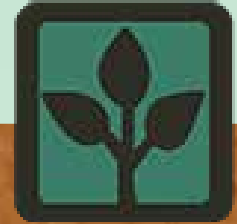


TALK of the Town



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Neighbors,

Crisp air, dark evenings, warm soups, and falling leaves mark the beginning of the holiday season. As the days grow shorter, Thornburg shines with the warmth and togetherness that make our borough truly special. Whether it's the twinkling lights adorning our streets or the cheerful gatherings that fill our hearts with joy, this season reminds us of the strength of our community spirit.

As we look ahead to the coming months, let us carry forward the joy and gratitude of this holiday season into the new year. Here's to celebrating the little moments that make life meaningful and embracing the opportunities that lie ahead.

Together, we create a place where traditions are cherished, friendships are nurtured, and new memories are made. In this busy time of year, let's take a moment to appreciate the beauty of Thornburg – from our historic charm to the kindness of our neighbors.

Season's Greetings to all of you from the Thornburg Community Club. May your holidays be filled with peace and joy.

Until next time, neighbors!

Brian Catanzarite - President,
Thornburg Community Club (TCC)



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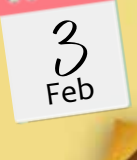
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Borough Council Meetings
1st Monday of every month at
7:00 p.m.



See all of Thornburg's upcoming events on Page 4



Borough of Thornburg

Council Notes:

Season's Greetings Neighbors!

Council has been busy redding up the Borough for winter, starting with some much-needed infrastructure upgrades. In October, portions of Hamilton and Harvard were re-paved. This project was essential, and we appreciate everyone's patience with the road closures. Last week, certain of the Borough's sewers were re-lined as part of the Borough's ongoing sewer repair project. The bids were competitive for both projects and we were able to complete both within budget.

Council is aware of and is in the process of addressing the feral cat colony in Upper Thornburg. We are exploring humane, low-cost options to ensure the colony does not expand beyond its current population. This will likely involve trapping, neutering and vaccinating the cats living in Upper now.

A few (not-so-fun) feral cat facts:

- On average, feral cats live between 2 and 5 years
- A female feral cat can have her first litter as young as 6 months old
- A female feral cat can have 2-3 litters per year, averaging 5-7 kittens each litter
- Male feral cats are known to be aggressive and territorial
- Feral cats can carry a number of diseases that can spread to humans and domesticated cats, including rabies, ringworm and toxoplasmosis
- Free-ranging cats kill approximately 1.3–4.0 billion birds and 6.3–22.3 billion small mammals annually

Given all the above, it is essential that we work now to discourage the population from returning. Thornburg Ordinance § 10-301, et seq. prohibits feeding wildlife, including feral cats. Violations can result in fines up to \$1000. Council has enforced the ordinance in the past to prohibit residents from ground feeding raccoons and other wild animals and will enforce it now as part of our attempt to deal with the feral cat population.

If you have a pet cat, we strongly encourage you to spay or neuter your pet. We also suggest keeping your cats inside, as it is healthier for the cat. We ask for your patience while we deal with this issue. Watch this space for updates regarding any cat management program Council puts in place.

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:

Greetings,
Congrats, &
Sympathies

Sympathies

WOODY THOMPSON

In a neighborhood like Thornburg, we enjoy and care about all of our neighbors and these neighbors sometimes include the ones with fur too. I am sad to report Woody (Judy and Tom Thompson's dog) passed recently. Our thoughts are with the Thompson's and all of Woody's fur friends during a difficult time.



CORRECTION TO THE TCC DIRECTORY

Please note a spelling error on pages 14 & 17. Megan McCann and Tom Korpar's son **Marko's** name is spelled incorrectly. Sorry for the error and confusion.



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

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!



5 *Thornburg Holiday Party*

When: Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall - Carnegie, Pa. In the Studio

Join neighbors and friends for music, hors d'oeuvres, & holiday cheer! Entertainment provided by Lucas Ciesielski and food by Sarafino's. Drinks are BYOB. RSVP before November 30th & save! \$45 before Nov. 30th or \$55 after Dec. 1st. Text Kris Szmul at 412.417.0144 to RSVP. Send payment via check, cash and Venmo (@TCC_Account). Please note your payment "Holiday Party". Attire is casual or dressy. Wear what makes you happy.

14 *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*

When: Saturday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Through the streets of Thornburg

Santa wants to see all of the good boys and girls of Thornburg waving from their front yards and porches. That's why he is going to make a special trip through town to wave from his fancy Convertible and see all of us. I hope everyone is on the nice list this year so you can get a sweet treat from the jolly ole elf!



24 *Luminary Orders and Lighting*

When: Tuesday, December 24th (**Orders due by December 9th**)
6:00 pm (weather permitting)

Luminary order forms will be delivered by street captains in early December. Please look for the forms around your front doors as they cannot be put into mailboxes. **All deliveries will be left on porches/front doors.** Every year, we all enjoy a wonderful night and Thornburg just glows until the wee hours of the morning. Let's continue the tradition. **Kits will be \$15. Orders can be made by check or Venmo (@TCC-Account).** Please remember to memo/comment what you are paying for.

Dec

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!

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

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.

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.

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

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.



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

2024 due dates for article and news submissions are.

- **January 15th**
- **March 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

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.

Your donations go a long, 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.



Thornburg Conservation Fall Weed-Whacking

November 2nd, was a lovely Saturday morning, perfect for the fall weed-whacking project at Thornburg's Conservation Park. We were a small but energetic group and accomplished some major removal of invasive plants. While our leader, **Judy Kimblin**, couldn't join us that day, she was there in spirit. With her exceptional knowledge of plants invading the Conservation Park that cause damage to other flora and are a hazard to migrating birds, Judy was able to help Marie Urick and me (Susan Kelly), via a Facetime walk through the park a few days earlier, to determine what areas and which plants needed to be addressed.

Thanks to the crew – **Marie and Tim Urick, Soheil Barakat, Sam Runyon, and Vinny and Janice Coppola** – we were able to make a big dent in eliminating knotweed, honeysuckle (a very large bush), and large vines that are choking the beautiful trees that shade our trails. Special shout-out to **Joan Britten and Mark Perrott** for providing sustenance for the workers. The donuts are always appreciated and enjoyed! Join us in the spring for a fun and rewarding morning with fellow Thornburgers.

Thornburg Community Gardens - Thank you Gardeners!

While driving in and out of the neighborhood, I hope you have enjoyed the community corner gardens this summer. There are quite a few gardeners who volunteer their time and energy to design, shop plant, weed and water the flower beds to keep the flowers blooming all season long.

Many thanks to Colleen Kamnikar who plant and maintain the beds in front of the community building. Suzy Golitko, Nancy and Bill Morrison who plant, weed and feed the corner of Baldwin and Harvard. Marie Urick, Mary Allison Bogosta, Will Roboski and Rosemarie McShane who plant, weed and feed the corner garden at Harvard and Tech. And Debbie and Robert Hadfield who single handedly revitalized and maintain the garden on Princeton Road.

There is a small group dedicated to keeping the garden at Stanford and Cornell bursting with color. Gina Caliguire and Maura Pulford pull weeds and plant as much color as the spot can hold. The Bells on Cornell lend their hose and water during dry spells. And many thanks to the mystery neighbors who tend to the gardens during their walks.

Again, thanks to this dedicated group of neighbors and their amazing gardening skills.



BUILDING *our*
COMMUNITY

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This is a friendly reminder for those who still have an outstanding balance on their Capital Campaign pledges now is the time to fulfill your financial obligation. If you need account balance updates or have questions regarding your pledges, please contact the Borough Secretary - Kris Szmul at thornburg.secretary@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support towards the enhancement on our beautiful community.

All of our best,

Lauren Catanzarite & Colleen Kamnikar,
Thornburg Capital Campaign, Co-Chairs



Please send your full payment
by November 30th to

545 Hamilton Road,
Pittsburgh Pa 15205

*The Village Players
Presents The Plaza Suite*



Fall Fest in Conservation Park



Halloween Parade



The 26th Annual Columbus Day Dinner presented by the Coppola's

Article by Kelly Chiodi

Being guests at the Coppola's bountiful and generous tables of the Annual Columbus Day Dinner gives Thornburgers such placement in the year. It comes at a time when we're struggling to let go of the amenities of summer, but, with it, are reminded of all the good there is to anticipate with fall and the holidays ahead.

This year, on the 13th of October, Vince's elaborate designs of the antipasti plates and Janice's frosty bottles of limoncello on their humble checkered tables welcomed us into a place familiar, yet extraordinary as we descended the steps of the community room. Oh to be greeted by music, by familiar and friendly faces, and by the luxurious aromas home-cooking wafting throughout! We were happy to be there munching on the crafted cheeses, decadent meats and briny veg, sipping the sweet lemon concoction, seeing and being seen.

Like every good gathering of fall, there is soup! Such a perfectly comforting food that even lovers of the stuff don't partake in until this seminal event. And to start with the options of Red Pepper Soup with feta and/or Wedding Soup sets up soup season with high standards.

While with every slurp we finally admitted to ourselves that maybe the waning summer weather isn't so bad, those feelings turned to downright excitement as we were reminded of the pleasures of the bountiful, warm, baked meals of winter when the lasagna appeared. Like the joy of Thanksgiving Day's bounty shared with those we love, we felt so grateful and pampered with two delicious lasagnas to enjoy... A bolognese Lasagne and a Neopolitan. All the while catching up with friends and enjoying lots of laughter, it sure felt like the best time of year.

To make sure we ended the night ready to face the dropping temperatures and impending loss of light, there was a carnival of a dessert table to fawn over and indulge in. The decisions are difficult with Janice's Chocolate Apricot Cake, Lemon Cake, and her famous Pignola cookies just to start the round and Vince's creamy chocolate gelato as second dessert. When the last drop was drunk and the last crumb savored, we all parted the better for having been there. We're grateful for Vince and Janice Coppola, our generous and remarkable hosts; we're heartened by our community; and we're joyful to have such a wonderful event to put a pin in this amazing time of year.



Concerns about the Feral Cats and Wild Animals in Thornburg

This is a friendly reminder to all neighbors - **We know its hard to hear but feeding wild animals in our neighborhood is one of the worst things you can do for them.** These animals are becoming a very big problem for many neighbors and feeding them does more harm than good. These animals will find food on their own.

These animals disturb our domestic house pets, leave unwanted animal remains in yards, make temporary homes on our porches and also bring about safety issues while driving and walking in the neighborhood. Please **DO NOT FEED ANY OF THE WILDLIFE!** This includes but not limited to:

- Cats
- Squirrels
- Deer
- Raccoons
- Pigeons

If you or someone you know is feeding the animals please be encouraged to stop. You are in violation of Thornburg Ordinance § 10-301. ([Thornburg Wild Animal Feeding Ordinance](#)) For more information or to report a problem please contact a Borough Council member. Lets keep each other, our pets, property and the wildlife safe by not interfering with nature.

BE THE SOLUTION NOT THE PROBLEM.



Avoid feeding wildlife.

In our modern and globalized world, our actions often affect wildlife in unintended harmful ways and cause habitats to become more fragile. Feeding wildlife is no exception.

Below are some common negative consequences of feeding wildlife:

1 Increased road strikes



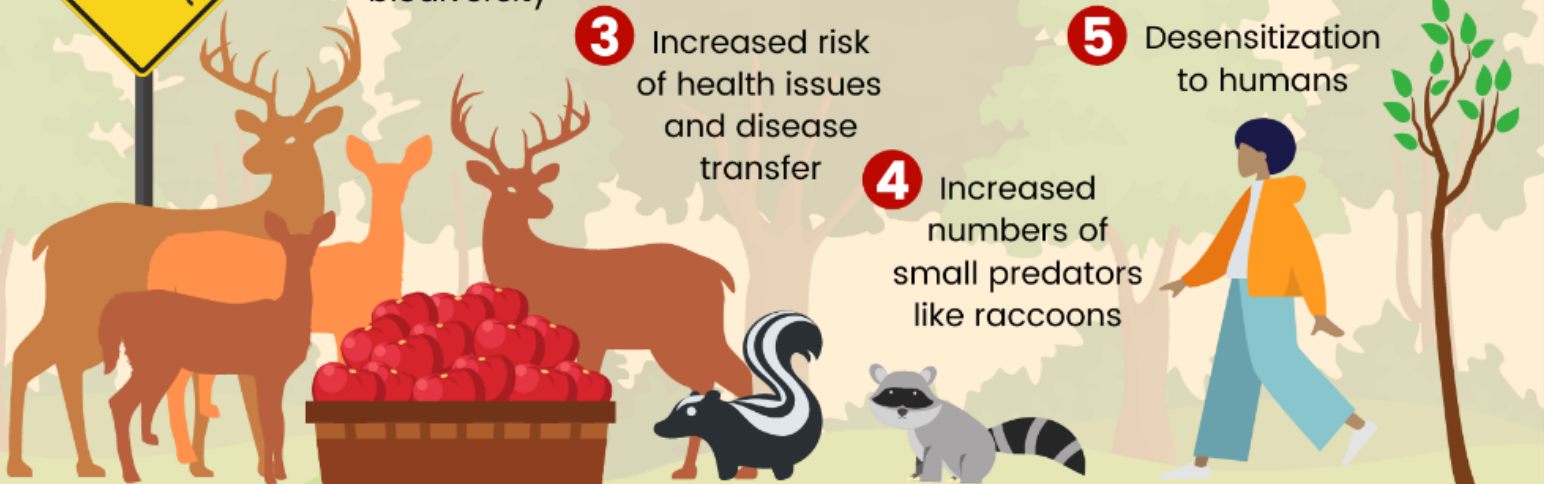
2 Changes in population dynamics and a reduction in biodiversity

3 Increased risk of health issues and disease transfer

5 Desensitization to humans

6 Introduction of invasive species

4 Increased numbers of small predators like raccoons



Please remember, fed is dead.

Do not feed wildlife. Create habitat instead.





'Twas a Thornburg Holiday Cocktail Party at the
Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall



Where:
Carnegie, Pa
In the studio

When:
Thursday, Dec 5th
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Live Music by Lucas Ciesielski! Great food by Sarafino's!
BYOB. RSVP to Kris Szmul at 412.417.0144
before November 30th to save.

\$45 per person
Before November 30th



\$55 per person
After December 1st

Send payment via check, cash and Venmo to Tony Szmul (TCC Treasurer).
Please note your payment "Holiday Party".