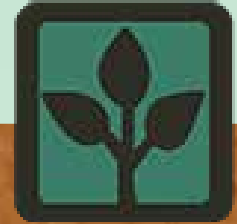


TALK of the Town



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Spring Has Sprung in Thornburg — and So Have We!

Neighbors, it's that time of year again! The days are getting longer, the birds are back, and if you've driven past Hamilton Road lately, you may have noticed a few familiar faces dusting off their pickleball paddles and reclaiming the park. Spring in Thornburg hits different, and your Community Club is here for every bit of it — tissues in hand.

First things first — a huge thank you to everyone who has stayed connected and engaged through the quieter winter months. This borough may be small, but the community spirit here is anything but. Whether you've been waving from your porch or pitching in behind the scenes, it means the world.

As we head into the warmer season, the Club has plenty in store — and we're kicking things off with some big news. The Thornburg Players are back, and they're bringing John Guare's beloved comedy *The House of Blue Leaves* to the stage right here at the Auditorium. Dates are coming soon, so keep your eyes peeled — assuming the pollen hasn't sealed them shut — and your calendars flexible. Trust us, you won't want to miss this one.

Beyond the stage, we're looking forward to getting people out to the park, reconnecting at community gatherings, and making 2026 a year to remember. Of course, actually getting outside requires navigating what can only be described as Pennsylvania's signature springtime chaos — 70 degrees and sunny on Tuesday, frost warning by Thursday, and a 40% chance of "what is even happening" all weekend. Dress in layers, people. Keep a jacket in the car. You know the drill. But here's the thing — while we can't predict what the sky is going to do from one day to the next, we can always count on each other. The weather in Thornburg may be anybody's guess, but the community never is. That consistency — neighbors showing up, looking out, and staying connected — is what makes this little borough something special, rain or shine or inexplicable April sleet.

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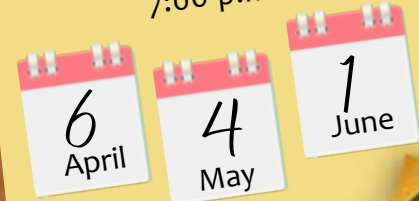
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Borough Council Meetings
1st Monday of every month at
7:00 p.m.



AROUND

TOWN

See all of Thornburg's upcoming events on Page 4



Borough of Thornburg

Council Notes:

Dear Neighbors,

Residents gathered recently for a brainstorming session to shape the vision for the upcoming Auditorium and lower-level renovation at the Borough's Community Center. Groups including the Community Club, the Thornburg Village Players, Borough Council, and Crafton Children's Corner representatives shared ideas for how the basement and auditorium spaces could better serve the neighborhood. Proposed uses included events such as Memorial Day and holiday celebrations, productions and practices, community meetings, educational programs, and storage needs for various groups. A strong shared priority was creating an upgraded, multipurpose auditorium with improved A/V capabilities such as LED lighting and projector setups so the space can be used for movie nights, TCC events, and performances.

Available storage was a major focus across all participating groups. The meeting highlighted the need for expanded and better-organized shared storage. Additional recommendations included modernizing bathrooms and developing an open, functional lobby/kitchen area, which will be particularly useful during Memorial Day and Village Player performances. Look here for updates as planning takes shape!

In addition, the long-awaited Hamilton Road Sidewalk Project will begin the week of March 23, weather permitting. This project is made possible by grant funding through PennDOT (which will cover the sidewalk and fence replacement) and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) (which will cover the design of the project and construction cost of the retaining walls). Construction will begin near the tennis courts, where crews will begin demolition of approximately 150 feet of sidewalk, followed by forming and pouring new sections with reinforced concrete. Orange fencing will be installed to protect children and pedestrians near the playground during early April work phases. The tennis courts are expected to be usable again by Memorial Day once the initial phase is complete.

Parking will be restricted along Hamilton Road during major construction activities, and traffic access will be limited during work hours. As the project progresses, the school's main entrance will temporarily move to the rear of the building. Borough Council expresses its appreciation for residents' patience as improvements are made to enhance the safety and quality of the sidewalks and surrounding street. ([LINK TO CONSTRUCTION NOTICE on page 7](#))

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.

Town TALK

Neighborhoodly Notes:

Sympathies

Greetings,
Congrats, &
Sympathies

NANCY LOVE

We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Leslie Young on the passing of her mother Nancy Love. May you find peace and comfort during this hard time.

ROSS PISANO

It is with great sadness that I inform our community of the passing of Ross Pisano of 241 Tech Road. Our greatest sympathies are extended to Lillian Brantimarti and the Pisano family.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

And yes, everything is blooming beautifully right now in between the meteorological mood swings. Yes, your sinuses are aware. We suffer together, neighbors, and we do it with grace.

If you've been thinking about getting more involved with the Club, spring is the perfect moment to jump in. We always welcome fresh energy, new ideas, and neighbors who just want to show up and be part of something good. There's a place for everyone here — on the courts, in the audience, or behind the scenes with a box of Claritin.

Here's to sunshine, open courts, and a little drama — the theatrical kind, of course.

See you outside. Gesundheit.

Warmly,

Sashi Segu- President, Thornburg Community Club



Winter in the park - taken by Mark Perrott

A beautiful example of beautiful the snow fall is but love to see it melt in the 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 **WEATHER PERMITTING**. Any questions, contact Linda Froehlich - Lfroehlich720@comcast.net

WEDNESDAY

Tai Chi -

When: 11:00 a.m. -

Where: Community Center Auditorium

Join your neighbors for some slow and gentle exercise! Tai Chi is proven by medical science to reduce stress and improve balance, flexibility, and memory retention. Contact Celia Bauer for more info or just show up. All adults are welcome.

March

AROUND

TOWN

28 Easter Egg Hunt & Storytime



When: Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m.
Where: Hunt in the Park (Weather Depending)

Come to the Community Center for a story at 10:00 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 to find all of the eggs the Easter Bunny has hidden.

16 Thornburg Community Yard Sale

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
MAY THORNBURG



When: Saturday, May 16th 8:00 a.m. - whenever
Where: All around Thornburg

Got a basement/attic full of unwanted items? 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.

19 Food Trucks Start May 13

Full details on page 10



24 Thornburg Memorial Day Parade and Picnic



When: Sunday, May 24th, 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Where: Thornburg Community Park

Parade- 2:00 p.m. (sharp) Mini Olympics, Tattoo Artist, and Tennis/Pickle Ball Tournament
Meet at 1:45 at Hamilton & Smith
All kids are welcome to decorate their bikes or wagons, and join in on the parade. Pot Luck Dinner Picnic- 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Park Activities- 2:45-4:45 p.m. Music & Merry Making- 6:30-10:00 p.m.

See flyer on page 12 for more information.

May

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Rosslyn Farms/Thornburg Blood Drive

When: Friday, June 17th, 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.

SAVE
LIVES
BLOOD
DRIVE

June

Campbells Run Road - Improvement Project

The Allegheny County Department of Public Works is making a \$45.8 million investment in the area to significantly improve a critical section of Campbells Run Road. The project will enhance safety, roadway drainage, and traffic flow, reducing bottlenecks caused by drivers turning onto more than 50 side streets and driveways from the two-lane road.

The project recently started and is expected to end in 2031. It includes:

- Reconstruction and widening of Campbells Run Road between McMichael Road and Keiners Lane to add a two-way center turn lane, as well as left- and right-turn lanes at major intersections
- Realignment of Boyce Road and Parkway View Drive to create a new four-way intersection with traffic signals
- Widening of the I-376 westbound off-ramp (Exit 62) to Campbells Run Road
- Construction of nine retaining walls and two stormwater management basins
- Significant overhead and underground utility relocations and replacements

Traffic restrictions will be necessary to make the improvements while also maintaining access to businesses, homes, and other properties along the corridor:

- Through the end of 2026, there will be periodic lane closures between Keiners Lane and McMichael Road
- Future phases between 2027 and 2031 will include a westbound (outbound) closure of parts of Campbells Run Road. Eastbound (inbound) traffic will be maintained throughout the project, as will two-way traffic between the I-376 westbound off-ramp (Exit 62) and Boyce Road. Future traffic restrictions with more specific details will be announced through Allegheny County press releases and social media

Drivers should expect delays and plan for alternative routes. For more information and updates about the project, visit <https://engagement.alleghenycounty.us/campbells-run-road-improvement-project>.

Interested in receiving email blasts from the TCC about upcoming events and happenings? Send us an email at 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 21st!

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.

Thornburg Library

The Thornburg Memorial Library is located in the Community Building, 545 Hamilton Road. Our 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

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 \$100, \$250 or any other amount available upon request 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

Thornburg Cookbook Submission

The TCC is interested in creating a Thornburg inspired cookbook. Submit your favorite recipe from Chili Cook off, Bake Sale, Memorial Day potluck, or holiday party crowd pleaser to ThornburgTOT@gmail.com



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.



CONSTRUCTION & PAVING NOTICE

Thornburg Borough Council - Hamilton Road Sidewalk Project
Anticipated Construction Dates: Weather Permitting
March 23rd - May 2026



- No parking along Hamilton Road during major construction, milling and paving
- Construction to begin along the tennis courts
- Traffic will be restricted during construction hours
- School main entrance will temporarily be in the back of the building during the later phases of construction

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to improve the safety of our sidewalks and streets. Thank you.
-Thornburg Borough Council

Questions, please contact thornburg.secretary@gmail.com.



Our Local Food Pantry Needs Donations

Your donations go a long way to help families in need, a number that has almost tripled since the pandemic 2019-2020. You have a lot of choices when it comes to donating, and the Food Pantry is very grateful for our support. Any size donation of non-perishable foods, and of course, the plastic grocery bags can be dropped off on my front porch at 220 Tech Road 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.

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

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Colleen Kamnikar:

- 412.689.3479 (Paper delivery)
- ThornburgNews@gmail.com (Electronic delivery)

2026 due dates for article and news submissions are.

- **March 18th**
- **June 17th**
- **September 16th**
- **November 18th**

2026 Chili Cookoff Wrap Up & Winners

The Thornburg Chili Cookoff 2026 was a hot success! With overwhelming attendance from both Thornburg and Rosslyn Farms.

Our contestants this year were:

Barry Nelson - Rosslyn Farms

Tim Tobitsch - Rosslyn Farms

Jude Frank - Rosslyn Farms

Erin O'Toole - Rosslyn Farms

Joe Caragher - Thornburg

★ Sam Runyon - Thornburg -Winner - Judges' Vote

Zac Kamnikar- Thornburg

Kathryn Carr - Thornburg

★ Mike Ambeliotis - Rosslyn Farms -Winner -Popular Vote

George Kilipo, Neal Rosenblat and Brian Catanzarite were judges. Everyone enjoyed delicious varieties of homamde chilies and even more enjoyable company. Sam Runyon's was kind enough to share is winning chili recipe with us here at the TOT. Thank you everyone who participated, judged, and supported this fun event.

Chili Colorado Edgar Rico



directions

1. Remove stems and seeds from dried chiles. Heat a Dutch Oven over medium-high and add chiles and toast, turning frequently, until fragrant and darkened, 1-1 1/2 minutes.
2. Pour chicken stock over chiles to halt toasting. Bring to a brief boil, then remove from heat. Cover Dutch Oven and let chiles soften for 30-60 minutes.
3. Transfer rehydrated chiles to a blender and let cool slightly. Add 3 cups of the soaking liquid and blend until smooth. Transfer remaining soaking liquid to a bowl and set aside.
4. Wipe out Dutch Oven and heat over medium-high with oil. Season pork generously with salt and pepper. Working in batches to avoid overcrowding the pot, brown pork, 5-7 minutes per batch. Transfer to a Sheet Pan or Platter. (You're not trying to cook it through, just browning the exterior of the pork for good flavor.)
5. Remove Dutch Oven from heat. Add garlic and sage and cook, stirring, until fragrant about 1 minute. Add cumin and oregano. Add about 1 cup reserved soaking liquid and return Dutch Oven to medium heat. Deglaze the bottom of the Dutch Oven, scraping with a Wooden Spoon to remove browned bits.
6. Return pork to Dutch Oven. Add chile puree, bay leaves, and remaining soaking liquid. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium, and simmer covered until pork is very tender, 40-60 minutes. Check pork as it cooks and adjust heat to maintain a simmer, if needed. Alternatively, bake, covered, in a 225F oven for 6-8 hours.
7. Remove lid and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes more, until the concoction is a beautiful, thick, smooth mahogany color. The sauce should be thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Taste and season with salt and pepper, as needed.
8. Serve topped with a sprinkle of flaky salt, sliced red onion, cilantro, lime wedges, and tortillas.

ingredients

- 5 dried ancho chiles
- 2 dried guajillo chiles
- 2 dried New Mexico or pasilla chiles
- 8 cups room temperature chicken stock
- 4 pounds boneless pork shoulder, cut into 1" cubes
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2-3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced fresh sage leaves (or 1 teaspoon ground)
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano
- 3 bay leaves
- Flaky sea salt
- 1/2 medium red onion, thinly sliced, for serving
- Cilantro leaves, lime wedges, and flour or corn tortillas, for serving

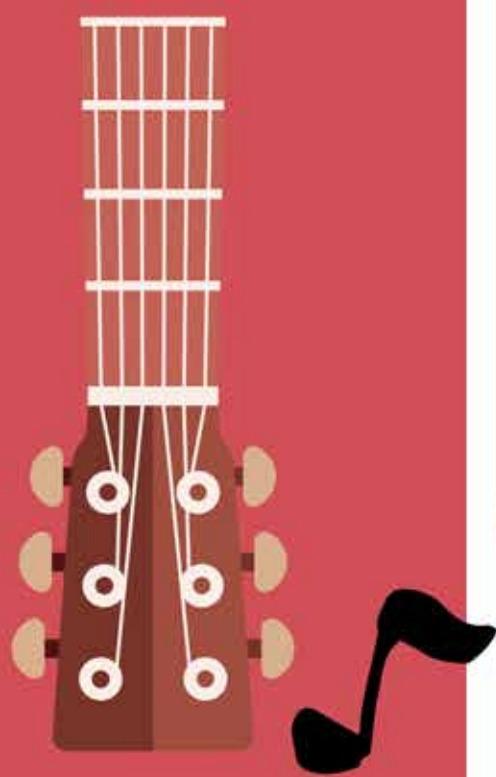


In production...

*The House
of
Blue Leaves*



**Thornburg
Village Players**



SUNDAYS THIS
SUMMER

7:00 TO
8:30 P.M.



CONCERTS IN THE PARK

HAMILTON PARK

FEATURING:

JUNE 14TH RAS PROPHET

&

JULY 12TH KINGS RANSOM



FOODTRUCK

THORNBURG EVENT

Join TO HELP SUPPORT
us LOCAL BUSINESSES

545 HAMILTON ROAD
FROM 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.



May 19TH

OFFERING A DIVERSE
MENU INSPIRED BY
GLOBAL FLAVORS



June 9TH

ENJOY HOT
DOGS WITH A
UNIQUE TWIST



July 28TH

NEW TO THORNBURG!
HUMMAS, GRAPE
LEAVES, WRAPS
AND PLATTERS



Aug 18TH

NEW TO THORNBURG!
SAUSAGES, KIELBAS,
PIEROGIES AND MORE!



Sept 15TH

LOBSTER SEVERAL
WAYS! THIS TRUCK
IS POPULAR FOR A
REASON

MOST TRUCKS ACCEPT CASH, CREDIT CARDS AND APPLE PAY.

Thornburg
Memorial

DAY

Picnic & Parade

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2026

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK
545 HAMILTON ROAD

1:45 *p.m.*

- KIDS** - Decorate your bikes, wagons, scooters & strollers and line up for the Parade at Hamilton Road & Smith Lane
- VETERANS** - We Salute You & all who have served
- GRAND MARSHALL**
- ADULTS** - The Thompson's garage opens

2:00 *p.m.*

- PARADE BEGINS** -
 - Flag Raising
 - National Anthem
 - Remarks from Mayor Tom Mackin

4:45 *-til Dark*

- DINNER - POTLUCK** -
 - Burgers & hot dogs provided by TCC
 - Bring a dish to share at the picnic
 - Bring chairs and/or blankets
 - \$5/person suggested donation
 - Cash or Venmo @ TCC-Account
 - Music & merriment to follow

2:45 *p.m.*

- TENNIS/PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT**
- MINI OLYMPICS** - Water Play
- TATTOO ARTIST/BALLOONS**
- KONA ICE TRUCK**

