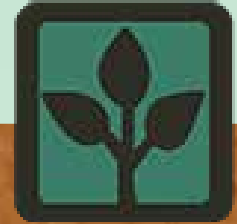


# TALK of the Town



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Neighbors,

“Babe, wake up! New unprecedented times!” “Can we circle back to precedented times?”

“May you live in interesting times,” is a quote that has been debunked as being an ancient curse. But consider why the phrase is deemed ... curse-ive, no that’s not right... curse-ish ... curse-esque ... curse-adjacent ... pointedly ominous, is because “interesting times” are often marked by upheaval of some kind. From a global pandemic and economic instability, to political violence, to an uptick in devastating natural disasters, we are seeing our share of interesting times.

Don’t worry, rest your hackles, this isn’t a political message. In fact, this is a message to remind you that your hackles NEED resting. In these continuously unprecedented times, self-care is more crucial than ever. As we navigate challenges that impact our mental and physical well-being, prioritizing self-care can provide much-needed respite. Engaging in activities that bring joy, such as reading, exercising, or connecting with loved ones, helps to alleviate stress and fosters resilience. Mindfulness practices, like meditation or deep breathing, can enhance emotional stability, allowing us to better cope with uncertainty.

Remember that self-care is not selfish; it is essential for maintaining our health and supporting those around us. By taking time for ourselves, we can recharge and approach our daily lives with renewed energy and perspective.



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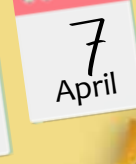
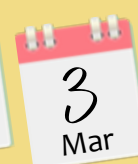
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*Upcoming*

Borough Council Meetings  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at  
7:00 p.m.



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# Borough of Thornburg *Council Notes:*

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Council is looking forward to serving Thornburg in 2025. We welcome the following Borough appointees who were confirmed unanimously at the January meeting:

Solicitor – Emily Mueller, GRB Law  
Engineer – Clint Reilly, NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.  
Building Inspector - Jarrod D’Amico, Harshman Civil Engineering Group  
Zoning Officer – Harshman Civil Engineering Group  
Code enforcement – Harshman Civil Engineering Group  
Secretary/Treasurer – Kristina Szmul  
Auditor – Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood  
Newspaper of record – New Pittsburgh Courier  
Planning Commission – Vinnie Coppola  
Zoning Hearing Board – Joan Britten  
UCC Appeals – Ken Marino

As a reminder, all are welcome at our meetings, which occur on the First Monday of each month.

Lauren Catanzarite,  
Borough Council Member  
*On behalf of Borough Council*

*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.*



Mark Perrott Photography  
“Snowy scene from the Conservation Park”

# Town TALK

Neighborhoodly Notes:



## Welcome

JACOB NATHANIEL WENTZ

Please join me in welcoming Jacob Nathaniel Wentz to our Tiny, Terrific Thornburg. Jacob was born on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Matt, Katie and Nolan on this wonderful addition to your family.

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT... CONTINUED

Figure out what brings you some peace. Embrace your self-care routines. Give yourself some grace when you come up short of what the inner jagoff portion of your brain tells you should have accomplished. And most of all, look out for each other.

Brian Catanzarite - President,  
Thornburg Community Club (TCC)

# Weekly WHAT TO DO IN Thornburg

MONDAY

Pickle-ball



When: 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Thornburg Park  
Tennis Courts (weather permitting)

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

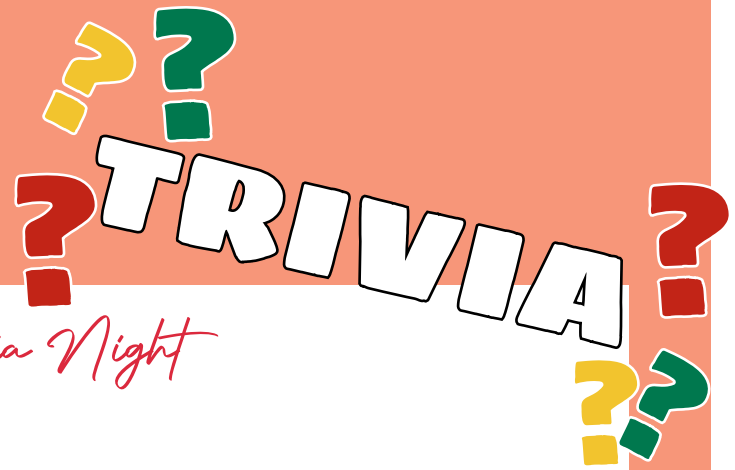
WEDNESDAY

Tai Chi



When: 11:00 a.m.  
Where: Community Center Auditorium

Spring tai chi classes are available to all Thornburg residents Wednesday mornings. If interested, call Celia Bauer at 412-498-4454 or just stop by on a Wednesday morning to join in!



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### Rosslyn Farm Trivia Night

When: Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m

Where: Rosslyn Farms Community Center

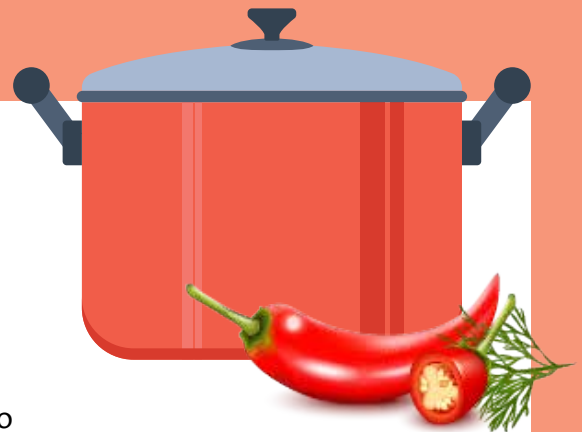
Rosslyn Farms has invited Thornburg to join them at their community center for a Trivia Night. It's BYOB, bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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### Chili Cook-off

When: Saturday, February 15<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. (brian.catanzarite@gmail.com) Even if you don't enter a chili 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. We've also invited Rosslyn Farms to compete and join in the fun. So lets have a good Thornburg presence and meet some new folks. Good luck to those chili connoisseurs.

Feb

Interested in receiving email blasts from the TCC about upcoming events and happenings?

Send us an email at [ThornburgNews@gmail.com](mailto:ThornburgNews@gmail.com). Let us know you wish to be added to the group.



# 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 15<sup>th</sup>!**

## 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)

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. The library is not taking any book donations at this time. Any questions, please call Janice Coppola 412 735 5973 or email [judythecat@verizon.net](mailto:judythecat@verizon.net)

## Phelps 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 [krisandtonyo504@gmail.com](mailto:krisandtonyo504@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.

## Tiny Terrific Thornburg Heads Up!!!

The Crafton Food Bank 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.

## 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

Several times a month I pop down to the Crafton-Ingram Food Pantry to drop off donations of food and grocery bags left on my front porch from our tiny, terrific borough.

Each time I am warmly greeted by the small volunteer staff. Each time I am always thanked for our generous support. Each time I am asked to give an address so they can send us a thank you letter. Each time I tell them to save the stamp and the stationery, I will pass their thanks along to our neighborhood.

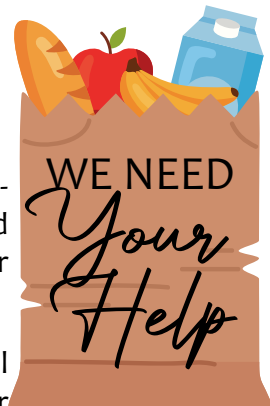
The Crafton Ingram Food Pantry located at the Crafton UP Church at 80 Bradford Avenue is in great need for all non-perishable food items and other donations. Since the pandemic, the service doubled from 50 families to 100 families. Their shelves are always empty. There is never any reserve.

Donations can be dropped off at either my 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.

Sincerely Your Neighbor,

Suzy Golitko



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2025 due dates for article and news submissions are.

- **March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **June 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **September 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 12<sup>th</sup>**

# Thornburg 2025 Luminaria Wrap Up

For over 60 years, candles have been lit, glowing in brown paper bags to create beautiful lanterns lining the streets of our community. It brings a sense of wonder and tranquility.

On December 24th, weather permitting, Thornburgers welcome the holiday season with the traditional luminaria candle lighting. There is a devoted committee of volunteers who keep the candles burning. Many thanks to the street coordinators who deliver the order forms, collect the payments and drop them off to me, Suzy Golitko, in time for kit making day. This crew includes Anna Mihalega, Vera Quinn, Laura Irwin, Kelly Chiodi, Gina Caliguire, Mary Kubiak, Rita Deluzio, Shai Lin Horstman, Mary Ditmore, Brenda Mack, Meg McConomy, Mary Grogan, Carol Ashby, Heather Pessy, Elisa Rosenblat and Julie Simelis.

Our borough maintenance team, Rob and George, fill 200 sand bags and deliver them to each home, never faltering when I phone in a last minute delivery. The sand is generously donated each year by our very own Mayor. Thank you, gentlemen, for your help year after year after year.

Kit packing day went very smoothly with good-neighbor assistance from Lorraine and Sam Runyon, Tony Szmul, Mayor Tom Mackin with granddaughter Jane Mackin, Douglas and Rebecca Price, my sister, Georgine Golitko and me. And let's not forget our mascots Jethro & Randi Runyon. We truly could have used a few extra kit makers this year, but everyone there was happy to step up and get the job done.

Additional appreciation goes to Sam and Tony who loaded the boxes of kits into their cars and delivered them to the street coordinator's homes, navigating steep driveways and many steps. Jane, who trained at the bag counting and was quickly promoted to kit packer and table runner. Georgine, who was trained at candle counting and was quickly promoted to box packer and traffic manager. Our refreshment coordinator, Sam Runyon, supplying donuts and hot chocolate.

And a sincere thank you to each and every neighbor who is able to participate, folding down their bags, and perhaps those of an elderly or out-of-town neighbor, scooping cups of sand and lighting their candles to create the continuous glow of street lanterns. – wonder and tranquility.



# Foster Love Project 2024 - Update and Wrap Up

## Foster Love Project Update:

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Thornburg Community Club service project for 2025! Once again, we supported the Foster Love Project (FLP) – an incredible organization dedicated to providing love in action to kids in foster care as well as support to the families who are providing care for them. Just in this past year FLP:

- Hosted 986 Shoppers in their “Free store” – including infants, children and teens
- Served 600 families in the Pittsburgh region
- Distributed 1,842 Placement bags

Placement bags, given to children at the time of placement into a foster home, are only one part of FLP’s mission. They also provide programs to help empower and support the kids and families experiencing foster care or adoption.

Through your kindness and generosity Thornburg donated 22 very thoughtfully filled placement bags – as well as new winter coats, clothing, gift cards, and personal care products. We also presented the founder of FLP with a check for \$1000 from the cash donations received to help support their mission.

Thanks to all of you for contributing to this special project – and an extra thank you to Susan Kelly, Lorraine Runyon, Mary Allison Bogosta, and Sarah Mahone who helped support this year’s project. Kids in foster care face challenges that most of us cannot imagine – these contributions will help them to know they are not forgotten.



## What's New & Upcoming in the TCC Watch for email blasts for more info

Getting Involved: Got an idea for a community event? Come to a TCC meeting every 3rd Saturday of the month a present it to the group or email us today. Everyone is welcome. Here is what the TCC is working on for the rest of year...

*April:*

**THORNBURG EASTER EGG HUNT**

*May*

**2025 FOOD TRUCKS  
MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC**

*September*

**ADULT EDUCATION???  
PRESIDENTS RECEPTION  
ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE**

*December*

**THORNBURG HOLIDAY PARTY  
SANTA CRUISES THORNBURG  
LUMINARY**