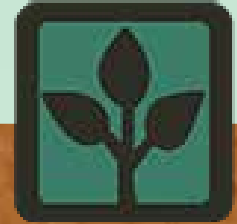


# TALK of the Town



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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Neighbors,

Winter in Pittsburgh brings its own set of challenges and charms, from snowy landscapes to the notorious potholes dotting the roads. As the holiday season fades away, Thornburg locals are gearing up for a vibrant community scene to beat the winter blues.

Residents have a plethora of options to ward off the winter doldrums, from cozy dinner gatherings with friends to immersing themselves in live theater and cheering on local sports teams. Thornburg boasts an array of opportunities within its own borders, ensuring that the community remains lively throughout the colder months.

Our creative neighbors are set to entertain with three one-act plays, showcasing the talent and camaraderie within our tight-knit community. The annual chili cook-off, scheduled for the last weekend of February, promises to warm both stomachs and spirits, bringing residents together over hearty bowls of chili.

For sports enthusiasts, the tennis courts are a hub of activity. Sashi Segu can often be spotted eagerly awaiting a friendly tennis match. In fact, I think he's out there right now just waiting for someone... anyone... to serve a ball his way. Maybe it's a sickness, or maybe his enthusiasm is contagious, encouraging others to join in and stay active even when the temperatures drop.

In the midst of writing this article, I pondered the challenge of capturing the essence of Thornburg's winter vibrancy. Almost succumbing to the



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# Borough of Thornburg

## Council Notes:

Dear Neighbors,

2024 ushered in two big changes to Council as we welcomed Michael Jameson to his first term and said goodbye to long-time member Sam Runyon.

Sam, a multi-term member of Council and handler of Official Borough Canine, Jethro, has decided to retire from his life of public service. Only time will tell what that “retirement” entails, as “retired” former Council Member Mark Perrott, genius behind the Capital Campaign signage, can attest.

A celebration of Sam’s time on Council is no easy feat. Some may remember him for his steadfastly well-balanced and fiscally conscientious approach to governance. Sam didn’t like the idea of the government taking all his constituents’ hard-earned money; he found it taxing.

We could also praise the pivotal role he played in initiating the renovation of the community center. Sam championed the roof replacement project, which developed into the comprehensive Master Plan and playground renovation. Throughout his time on Council, Sam hammered away at these projects and really nailed it.

Of course, Sam was also instrumental in advocating for a Traffic Study, recognizing its potential to contribute to the community’s safety. He knew that his proposed traffic calming measures would be just the ticket to reduce the risk of vehicular and pedestrian incidents in Thornburg. His hard work on these projects will inevitably persist beyond his service.

But for all the good work Sam did over the years, it’s his quick wit and unmatched appreciation for wordplay that Council will miss the most. I know a lot of jokes about retirement, but none of them work. So I’ll just say: thank you Sam for everything you have done for our community over the years. It was a pleasure to serve with you!

Lauren Catanzarite,

Borough Council Member  
*On behalf of Borough Council*

### 2024 COUNCIL APPOINTEES AND CHANGES

<b>President of Council</b>	Vinnie Coppola
<b>VP</b>	Lauren Melfa Catanzarite
<b>Vacancy Board Chair</b>	Lorraine Runyon
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Vera Quinn
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Dorothy Falk
<b>Solicitor</b>	Emily Mueller, Goehring, Rutter and Boehm
<b>Engineer</b>	Clint Reilly, NIRA
<b>Building Inspector</b>	Jarrod D’Amico, Harshman
<b>Zoning Officer</b>	Harshman
<b>Code Enforcement Officer</b>	
<b>Auditor</b>	Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, & Wood
<b>Newspaper of Record</b>	New Pittsburgh Courier
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Vinnie Coppola (4 years)
<b>UCC Appeals</b>	Ken Marino (3 years), two vacancies
<b>Zoning Hearing Board</b>	Joan Britten (3 years)

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



# Town TALK

## Sympathies

Greetings,  
Congrats, &  
Sympathies

### TONY CALIGUIRE

Our deepest sympathies go out to the entire Caliguire family after the passing of Tony Caliguire. Tony of 1121 Harvard Road passed away on January 18<sup>th</sup> surrounded by his family. Ours hearts and thoughts go out to Gina and all of Tony’s family and friends. May you all find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories of Tony. He will be greatly missed.

## Welcome

### DANIEL MURPHY SIMELIS

Please join me in welcoming Danny Murphy Simelis to our Tiny, Terrific Thornburg. Danny was born on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Dan, Julie, Harper and Brooke Simelis on this wonderful addition to your family. We are overjoyed for you.

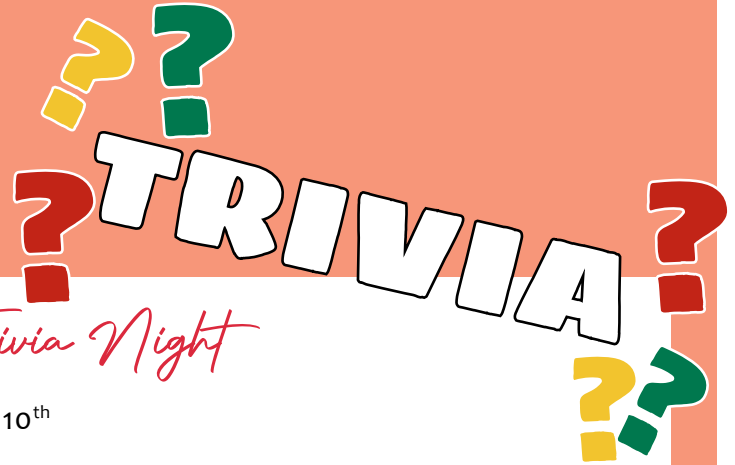
## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT... CONTINUED

temptation of declaring, “I’ve got nothing,” and just submitting pictures of Libby having fun in the snow with her friends. But I realized that our community is far from lacking. Perhaps, the real story lies in the daily moments of connection, whether it’s a play rehearsal, a chili cook-off, or a spirited tennis match – proof that even in the heart of winter, Thornburg thrives with warmth and community spirit.

Brian Catanzarite - President,  
Thornburg Community Club (TCC)



Mark Perrott Photography  
“Snowy scene from the Conservation Park”



# 10 *Rosslyn Farm Trivia Night*

When: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.

Where: Rosslyn Farms Community Center

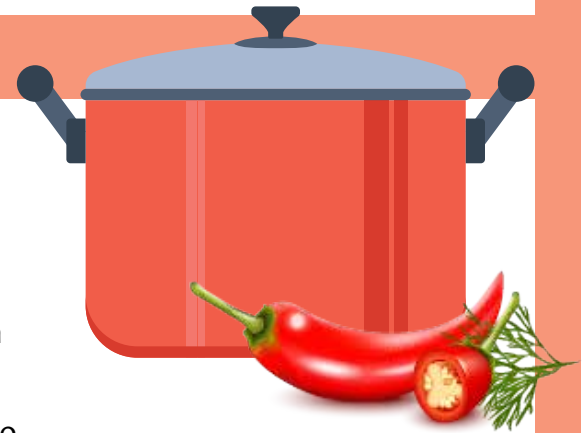
Rosslyn Farms has invited Thornburg to join them at their community center for a Trivia Night. It's BYOB, bring an appetizer or dessert to share and the entrance fee whether cash or food donation will benefit the Crafton Food Bank. Contact Kelly Chiodi for more details.

# 24 *Chili Cook-off*

When: Saturday, February 24<sup>th</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. Watch for emails for any updates and contact Brian Catanzarite to enter this years competition. Even if you don't enter a chilli please come to enjoy. It's "BYO" drink and sides to accompany the chillies. Let's fill our bellies and souls with great food and good conservation.



# Feb 24 *Storytime at the Thornburg Library*

When: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Thornburg Library

Come to the Library for children's storytime and craft. All preschool age and older children are welcome to attend.



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# 23 Easter Egg Hunt & Storytime

When: Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Weather Depending)  
Where: Story in Library & Hunt in the Park



Come to the Library for children's storytime and craft at 9:00 a.m. All preschool age and older children are welcome to attend. Then get ready for the return of Thornburg's Annual Easter Egg hunt. Gather your little ones at the School Park (time TBD) to find all of the eggs the Easter Bunny has hidden.

## Monthly Food Trucks

When: Once a month, 5- 7:00 p.m. (May - Sept.)  
Where: Thornburg School

Looking to break up the monotony of the everyday cooking at home. The Community Club is working on a line-up for this year. Please watch for emails and the next Talk of the Town for more details and list of trucks.



## ? Thornburg Community Yard Sale

When: Saturday, May ??  
Where: All around Thornburg

Got a basement/attic full of unused items? Let's set up a table or two in the yard and make some extra cash. The Thornburg Community Club will advertise our sale on-line to encourage buyers to come to Thornburg. If you have any questions or would like to participate please contact Katie Wentz at [ktlau27@gmail.com](mailto:ktlau27@gmail.com).



May

# 26 Thornburg Memorial Day Parade and Picnic

When: Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Thornburg Community Park



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.  
Veterans Speaker  
Park Activities- 2:45-4:45 p.m.

Mini Olympics, Pickle Ball Tournament and ice cream!  
Animal Show  
Pot Luck Dinner Picnic- 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Music & Merry Making- 6:30-10:00 p.m.



# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## Thornburg Community Club Meetings

are now on Saturday mornings!  
9:00 a.m. in the Library

ALL ARE WELCOME  
Extra Help Appreciated

All TCC meetings will be held on  
the 3rd Saturday of every month.  
Mark your calendars today for  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>!**

## People's Potluck

Are you interested in having lively discussions about current topics with your neighbors? Join the People's Potluck, hosted by Paco Mahone and Anne Dimond. Every other month, we will discuss a relevant topic through book and film. The only rule is that you come to partake in civil discourse. Contact Paco for more information: [pacomahone@mac.com](mailto:pacomahone@mac.com).

## Thornburg Cookbook Submission

The TCC is interested in creating a Thornburg inspired cookbook. If you've had a winning Chili Cook off, Bake Sale favorite, Memorial Day potluck, or holiday party crowd pleasing recipe we are looking for it!

Please submit to

[ThornburgTOT@gmail.com](mailto:ThornburgTOT@gmail.com)

## Thornburg Pottery Sale

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

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

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

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, or you can make an appointment. 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. The library is only accepting donations of hardcover children's books. Please do not drop off anything that would not be acceptable in a children's library or books that are softbound and/or damaged. If you are donating books, leave them in a marked bag or box under the desk in the Thornburg Library and please include name or donor. If you would like to have them picked up at your home, please contact me at [judythecat@verizon.net](mailto:judythecat@verizon.net). Any questions, please call Janice Coppola 735-5973.

## 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.



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 [ThornburgTOT@gmail.com](mailto:ThornburgTOT@gmail.com) or [ThornburgNews@gmail.com](mailto:ThornburgNews@gmail.com).

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2024 due dates for article and news submissions are.

- **March 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **June 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>**

## Watch Your Speed Neighbors

Just a neighborly reminder to everyone to obey all traffic signs and speed limits. Now is the time of year when many of our younger Thornburgers and neighbors are out and about to play with friends, and go for walks. After the detour is lifted we want to make sure everyone stays as safe as possible this summer. Be careful and respectful.



## Crafton-Ingram Food Pantry Needs Help and Donations

The Crafton Ingram Food Pantry located at the Crafton UP Church at 80 Bradford Avenue is in great need for all non-perishable food items and other donations. Since the pandemic, the service doubled from 50 families to 100 families. Their shelves are always empty. There is never any reserve.



Donations can be dropped off at either Suzy Golitko front porch (220 Tech Road) anytime or 80 Bradford Avenue on Tuesdays & Wednesdays between 9-12. If you have any questions or would like to help more please call 412-921-2293, ext. 3.

Please help support and nourish our less fortunate community members and make a donation today.

## Phelp's Nursery Gift Cards

The Thornburg Community Club has a great idea to get you started on the perfect backyard or garden space. **These gift cards make great gifts for friends and family.** You can purchase gift cards in \$50 or \$100 denominations to use for your purchases at Phelps Nursery, just 5 minutes from Thornburg on Route 60. For every \$50 purchased, The Community Club earns \$10!

To purchase your gift cards, please contact Kris Szmul 412.922.5417 or [krisandtony0504@gmail.com](mailto:krisandtony0504@gmail.com)





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*Holiday Photo Wrap-up*

