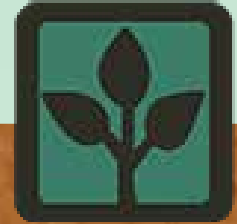


TALK of the Town



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello, Future Best Friends and Neighbors,

I'm delighted to step into the role of your new Thornburg Community Club president. I promise to serve with the same zeal I put into perfecting my pickle ball drop shot—enthusiasm guaranteed, results may vary.

Having lived in places where “community event” meant arguing over the placement of recycling bins, I can tell you just how lucky we are here.

Let's talk about our neighborhood's greatest hits:

Memorial Day Picnic: A day when neighbors become family, strangers become friends, and we all pretend we planned to eat that much pie. And please feel free to nominate yourself to be the Memorial Day honoree. You deserve it.

Our Bonfires: Under the stars, we solve the world's problems, embellish stories by about 10% with each telling, and discover that the best marshmallows always seem to disappear first. Proof that the best entertainment is totally free—and perfectly toasted.

Thornburg Pickle ball League: Where plastic paddles spark fierce competition, diving saves happen in business casual, and “in” vs. “out” debates live on until next Monday. It's democracy in action—passionate, loud, and occasionally requiring diplomatic finesse.

Beyond events, what truly makes Thornburg shine is you. We're the kind of neighborhood where borrowed sugar launches hour-long chats, mulch disbursement becomes a community project, and everyone knows who gives out full-size candy bars (and, yes, that's classified intel).



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Borough of Thornburg Council Notes:

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Fall neighbors! A few reminders on various topics from Council:

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY:

As students head back to school and the days get shorter, please remember to drive safely, follow all signage and, in particular, watch for children near school bus pickups and drop offs. Together, we can ensure a safe and smooth start to the school year for everyone.

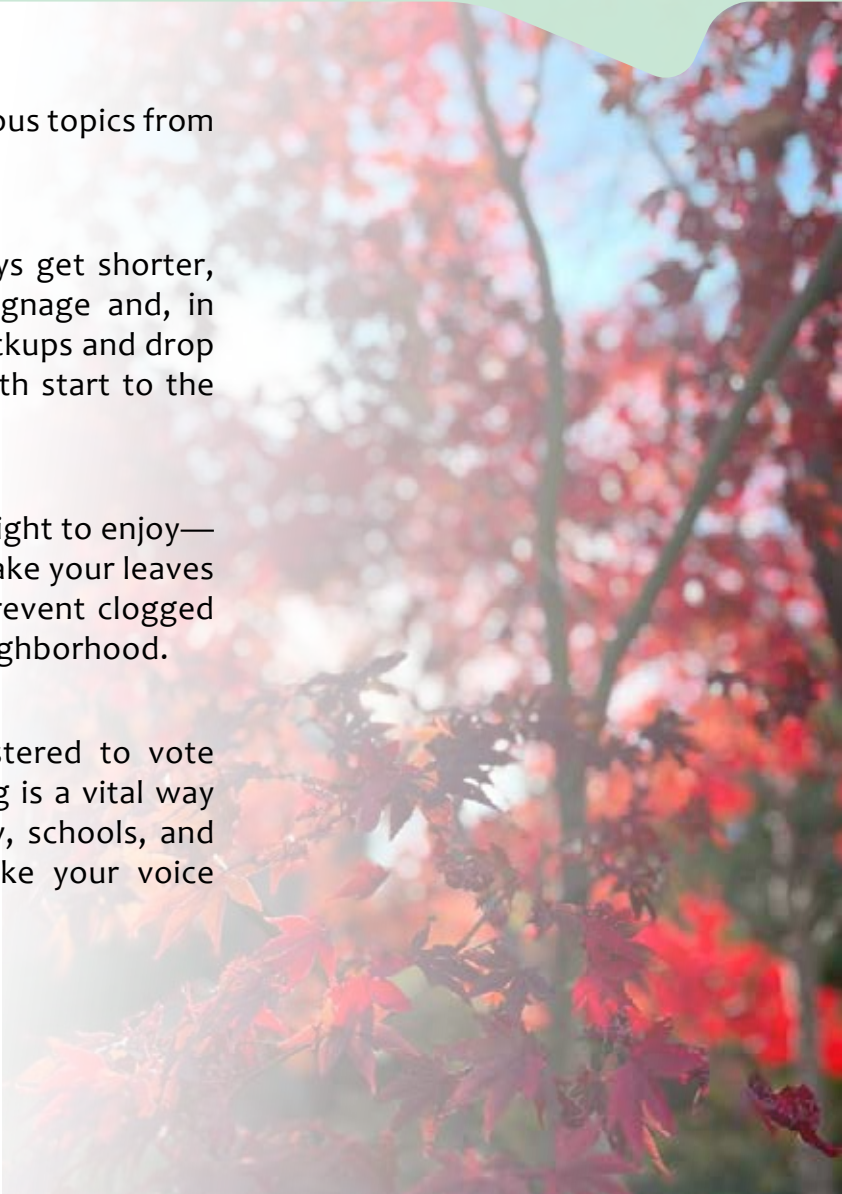
FALL LEAF PICKUP:

Fall has arrived, and the colorful leaves are a sight to enjoy—but don't forget to clear them from your yard! Rake your leaves for curbside pickup to keep our streets safe, prevent clogged storm drains, and maintain the beauty of our neighborhood.

UPCOMING ELECTION:

Your voice matters! Make sure you're registered to vote and participate in the upcoming election. Voting is a vital way to influence policies that affect our community, schools, and future. Stay informed, stay engaged, and make your voice count!

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.

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.



Neighborhoodly Notes: Town TALK



Directory Correction

FUGA/SISNEROS

Please strike the name of Jared Folmar from the directory and add Steve Sisneros. Truly sorry for this honest error in printing.

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!

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT... CONTINUED

Where else do you see children in the park playing spirited Wiffle ball games?

As your president, my goal is to uphold these traditions—and maybe spark a few new ones. Got ideas? I'm all ears... and I promise to treat your suggestions with the same strategic care I bring to pickle ball.

Thank you for letting me hold this role. I look forward to serving our amazing community—and to seeing you at our next gathering, where I'll very much be multitasking: flipping burgers, coordinating activities, and pretending I've got it all under control.

With neighborhood pride (and appreciable nervousness),

Sashi Segu

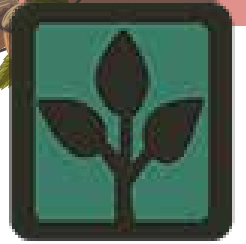
President, Thornburg Community Club (TCC)

P.S. Pickle ball tips are welcome—my porch (a.k.a. My office) is always open!



AROUND

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Sept

28 *TCC Presidents Reception*

When: Sunday, September 28th - Time 4-6:00
Where: 1080 Stanford - Chris and Stephanie Albert

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!

4 *Thornburg Block Party*



When: Saturday, October 4th 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.

12 *The 27th Annual Columbus Day Dinner*

When: Sunday, October 12th 6:00 p.m.
Where: Thornburg School Auditorium



Oct

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 6th VERY LIMITED SEATING for this special Thornburg Event!

10 *Movie in the Park*

MOVIE IN THE *Park*

When: Friday, October 10 - 6:30 p.m.
Where: Hamilton Road Community Park
Watch: Double Feature (Kids Movie after 6:30 and Adult Movie after 8:30)

Come watch a double headed feature in the park with your neighbors and friends. Starting around 6:30 p.m. There will be the PG feature and then afterwards will be the adult film. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

31 *Halloween Parade*

When: Thursday, October 31st 6:15 p.m.
Where: Intersection of Yale and Cornell 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

What's New & Upcoming in the TCC Watch for email blasts for more info

Getting Involved: Got an idea for a community event? Come to a TCC meeting every 3rd Saturday of the month a present it to the group or email us today. Everyone is welcome. Here is what the TCC is working on for the rest of year...

December

- ADULT EDUCATION???
- THORNBURG HOLIDAY PARTY
- SANTA CRUISES THORNBURG
- LUMINARY



4 Election Day Bake Sale & Much More

Cast your vote and fill your tote!

When: Tuesday, November 4th 7:00 a.m.

Where: Thornburg School Auditorium



This is our most important fundraiser without it the Community Club won't be able 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.

Drop off your donations at the Community Center(School) at 7:00 p.m. on November 3rd

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

- Electronic payment available. Search for the TCC Account 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 2025 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

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8 Fall Festival in the Conservation Park

When: Saturday, November 8th 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.



Nov

Election Day Bake Sale Donations

- What you need to know -

This is our most important fundraiser, without it the Community Club won't be able to support/run all of the wonderful community events. Donations have been dwindling in the past few years, so please consider helping the Community Club.

- Donate food or goods to have all donations **pre-packed and priced**. Some suggested/most popular items that sell quickly are easy meals, including:
 - Homemade soups
 - Stews
 - Chili
 - Casseroles
 - Mac' n Cheese
 - Breads (Rolls, Banana, Raisin, Etc)
 - Cookies
 - Muffins
 - Pies
 - Cakes/Cupcakes
 - Brownies
 - Any other Baked Goods

Drop off your donations at the Community Center (School) at 7:00 p.m. on November 3rd

Donate your time and help. We are in need of volunteers every year to bake, help with setup, organization and working the Bake Sale. Call Meg Alcorn at 412.979.2878. All help and donations are greatly appreciated.



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

Craftsman Walkabout

Neighbors enjoyed an entertaining and educational walking tour of Thornburg Historic Homes on June 22nd. Free to residents, the tour was guided by Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation (PHLF) architectural historian Tracy Myers and Thornburg's devoted historian, Steve Salvador. There was another opportunity to learn about the unique Craftsman design of many of Thornburg's turn-of-the-century homes. Tracy and Steve will lead a second PHLF walkabout on Saturday, July 19th, at 10AM. This one was open to residents and non-residents alike. The cost was \$25 per person, and limited to twenty people. It was a wonderful event to learn about Historic Thornburg and local architecture. Maybe we will have another tour next summer in our Tiny Terrific Thornburg.



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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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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)

2025 due dates for article and news submissions are.

- **September 17th**
- **November 12th**

Election Day Bake Sale Donations

Bakers, Cooks and all of our Neighbors Assemble.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Drop off Bake Sale Donations Monday night at the Community Center at 7:00 November 3rd.

Thornburg Pottery is a wonderful way to add neighborhood charm to your home and support the Community Club

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.



Election Board Volunteer Wanted

The Thornburg Election Board is looking for a new volunteer. We need a Clerk to fill the opening. Being a Clerk means you do not have to run for re-election every 4 years.

The commitment requires working 2 days a year, the Primary Election in the spring and the General Election in the fall. Allegheny County does pay for this position, though you're not going to get rich! I have to admit the days are long, 6:00 am until 9:00 pm with time for lunch, or to go home and walk the dog. The best part of the job is that you get to see your neighbors and catch up with everyone, and meet new residents who you may not know yet.

If you're not sure about this commitment, volunteer to work this upcoming Election Day, November 4 and see if it's a good fit for the future. Anyone interested should contact me directly:

Thanks for considering this opportunity.
Mary Grogan,
(mhgrogan@comcast.net -412-889-9622)



2025 Thornburg Community Club 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.



Concerns about Local Wildlife

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, 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!**

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.**



Pass the Book Club 2025-26

These are the books we will read in '25-'26, starting October 1, one book a month, January is an off Month after Christmas to prep your mind for the last five months starting in February.

Each month you will pass the book to the next name on the list inside each book, having read 8 different, challenging, hopefully wonderful books for a \$20 fee collected upon delivery of the first book by Susan Kelly, or me, or as soon as possible to the Thornburg Community Club Treasurer, by check, cash or Venmo. These are recently published, hard copy books.

If you want to join us please call or email before September 28th, Autumnal Equinox.

Celebrate the change of seasons with books to read till next Summer. Please call now if you'd like to join us.

Rosemarie McShane
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Book List 2025-26

CARELESS PEOPLE, MEMOIR,
by Sarah Wynn-Williams, 385 pages
Social Media's role in our lives today

DEAD MONEY, NOVEL,
by Jakob Kerr, 407 pages
Murder in Silicon Valley

EMPEROR OF GLADNESS, NOVEL,
by Ocean Vuong, 409 pages
Oprah Winfrey's book of the month

HERE ONE MINUTE, NOVEL,
by Liane Moriarity, 512 pages
Deaths predicted on plane trip come true

LOST GIRLS OF PENZANCE,
by Sally Rigby, 256 pages
Murder mystery in Cornwall, UK

MEMORIAL DAYS: A MEMOIR,
by Geraldine Brooks, 224 pages
Love and Grief in life with her husband

SHE DIDN'T SEE IT COMING,
by Shari Lapena, 352 pages
Crime mystery, missing wife and mother

TILT,
by Emma Pattee, 237 pages
Earthquake aftermath in Portland, OR