

TALK of the Town



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Neighbors,

It's Fall!! And I know what you're thinking...that escalated quickly.

Fall feels like a frenzied time – full of fun and festivities in Thornburg, to be sure, but frenzied nonetheless. As the cool air sweeps in, the colorful canopy of crimson, gold and copper leaves sets the stage for school events, football games, fall festivals and fire pits.

A figurative cornucopia of events is in the works by the Community Club and others! The President's Reception, Columbus Day Dinner and a Neil Simon play by the Village Players are just a few of the exciting events coming our way in October. Let's not forget the fall fest with hayrides, scarecrows, and a bonfire down in the Conservation Park in November!

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." (F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*)

Let's embrace every festive, fun-filled, pumpkin-spiced moment, just remember to take time to enjoy it!

Until next time, neighbors!

Brian Catanzarite - President,
Thornburg Community Club (TCC)



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



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Borough of Thornburg Council Notes:

Greetings Neighbors,

In the fall of 2022 Thornburg embarked on an ambitious project to raise money for improvements to the school building and surrounding property. With your help, the Thornburg Capital Campaign raised more than \$405,000. Over the last two years, that funding, along with grants awarded to the Borough, has helped Council tackle multiple crucial improvements to the school. The addition of new electrical boxes and windows have made the building safer for us to enjoy, all while maintaining its historic character. And it is hard to believe that the new playground — perhaps the most visible upgrade we have completed to date — has been enjoyed by little Thornburgers for over two years!

Thornburgers are generous, and uniquely dedicated to improving our beautiful community. As of the September borough council meeting \$76,000 in Capital Campaign pledges remains outstanding. The Campaign officially closes this December. Let this serve as a friendly reminder to factor your final campaign contribution into your charitable giving for this year.

And the next time that you are in the school, to pick up your kids from daycare, to attend community club event, or to vote this November, please take a moment to appreciate the magnitude of our Community's generosity. The continued use of the building and playground would not be possible without you!

Lauren Catanzarite,

Borough Council Member

On behalf of Borough Council

HERE'S YOUR
LAST SIGN



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.

Neighborhoodly Notes:

Town TALK

Greetings,
Congrats, &
Sympathies

Sympathies

ANNA GAREE

Anna Garee, formerly of 208 Tech Road passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 26, 2024.

TOM HOLLANDER

Tom Hollander, formerly of 1171 Harvard Road before moving to Friendship Village on July 10, 2024.

ANN HARTY

Ann Harty, formerly of 1060 Stanford Road before moving to Shadyside and then Longwood at Oakmont on July 21, 2024.

Welcome

BRENT FAMILY

Please join me in welcoming Evora and Jonathan Brent along with their children Cecil and Madilyn to 1112 Cornell Road. Looking forward to seeing all of you around town.

FINN DELACH/STEPHENS

Please welcome a new little neighbor Finn Delach. Born July 10th to Ben Stephens and Caitlin Delach who now reside at 1130 Dartmouth Road.

SIENNA WORK

Let us welcome Sienna Work. Sweet Sienna was born August 9th. Congrats to Alex, Zoe and sister Olivia on the newest member of your family.

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

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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Sept

28 Thornburg Block Party



When: Saturday, September 28th 5:00 - Whenever
Where: In front of 235 Tech Road

The Thornburg Block Party is set. All of Thornburg is invited! All kinds of meats will be prepared on the portable smoker. Donations are welcome to help with costs. Bring a dish to share and a chair. Visit with your neighbors and friends. There will be games and plenty of fun for everyone.

13 The 26th Annual Columbus Day Dinner



When: Sunday, October 13th 6:00 p.m.
Where: Thornburg School Auditorium

Join Janice and Vinnie Coppola for a homemade Italian feast. \$25 per person to reserve seats. Checks will be returned at dinner to those who attend. RSVP by mailing or dropping your checks to 604 Hamilton Road (box on the front porch) by October 7th VERY LIMITED SEATING for this special Thornburg Event!

?? TCC Presidents Reception

When: Saturday, October - Time TBA
Where: ???



This is a wonderful event to meet neighbors, the current Thornburg Community Club officers and catch up on community events. Come for the food, tour of a neighbors, home, good company and conversation. Watch for email blasts for complete details and times!



Oct

Thornburg



18 *Thornburg Pop Up Shop*

When: Open Now - Closes October 18th - Midnight

Where: <https://pogo.undergroundshirts.com/collections/thornburg-capital-campaign-pop-up-shop-2024>

Want Thornburg apparel? We have sweatshirts, men's and women's T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, youth tees, infant onesies. All proceeds go to the Thornburg Capital Campaign a continued effort to beautify our community building and playground. Orders will be ready for pick up during the Election Day Bake Sale. See flyer on page 12.

25 *The Plaza Suite presented by*

When: October 25-27th

Where: Thornburg Community Center Auditorium



**Thornburg
Village Players**

The Thornburg Village Player will present a Neil Simon favorite - "Plaza Suite". Performances will be Friday evening October 25th, Saturday evening October 26th, and a Sunday afternoon matinee October 27th. Get ready to laugh and applaud your neighbors - you'll be seeing some old favorites and new stars on stage - so come join the fun! More information and exact times will be provided closer to the dates.

31 *Halloween Parade*

When: Thursday, October 31st 6:15 p.m.

Where: Intersection of Eton and Harvard Road

Ghouls and Goblins of all ages are welcome. Trick or Treating immediately follows the Parade which includes a police and firetruck escort. Please bring a canned food for donation to the Crafton Food Bank.



Oct

2 *Fall Festival in the Conservation Park*

When: Saturday, November 2nd 4:00 p.m.

Where: Conservation Park

Hayrides • Bonfire • Marshmallows • BYO Chair

Make your way down to the park for a hot-dog, cider and s'mores.

Bring a snack to share with your neighbors (finger food is best) and take the hayride through the park. Watch for emails to confirm the date and time of the event. See you there.



5 *Election Day Bake Sale & Much More* *Cast your vote and fill your tote!*

When: Tuesday, November 5th 7:00 a.m.

Where: Thornburg School Auditorium

This is our most important fundraiser without it the Community Club will be unable to support community events. To help make this fundraiser easier and safer we are asking all those willing to donate food or goods to have all donations **pre-packed and priced**. Some suggested/most popular items that sell quickly are homemade soups, stews, chili, breads, and of course cookies.

Willing to donate your time and help? We are in need of volunteers this year and also are looking for a Co-Chair to help with setup, organization and working the Bake Sale. Call Meg at 412.979.2878. All help is greatly appreciated.



Plus check out all of these wonderful causes & details...

- Electronic payment available. Search for the TCCAccount in the Venmo App.
- For those who will vote via mail-in ballots or are unable to make the trip to the school, there will be order by phone option with contact-less delivery. Stay tuned for more details
- *Here's to Thornburg* Book Sales. Only \$25
- Thornburg Pottery Sale. These make wonderful gifts and decor.
- Canned Food Drive just in time for Thanksgiving
- The 2024 Thornburg Holiday Ornaments. All proceeds will help fund the Thornburg Community projects
- Annual Holiday Charity - Foster Love. Take a bag to fill or gift card donations are always appreciated
- Phelps Nursery Gift Certificates: Remember they make a great holiday gifts for friends and family

****SEE IMPORTANT TIP AND MESSAGE FROM MARY GROGAN****
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Nov

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

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.

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

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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Please consider receiving the Talk of the Town electronically. But if you have any questions in regards to the delivery of the TALK of the TOWN, please contact:

Colleen Kamnikar:

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

2024 due dates for article and news submissions are.

- **November 13th**
- **January 15th**

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 Pottery Available at the Election Day Bake Sale

A fresh inventory of Thornburg pottery will be on display in the Community Building on Hamilton Road and available for purchase at the Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. There is a variety of styles, including mugs, beer steins, utensil holders, vertical jars, pitchers and bird houses. The pottery is hand crafted in Scenery Hill, PA at Westerwald Pottery. Come support the bake sale and see these pieces in person.



For Your Information Neighbors - Introducing the Automatic Bill Paying Program from Alcosan



Forwarded from the Thornburg Borough Secretary - Here's how it works ...

On the date that your payment is due to ALCOSAN, the net due amount will be deducted from your approved checking or savings account. No more worrying about due dates or incurring costs for missing a payment. You will receive your sewage bill 10 days before the due date so you will know the amount and date of payment.

Terms and Conditions

By submitting the completed authorization form to ALCOSAN, you authorize ALCOSAN (the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority) to automatically debit your checking or savings account for your quarterly sewage bill. Your payment will be debited from your account on or after the net due date.

You have the right to discontinue or change the bank account debited at any time by notifying ALCOSAN, in writing, at least 30 days in advance of the change or cancellation.

You can address your correspondence to:

ALCOSAN, Attention: Cashier
3300 Preble Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Your payment will be removed from your ALCOSAN account if your bank, for any reason, returns the transaction. You may incur late charges from ALCOSAN and your municipality if your bank does not honor the transaction.

ALCOSAN is not responsible for any fees your bank may charge you to participate in this program.

Complete the application on page 10, attach a voided check, and send to:

ALCOSAN ATTN: Cashier
3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15231
412-766-6696

All charges, terms and conditions are subject to change.

Questions regarding this program can be directed to customer service at 412-766-6696.

ALCOSAN
3300 Preble Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
412-766-6696

Tips for Election Day - From Mary Grogan

Election Day November 5, 2024 is coming up fast and I want everyone's vote to count so here are a few tips.

The polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. In PA you don't need ID unless you are a first time voter, or a first time voter at this polling place. If you haven't voted in quite a while you may have to show ID, but that doesn't happen much in Thornburg.

If you applied for and received an absentee/mail-ballot please make sure you follow all of the instructions to vote. Sign and date wherever indicated, place the ballot in the security envelope and place that envelope in the mailing envelope. Remember to sign and date, the mailing envelope. The date is the date you sign the envelope, NOT the date of the election.

If you have an absentee/mail-in ballot but choose to vote in person remember to bring all parts of the absentee/mail-in ballot with you to the poll. That way you can "surrender" the absentee/mail-in ballot to the Judge of Elections and receive a paper ballot to use that day and you can then cast your vote in person.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. If I don't know the answer, I will find the answer.

See you in November,

Mary H. Grogan

Judge of Elections

412-889-9622 • mhgrogan@comcast.net



Authorization – ALCOSAN Copy

Please return this completed form to ALCOSAN along with a voided check if the payment is to be deducted from your checking account. Mail to: ALCOSAN, Attention: Cashier, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15233.

I authorize the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) to instruct my financial institution to deduct and forward my sewage bill payment from the account listed below. I understand that if I wish to discontinue this service or change the account debited, I will need to notify ALCOSAN, in writing, within 30 days.

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| Customer Name (as it appears on your bill) | PHONE NUMBER | EMAIL ADDRESS |
| Service Address | City/State/Zip | |
| ALCOSAN Account Number (please refer to your bill) | | |
| Financial Institution Information: <input type="checkbox"/> New Request <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Info Change | | |
| Bank Name | Bank Telephone Number | |
| Bank Address | City/State/Zip | |
| Type of account: <input type="checkbox"/> checking (attach voided check –no photocopies) <input type="checkbox"/> savings (no passbook accounts) | | |
| Bank Account Number | Bank Routing Number | |
| Account Holder Signature | Date | |

Authorization – Customer Copy

Please retain for your records.

I authorize the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) to instruct my financial institution to deduct and forward my sewage bill payment from the account listed below. I understand that if I wish to discontinue this service or change the account debited, I will need to notify ALCOSAN, in writing, within 30 days.

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|--|-----------------------|--|
| Customer Name (as it appears on your bill) | | |
| Service Address | City/State/Zip | |
| ALCOSAN Account Number (please refer to your bill) | | |
| Financial Institution Information: <input type="checkbox"/> New Request <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Info Change | | |
| Bank Name | Bank Telephone Number | |
| Bank Address | City/State/Zip | |
| Type of account: <input type="checkbox"/> checking (attach voided check –no photocopies) <input type="checkbox"/> savings (no passbook accounts) | | |
| Bank Account Number | Bank Routing Number | |
| Account Holder Signature | Date | |

Thornburg Wiffle Ball League

Most of you are probably familiar with the movie *The Sandlot*, a coming-of-age story about a group of boys who spend a summer playing baseball and learning lessons about friendship along the way. This summer Thornburg had its own version with the Thornburg Wiffle Ball League, an unofficial neighborhood league entirely created and managed by kids in the neighborhood. The league, lead by “commissioner” Mitchell Carouthers is made up of kids from Thornburg and all games are played at the baseball field in the park.

The league is comprised of four teams (The Chartiers Creek Casuals, The Thornburg Thrashers, The Thornburg Thunderstrickers, and The Trash Pandas). The season kicked off Memorial Day weekend and ran through the first week of school. There was a mid-season “all star break” when the league held an Upper vs. Lower game.



The Chartiers Creek Casuals: Mitchell Carouthers, Philip Carouthers, Reed Martinec
The Thornburg Thrashers: Julian Carouthers, Sammy Higgins, Stellen Segu
The Thornburg Thunderstrickers: Emmett Higgins, Parker Kaleugher, Wyatt Kaleugher, Case Martinec
The Trash Pandas: Kaeden Katawczik, Shae Katawczik, Sage Segu, Saxton Segu

While the league was created for fun, order was maintained with an official league rulebook that was shared via the Notes app. Using the rulebook as guidance, a player from one of the non-competing teams served as umpire for each game, although calls were often made by committee. Scheduling games could be tricky because the league had to consider summer jobs, family vacations, and sleep away camps of the players. Many of the players were a double threat this summer, participating both in the Thornburg Wiffle Ball League and swimming for the Chartiers Sharks.

The kids had a blast playing regular games, with moms of players often sending down treats like bags of chips, Gatorade, and bomb pops. Kaeden Katawczik described the league as “very fun to watch.” The boys no doubt learned great lessons about organization and sportsmanship while also strengthening their friendships.

They plan to play again next summer and hope to expand the league with participation from more kids in the neighborhood. When you see them next summer, grab your cracker jacks and come on down!

2024 TCC Service Project!

Once again, we are supporting Foster Love Project (FLP) – a Pittsburgh agency dedicated to providing “Love in Action” to children in foster care. Their mission is to help provide dignity and care for kids experiencing foster care and to provide support for foster families caring for them. At the upcoming Election Day Bake Sale, you will have an opportunity to contribute to Thornburg’s drive to provide “placement bags” and funding to support FLP’s mission. (You can also contact Marie Urick at 412-228-2007 or marie.urick@verizon.net with questions or contributions.)

“Placement bags” are provided to each child going through transition to a foster family – from infants to teens. The bags provide children with basic needs and comfort items to ease this stressful transition and give them something to call their own – and help foster families scrambling to provide basic clothing and necessities under short notice. There are currently more than 15,000 kids in foster care in Pennsylvania, with children transitioning to new homes every day.

On Election Day, bags will be available to fill for infants, kids, and teens – or you can donate gift cards or cash to help fill bags. Funds and gift cards will also be donated to the FLP organization to help fund their “free store” which is available to foster families to help them provide clothing, shoes, toys, and hygiene products for their foster children.

Please consider contributing to this special project! Kids in foster care face challenges that most of us cannot imagine – these contributions will help them to know they are not forgotten.



THORNBURG T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

SHOW YOUR **THORNBURG** PRIDE
& SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

Sale Ends October 18th
CLAIM YOURS TODAY!



Men's Performance
T-Shirt - \$25



Women's Performance
T-Shirt - \$25



Performance Long
Sleeve Shirt - \$32



Hooded
Sweatshirt - \$40



Infant Fine Onesie
- \$25



Youth Next Level Heather
Grey Tee - \$25

Order yours today by visiting:

[https://pogo.undergroundshirts.com/collections/
thornburg-capital-campaign-pop-up-shop-2024](https://pogo.undergroundshirts.com/collections/thornburg-capital-campaign-pop-up-shop-2024)

Orders will be available at the Thornburg Election Day Bake Sale. Pick up during voting hours. A portion of all sales will support the Thornburg Historic Building & Playground's Capital Campaign.

