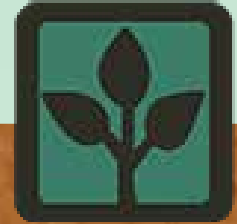


TALK of the Town



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

December always sneaks up on me. One minute we're playing pickleball/tennis and frolicking in the sun, and the next we're untangling lights, hunting for Scotch tape, and wondering how our neighborhood looks so good in twinkle mode.

As we slide into this last month of the year, I've been thinking a lot about what makes Thornburg feel like more than just a place we live. It's the small things that stack up: the neighbors kept their yard immaculately all summer; the folks who show up early to set up tables and stay late to fold chairs; the kids who turn every gathering into a running, laughing blur; the people who always bring "just one more dish" to share.

This year, your Community Club has tried to say "yes" to as many chances as possible for us to bump into each other in real life—on porches, in the park, and on the sidewalks. From long-standing traditions to new experiments, the common thread has been the same: Thornburg works best when we show up for each other.

December gives us one more, especially cozy, chance to do that. Here's what's on the horizon:

Holiday gatherings. Keep an eye on your email and the bulletin boards for details on our December events—whether it's a neighborhood holiday party or a Santa lunch. If you're newer to Thornburg, these are wonderful, low-pressure ways to put names with faces.

Lights, walks, and windows. Take a slow evening stroll and enjoy the luminary lights and decorations going up around the neighborhood. A quick wave or "Happy Holidays!" on the sidewalk goes a long way.



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Borough of Thornburg *Council Notes:*

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Thanksgiving, Neighbors!

Borough Council would like to remind residents and non-residents that dogs are not permitted in the park and playground area adjacent to the Community Building.

If you want to let your dog run and play off-leash, please apply for a Dog Permit, which grants users access to the Thornburg Conservation Area on certain days of the week. The cost of the permit is \$25 annually per permit for residents, and \$50 annually per permit for non-residents. Applications are available on the Borough website.

Permitted dogs can run wild and free in the Conservation Area from dusk until dawn Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday only. For the sake of the local wildlife and park goers who prefer a canine-free environment, dogs are not permitted to be in the Conservation Park all day on Wednesdays or Sundays. Due to recent violations, this restriction will be strictly enforced. Failure to follow the restrictions of the permit could result in suspension of Dog Permits and a ban from the Area entirely.

And, as always, please clean up after your pooch!

Thanks for your continued safe support of the community facilities!

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



Theresa “Terry” Ann Michaels

Sympathies and thoughts go out to the Michaels family on the passing for Theresa Michaels in early November. She and her father Stanley lived on Princeton Road for many years. May her family find peace during this difficult time.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT... CONTINUED

Giving back. December can be a joyful time, but also a heavy one. If you're able, please consider participating in any food, toy, or coat drives we promote this month. And if you or a neighbor could use a hand, please reach out to me or any Board member—quietly, if that's more comfortable. Our community is at its best when we look out for one another.

I also want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered this year—event planners, bakers, decorators, cleaners, photographers, spreadsheet wizards, behind-the-scenes fixers, and the many people who simply said, “What do you need?” The Community Club is entirely powered by neighbors, and 2025's calendar only happened because of you.

Looking ahead, we're already starting to sketch out ideas for 2026. If you've been thinking, “Someone should really...,” I have good news: that “someone” can be you, and we'd love to help you make it happen. Whether it's a game night, a lecture, a playgroup, a fitness class, a new club, or something we haven't dreamed up yet, please don't be shy about reaching out.

As the year winds down, my wish for all of us is simple:

- That we each find a little pocket of quiet amid the rush.
- That we remember we're surrounded by neighbors, not strangers.
- And that Thornburg continues to be a place where porch lights and kindness both stay on a little longer than strictly necessary.

On behalf of the Thornburg Community Club, thank you for another year of showing up, pitching in, and making our community feel big-hearted.

Wishing you a warm, safe, and peaceful holiday season—and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Sashi Segu
President, Thornburg Community Club



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.





4 *Thornburg Holiday Party*

When: Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Where: Rosslyn Farms Community Center



Join neighbors and friends for music, hors d'oeuvres, & holiday cheer! Entrainment provided by Lucas Ciesielski and Enzo Chiodi. Drinks are BYOB. RSVP before November 30th & save! \$35 before Nov. 30th or \$45 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.

7 *Party with Santa*

When: Sunday, December 7th at 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Where: Community Center Auditorium



Back by popular demand. Come to the Community Center to meet and party with Santa! Santa will be there spreading holiday cheer, taking photos, and listening to your wish list. Don't miss out on this magical event - bring your family and friends along for a merry time! See flyer on page 11 for complete details and how to RSVP.

24 *Luminary Orders and Lighting*

When: Wednesday, December 24th (**Orders due by December 12th**)
6:00 pm (weather permitting)

Every year, we all enjoy a wonderful night and Thornburg just glows until the wee hours of the morning. Let's continue the tradition. 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.** Kit building is Sunday, December 14th. All help is welcomed and appreciated. **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 for
October 18th!

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

Leaf Pickup

The leaves are about to fall and leaf pick-up will begin soon.

A reminder that the leaves must be on the road where the hose can reach them and there should be no sticks, rocks or other debris as it may damage the hose.

Call Rob Murphy, (412.921.3720) Borough Maintenance Director with questions about pick-ups.

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.

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.

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

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



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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)

2025 due dates for article and news submissions are.

- **January 14th**
- **March 11th**

Walkers and Speeding through Town

Just a neighborly reminder to everyone to obey all traffic signs and speed limits. It is a courtesy as well as the law to obey speed and signs in the neighborhood to keep everyone safe at all times.

Also, keep a sharp eye out for neighbors walking and walking their pets. Many neighbor enjoy a stroll even at dusk and darker hours. Make sure your careful and watch for those out and about. Keep in mind there are no sidewalks in Upper Thornburg so walkers have to use the streets and curbs.



Let's keep everyone safe!

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.



Block Party 2025



Movies in the Park



Columbus Dinner Turns 27!

Article by Kelly Chiodi

Glasses were clinked and bread was broken at the 2025 Columbus Day Dinner on Sunday, October 12th as it has been for the last 27 years worth of second October Sundays in the Thornburg Community room.

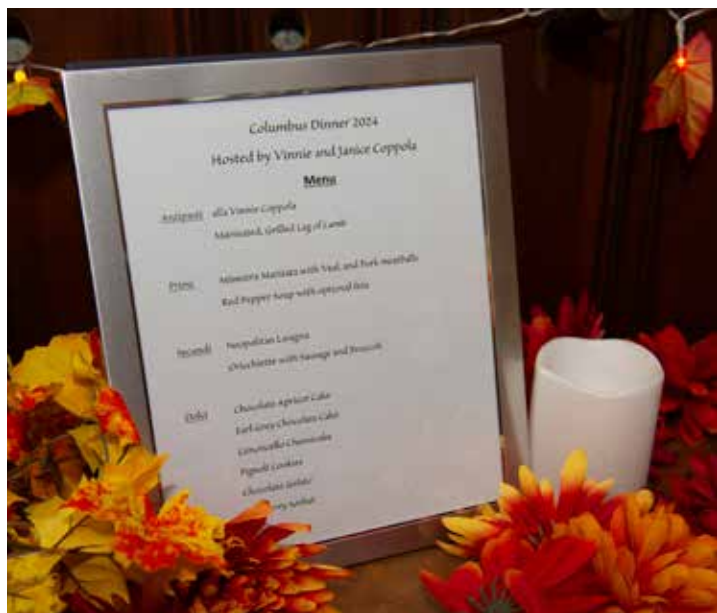
Vince and Janice Coppola have started to make it look easy, this feast among feasts, with its festive decor, themed music, table settings, and a parade of delicious foods, which could each stand alone as the star of the sumptuous repast. They work hard for days to make it happen, we know logically, but somehow manage to delight us with their speeches, service, and smiles the whole night long as if it's just a little something they whipped up for us, their neighbors and friends.

The antipasti plate that awaits us as we enter the room is a beautiful bounty of delights and sits so perfectly on the red and white checkered tablecloth, next to the awaiting table settings, limoncello and warming candles. It's a familiar sight by now, one that feels like being welcomed home.

We are welcomed in word by Vince and Janice as we hear about the new-to-the-event neighbors as well as those still holding their record of perfect attendance all these years. We hear the details of the menu that awaits, and wonder what we've done to be so lucky.

My favorite sights are the ones where I catch one neighbor serving another, dishing out the lasagna for their table-mate, sharing a byob-ed wine, pointing out which dessert is not to be missed. It's a real community event that Vince and Janice craft from scratch each year and one of service displayed by our hosts as we watch them gingerly relay each dish out to the guests, who wait excitedly for their serving of lamb, lasagna, pasta, then gelato! In between we have just enough time to help ourselves to the choices of soup and a dessert table that would make Martha Stewart blush. The toasted breadcrumbs and cheese are only added to the pasta at the last second for a cozy freshness that makes it so special. The gelato is scooped at each seat for that last display of individual attention from our hosts before we make our way back to our homes.

So we do... we finish our Columbus Day Dinner and head our separate ways with a grateful heart and a full belly, with a renewed kinship with our neighbors, and a joy in thinking about what the fall season brings. Many sincere thanks to Vince and Janice for another amazing event!



Halloween Parade



Election Day Bake Sale



Thank you for your contributions to the bake sale! We cleared \$1,075 for baked goods, \$800 for ornaments, \$250 for pottery and sold a few Here's to Thornburg books. The funds raised help with club activities and also support local charities.

Additionally, \$1,280 was collected for Foster Love and the backpacks that will get filled went fast! Foster Love works to encourage donations of new goods that will help kids who have to change their home with little to no warning, providing them with small comforts. Thank you Marie Urick for organizing this project!



Fall Fest in the Conservation Park



Party!

WITH
Santa



Sunday, December 7th • 11 a.m.

Thornburg Community Center Auditorium

[Click to RSVP](#)

Let's look forward to...

- Mini Gingerbread House Decorating
- Cookie Decorating
- Hot Chocolate Bar
- Pizza Lunch
- Letters to Santa
- Meet with Santa
- And More



THE THORNBURG COMMUNITY CLUB
INVITES YOU TO OUR



merry mixer

AT THE ROSSLYN FARMS COMMUNITY CENTER

Thursday, December 4th • 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

\$35 PER PERSON
BEFORE NOVEMBER 30TH



\$45 PER PERSON
AFTER DECEMBER 1ST

Live Music and Catering. Bring your own refreshments.

RSVP before November 30th to Kris Szymul (412.417.0144) to save

SEND PAYMENT VIA CHECK, CASH AND VENMO TO KATIE WENTZ
(TCC TREASURER). PLEASE NOTE YOUR PAYMENT "HOLIDAY PARTY"

