

TALK of the Town



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Neighbors,

IT'S SPRING!! Store away those heavy coats and gloves! Or don't yet because as I'm typing this... it's snowing. So, it's Spring-ish?! But any day now, Spring will be in full bloom. Blooming flowers, budding trees, watery eyes, runny noses... (Would you believe it's actually my favorite season?)

Prevailing over the allergies and the daily temperature swings, Thornburg thrives in Spring. The days grow longer - in a good way! From firing up the grills for neighborhood cookouts to enjoying lazy afternoons on the porch or deck, there's a sense of community and camaraderie that comes with the change in seasons. It's a time when the entire neighborhood comes alive after the hibernation of winter.

Relaxation and leisure aren't the only highlights. It's high school musical season, prom season, graduation season. It's a time for outdoor adventures. It's time for Kennywood!! There's a special feeling of excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead and the memories created.

It's a time to plant those flowers and get those gardens ready. Or it's too late for that. I don't know, I'm not great with that stuff. But I will be cutting my grass soon. That much I know.

Never mind the work that goes into making those yards look immaculate, the payoff culminates in how great the neighborhood looks for our Memorial Day celebration. It's a great event that we all cherish for how it brings us together for fun, food and revelry.

Get your allergy meds ready, stock up on your gardening supplies, and brace yourselves for the cookouts and parties. Spring is here! See yinz outside!

Brian Catanzarite - President,
Thornburg Community Club (TCC)



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



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Borough of Thornburg

Council Notes:

Dear Neighbors,

Earlier this year, our beloved long time Borough Secretary, Dorothy Falk, announced her retirement after 15 years in the role. There is no send off that can possibly capture all she has helped accomplish for the Borough and all of the support she has provided Council over the years (but we are going to try!).

Like many of us, Dorothy easily fell in love with Thornburg and its residents, particularly her husband, Andy Falk. A graduate of Lehigh University, Dorothy's early jobs included working with banks' customer data and as a marketing consultant in the insurance and investments industry. She went back to school, earning a Master's Degree in Education, and taught elementary school in Colorado.

Eventually, though, like so many Thornburgers, she and Andy returned to the Borough, raising their family in a house on Hamilton Road across the street from Sigo and Jean. On their return to Western Pennsylvania, Andy and Dorothy bought a ski shop, which is where she first learned the bookkeeping, accounting, and financial reporting that would make her an invaluable addition to Thornburg's leadership.

Dorothy started as Thornburg Borough Secretary in October of 2008 and in the ensuing years, has held similar positions with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Highland Park (2012-2022) and for Rosslyn Farms (since 2019). When asked which projects she was most proud of in her time with the Borough, Dorothy highlighted

- Working with Council in the development of a Master Plan to make sure that our borough assets are being taken care of, especially the Community Center
- Being part of a Capital Campaign that raised \$403K+ in pledges to improve the Community Center and playground
- Applying for and receiving \$557K+ in grants since 2017, and
- Establishing a retirement plan for our public works employees

Dorothy praised Council's collaborative efforts with these projects and the incredible learning experience her time on Council has been.

Dorothy leaves what she has developed into a well-oiled machine in the capable hands of Kris Szmul, a 12 year resident of Tech Road and past Treasurer of the Thornburg Community Club. After interviewing two exceptionally well-qualified candidates, Council unanimously approved of Kris' hiring at its February meeting.

Congratulations, best of luck and thank you, Dorothy! Welcome, Kris!

Lauren Catanzarite,

Borough Council Member

On behalf of Borough Council

Correction: In the Council Notes section January 2024 issue, Newspaper record is the New Pittsburgh Courier not Pittsburgh Post Gazette Thank you

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

Neighborhoodly Notes:



Sympathies

STEVE MACKIN

Our deepest sympathies go out to the entire Mackin family after the sudden passing of Steve Mackin (1176 Harvard Road). Our hearts and thoughts go out to Ruth and all of their family and friends. Such a tragic and shocking loss for their family and our entire neighborhood. Prayers and condolences to you all.

Welcome

MARKO KORPAR-MCCANN

Please join me in welcoming Marko Korpar-McCann. Congratulations Tom, Megan, and big brother Dale of 533 Hamilton Road on this wonderful addition to your family. We are all so happy for a healthy and happy new baby in neighborhood.

SEAN AND MARY ALLISON

Please welcome Sean and Mary Allison Bogosta to Thornburg. Sean and Mary Allison bought 680 Hamilton Road in late 2023. They are a wonderful addition of our Tiny, Terrific Thornburg. Hoping to seeing you both around town this spring.

Weekly

WHAT TO DO IN

Thornburg

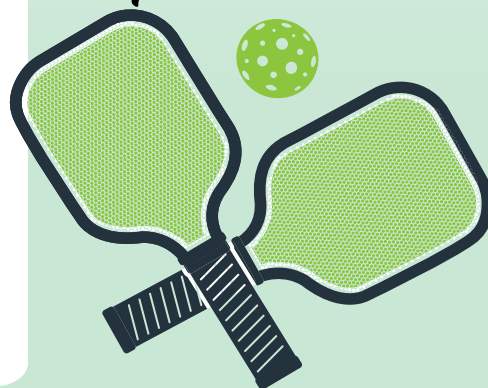
MONDAY

Pickle-ball 

When: 6:00 p.m.

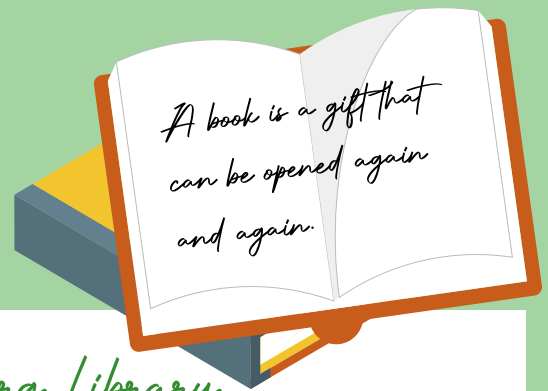
Where: Thornburg Park
Tennis Courts

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



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April

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Story time at the Thornburg Library

When: 4th Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m.
Where: Thornburg Library

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

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Food Trucks Start May 14

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 has a solution for you. For a complete list of Trucks see page 12.



May

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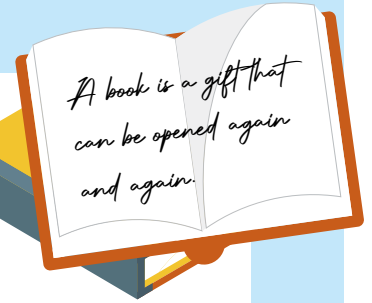
Thornburg Community Yard Sale

When: Saturday, May 18th, 8:00 a.m. - Noon
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.



25 Story time at the Thornburg Library



When: 4th Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m.
Where: Thornburg Library

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

26 Thornburg Memorial Day Parade and Picnic



When: Sunday, May 26th, 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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!

Pot Luck Dinner Picnic- 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Music & Merry Making- 6:30-10:00 p.m.

May

21 Rosslyn Farms/Thornburg Blood Drive

When: Friday, June 21st, Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Where: Rosslyn Farms Community Center (Calvert Room)
400 Kings Highway, Carnegie, PA 15106

The American Red Cross, in partnership with the TCC and Rosslyn Farm's Community, will hold another closed blood drive for any resident who wish to give the gift of life. To register go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>. Go to the search bar in the top left corner and type "community center". Pick your preferred time and save a life.

All donations will be tested for the COVID19 antibodies. Blood with a high level of antibodies will have the plasma extracted to be used as Convalescent Plasma for those with COVID19.



June

Thornburg Chili Cook-off 2024 Winners and Photos



Zac Kamnikar
1st Place Crowd Choice



Mark Perrott
1st Place Judge's Choice



Airline Chili Backstory - 1st Place Judges Choice Winner

By Mark Perrott

In the mid 60's my father frequently traveled for Westinghouse on American Airlines. He sometimes brought home gifts; lobsters from Boston, sourdough bread from San Francisco, and after one trip the airline's magazine called The American Way. It appeared along with safety instructions in every seat back compartment. That issue included this recipe that our family nicknamed "Airline Chili." This recipe has been entered twice in competitions; once at Clearview Stables, where Joan boarded her horse Jason, and this year in the prestigious Thornburg Chili Cook-Off, winning a first prize both times. The recipe has officially retired and is offered to our neighbors. (The recipe lists "suet" as an ingredient. Joan found it by asking the butcher at Giant Eagle.) Hope you enjoy "Jim Perrott's Airline Chili." Buen Provecho.



Airline Chili



directions

The way to make a good chili is to use a big heavy pot allows too much heat to fast.

Add to the pot 3 walnut sized-balls of ground beef suet and bacon cut into small pieces. Cook out the fat. Don't crimp on fat; Chili is akin to good tomato sauce for pasta or curry, in that there must be enough fat to grab and suspend the powders and liquids if you want a satiny-smooth liquid-sauce. Never use oil or butter, always meat fat, especially some pork.

Add lean beef chuck, and round beef cut into thumb-nail sized pieces. Cook to brown the meat.

Add to meat garlic; cook lightly; add paprika, oregano, cumin, salt, pepper, and chili powder. Cook all lightly.

In another pan heat 2-4 walnut sized pieces of ground beef suet; cook out fat. Add onions (coarsely chopped). Cook until golden brown, until they almost burn; add to the meat pot. De-glaze with 1 can of beef broth and add to beef. Cook stirring, for 3 minutes. Add one more can of beef broth, and cans of tomatoes into chili. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2 - 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Uncover and cook down for about 1/2 hour, adding drained beans.

ingredients

- Ground beef suet
- 4 Slices of bacon
- 2 Lb. Ground lean beef chuck
- 2 Lb. Round of beef
- 3 Cloves of garlic
- 1 Big tbsp paprika
- 1 Big tsp oregano
- 3/4 Tsp cumin
- 1 2/3 Tbsp salt
- 3/4 Tsp pepper
- 1/4 Cayenne pepper
- 6-9 Tbsp chili powder
- 2 Bermuda onions or Spanish onions
- 2 Cans beef broth
- 6 Cup canned tomatoes
- 2 Cans (1 lb) pinto beans or 1 1/2 can kidney beans



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
April 20th!

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.

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

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 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. 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 or ThornburgNews@gmail.com.

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Eileen Mackin:

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

2024 due dates for article and news submissions are.

- **June 5th**
- **September 11th**
- **November 13th**

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.

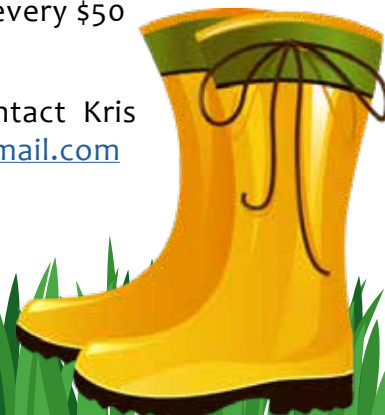
Please help support and nourish our less fortunate community members and make a donation today.



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



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Egg Hunt & Spring Story time

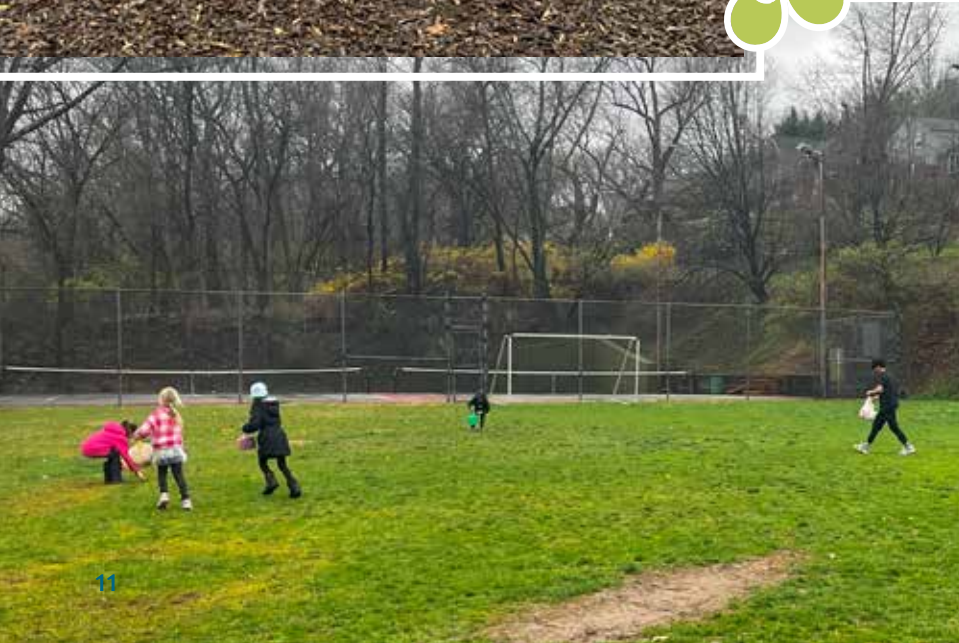


Children's author and president of the National Garden Club, Brenda Moore sharing her stories with our young readers. Her stories are available at the Thornburg Library for everyone's enjoyment.



The cold and wet weather did not stop these egg hunters. Everyone "patiently" awaited the Bunny's go ahead before racing down the hill for treats.







Starting **MAY 14TH**

Join to help support
our LOCAL BUSINESSES

545 HAMILTON ROAD
FROM 5:00 - 7:00 PM.



May **14TH**



June **11TH**



July **16TH**



Aug **20TH**

4:30-
7:30 pm



Sept **10TH**



Sept **25TH**

4:30-
7:30 pm

MOST TRUCKS ACCEPT CASH, CREDIT CARDS AND APPLE PAY.