eat, see friends and enjoy the afternoon. The food was delicious provided by The Coop but the best part was seeing familiar faces even through a mask.

For the 50th Anniversary of the Thompson's garage celebration, Judy and Tom Thompson were awarded a glass stein for their commitment to our community. Thank you for being such wonderful neighbors.



“Although we were unable to celebrate with a big party as planned the Thornburg Community Club made the 50th anniversary of our move to Thornburg special. Thanks to hard working Club members for planning the August 30 neighborhood Get-Together and for the engraved “beer” pitcher.

We have never regretted our move to 1142 Dartmouth Rd not because of the house location although its proximity to the playground meant we didn't have to put a swing set in our yard. And our front porch at the center of “downtown” Thornburg means we get to greet all the walkers and dogs who stroll by. Of course Thornburg is a most convenient location because it is a short drive to downtown and the airport. But most importantly we are glad we chose Thornburg because of the people who live here. Our children and our dogs always have had wonderful playmates and so have Tom and I. Because we do not have family in the area our neighbors have become family.

We were lucky to have found this special hidden gem when we moved to the Pittsburgh area.” - Tom and Judy Thompson

Thornburg Community Club Meetings

are now on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME
Extra Help Appreciated

Make a reminder in your calendar for October, 17th 2020 and check Facebook/ e-blasts for summer meeting changes due to COVID.

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.

Foster Love Project Details for 2020

Once again this year, Thornburg Community Club is supporting the 2020 Placement Bag Drive sponsored by Foster Love Project, a local organization dedicated to providing love in action to foster children as well as supporting foster families who are providing care for them.

With often short notice of their arrival, it can be a scramble for foster parents to have basic clothing and necessities for the children placed with them. In addition to the trauma of being removed from their home and family, a child's few belongings are usually placed in a black trash bag. The goal of the Placement Bag Drive is to eliminate the trash bags! Placement Bags can be put in the hands of newly arrived foster children and give them some small comforts, meet some basic needs, and give them something to call their own.

Based on last year's overwhelming response, the Community Club has set a goal to fill at least 20 Placement Bags. At the upcoming Election Day Bake Sale you will have the opportunity to contribute to this drive in several ways:

- Taking a bag for an infant or child, and filling it with the specified items – a list will be provided that will include items such as pajamas, onesies, socks, underwear, small blankets, stuffed animals, books and toiletries
- Donating a \$25 Target or TJMaxx gift card to help us purchase the items needed to fill the bags or to donate to foster families to buy diapers, wipes, and other necessities
- Donating cash/check to help us purchase items to fill the bags




Filled bags and gift cards will be delivered to the Foster Love Project drop-off site in Dormont for distribution to over 21 agencies and shelters in 10 counties throughout Western PA.

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>



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.



Help Wanted!!!

Neighbor looking for a responsible individual to shovel snow and other odd jobs. Interested please email ThornburgNews@gmail.com

DLC Tree Removal Plans in Thornburg

Many of you have noticed lots of trees in Thornburg marked with blue, yellow or pink dots or ribbons. In case you are wondering, these trees are being marked for removal or trimming by a contractor (ACRT) hired by Duquesne Light Company to clear trees anywhere near power lines. Here's what the color coding means:

- Blue – cut down the entire tree
- Yellow – trim the branches
- Pink – under evaluation

Note that any tree marked with BLUE (dot or ribbon) will be cut down even if the tree is living and healthy – but you have a right to object if the trees are healthy and on your property.

DLC must notify you before they can remove any healthy trees on your property. You have a right to object to the removal of any of your healthy trees within 10 business days of notice. Asking for a consultation to trim the trees instead usually yields good results because DLC wants to keep its customers happy. However, they are allowed to remove hazardous (dead, dying) trees without consent, and even healthy trees without consent if the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority authorizes them.

If there are healthy trees marked on your property for removal (blue), we encourage you to take a close look at these trees to decide if you want to keep them. If you do, look for the notice from ACRT or DLC (might come in the mail, but more likely will be hung on your door), so you can notify them that you object to the tree removal, and want them trimmed instead. (DLC must pay for the trimming.) OR – instead of waiting you can call now:


Timothy Potts
ACRT
412-415-9217

Mr. Potts is responsible for providing all notices in Thornburg and responding to any objections. Of course, you can also contact DLC directly to express your concerns.

Thornburg Borough Council is also aware of this situation and will be contacting DLC and ACRT to minimize unnecessary removal of healthy trees on borough property and rights-of-way, while still allowing reasonable trimming to secure power lines.

Thornburg has always been a very special and beautiful place, first-ly because of the people who live here, but also because of the profusion of mature shade trees throughout our community, many of them decades old and hard to replace. Our shade trees give keep us cool in summer, help to stabilize our many hillsides, give us clean air, and a lovely park-like setting to raise our families. Let's keep it that way!

Sincerely,
Celia Bauer



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Do you have any ideas, suggestions, or articles? Please send them to ThornburgTOT@gmail.com or ThornburgNews@gmail.com.

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

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

- **November 18th**



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.