



THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY INCORPORATED 1687



Congratulations to Chris Atella, 2023 Recipient of the Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award

Our family moved from Havertown to Thornbury Township in 1998 so we continued to be residents of Delaware County. Once our children started to meet new friends and neighbors, things fell into place very nicely. We met the Seagraves family, and it was Jeff and Carolyn who approached me about joining the Park and Recreation Board.

I attended an agricultural high school and have a horticultural background. This explains why the Township wreath-making event is one of my favorites. The spring daffodils through the Township are amazing, also one of my favorite things about the community.

Growing up, my parents were very involved in church functions. They volunteered quite often. I was seven of nine children and we were taught to work as a team. We all learned by example and my parents were excellent at showing us the way. Our children are following this example too. They attend most events and help out when they can. I bet some of you have seen my husband, Chip, handing out hot dogs or driving the hay wagon at the Fall Festival.

Our son, Lewis, recently purchased a home in Thornbury Township and shortly thereafter his best friend did the same. *Continued on page 2*





Township Manager Letter

Hello fellow residents. Welcome to the summer of 2023. After a relatively mild winter and wet spring, I know that I'm looking forward to the change of seasons.

Along with that change of seasons comes some changes in our office. Sue Howat is scaling back her hours from full time to part time. By the end of the year, Sue plans full retirement. (*I am working to convince her otherwise as she is an absolute asset to our office and to our residents.*) We are in the process of re-arranging office responsibilities because of Sue's scheduling change.

We knew this was coming and as a result have adopted "Embracing Change" as our mantra for 2023. To that end, we are working on some things that will make our office more efficient and hopefully your experience more "user friendly."

We purchased a new software program, myrec.com, for online registration for events and summer camp (see more information about camp on page 4).

The software will enable the end user to enter their information more effectively and payments can be made by credit card.

We are also working on acquiring new software for our permitting process. Our old system, while still effective on the Township's end did not allow for applicants to fill out their permit applications online, nor did it allow for payment through the online system. It's not that we don't want our residents or their contractors to visit the Township building, we just didn't want folks to be required to visit if their preference was to complete everything from home or their office. These changes are intended to make our service to you more effective.

As always, we have many great events planned for this summer. Please check our website to get the details on events throughout the summer and fall. *TS*

Jeff Seagraves,
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

CHRIS ATELLA, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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It's no surprise to us that they both want to raise their families in this awesome Township.

I didn't know Mark Kelly personally, however our daughters played Rustin lacrosse together. This gave us a chance to meet his loving family. In February of this year we lost our beautiful cousin, Victoria, to ALS. Knowing our Township donates to this foundation really touches our hearts.

This award is greatly appreciated; it means a lot to me. Our Township does an amazing job of recognizing and thanking those who give of their time. We always look forward to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and the great thank you gifts.

On so many occasions, people have said to to me, "I would love to live in your township; it's so cool." We truly are the lucky ones. *TS*

RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

January 18, 2023

- The contract for installation of Gametime Play Equipment at the Thornbury Preschool playground, from Buzz Burger, Inc., Recreation Construction, at a cost not to exceed \$12,175.00 was approved.

February 1, 2023

- The proposal from Knight Brothers, Inc., for the removal of trees at the Glen Mills Post Office at a cost not to exceed \$11,680.00, was approved.
- The proposals from the Breneman Company, for maintenance to the Tennis Courts at Thornbury Park, at a cost not to exceed \$2,100.00, and for maintenance to the Basketball Courts at Thornbury Park, at a cost not to exceed \$600.00, were approved.

February 15, 2023

- The Proclamation, honoring and celebrating National Engineer's Week from February 19th through the 25th, 2023, with the theme "Creating the Future," was approved.

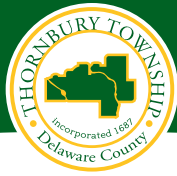
March 1, 2023

- The proposal from Myrec.com, for the purchase of Park & Rec Management Software, at a cost not to exceed \$274.58 per month, was approved.

February 14, 2023

- The proposal from Spruce Grove Tree Farm, for tree removal and replacement of the Thornbury Park Holiday Spruce Tree, at a cost not to exceed \$5,200.00, was approved.

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Board Chairman Letter

RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS CNTD.

- The Proposal from FRENS & FRENS Studio, Pattern Ives, LLC., for Historic Architectural Preservation Services at the John Cheyney Log Tenant House and Farm, at a cost not to exceed \$12,900.00, was approved.

April 5, 2023

- The proposal from MOR Construction for the excavation and repair work to the parking lot at Douglass Cottage, 8 Township Drive, at a cost not to exceed \$6,300.00 was approved.

April 19, 2023

- Resolution 2023-9, establishing a policy to provide security for computerized data and for the notification of residents whose personal information data was, or may have been, disclosed due to a breach of the security of the system, was approved.

May 5, 2023

- The Emergency Management training for FAA Drone Operation course classes and exams at an initial cost of \$375.00, with future expenses for insurance and equipment to follow was approved.
- The proposal from Dever Architects for architectural and consulting engineering services, for the new Multipurpose Township Meeting Room was approved.

Congratulations to Chris Atella. Chris was presented with the Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Great job, Chris! Your smile and your energy are examples to us all. Chris is only one of many volunteers who makes our jobs as supervisors easier and our community brighter. We are grateful for all of you and the work that you do.

Thank you to Jake DeMarco. Jake will be concluding his time as Junior Supervisor as the school year comes to a close. Jake, like his predecessors, has done an excellent job representing both Rustin High School as well as Thornbury Township. Good luck in your Senior Year and please don't be a stranger, Jake. We welcome you, your friends and family at our monthly meetings.



**Join us for the Board of Supervisors Meeting at the Park
on June 7th at 7pm – all are welcome!**

Congratulations to all of our Graduates in Thornbury Township. We wish you much success in all of your endeavors. Wherever ever you go, whatever you do, share your gifts and talents.

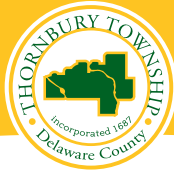


Regardless of what the next chapter of your life is, get involved in your new community. Volunteer your time and share your ideas. You'll be glad you did, we will too. The world needs your contributions!

This summer I challenge all of our residents to stop scrolling, save your Netflix binge for a rainy day and get outside to enjoy our parks. Take a hike in Bonner Park. Challenge your neighbors to a Bocce Ball game at Palmer Arboretum on Brinton Lake Road. Have a family fun night at Thornbury Park with a pizza and a game of disc golf. Go fishing or hiking at Martin Park. Send us your pictures (email photos to susan@thornbury.org) and we will feature you in our fall newsletter.

The township staff and Park & Recreation Board have a lot of fun events planned for you and your families. Kick the summer off with our first event, Beats & Burgers at Thornbury Park from 5-8pm on June 15th featuring Buddy's Burgers Food Truck and FunZaLuv band. Check the website calendar for the rest of the events. Sheri, Mike and I hope to see you there! *JK*

J.P. Kelly, Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Summer Camp is Back!

Thornbury Township Summer Camp is back! Registrations have begun on our website using our new software. The goal is to make the registration process easy for you and more organized on our end. You will find the link for Summer Camp registration under *Latest News* on www.thornbury.org. You will be required to create an account to register for camp. (This account will serve you in the future as well. We will be using this software for event registrations and to sell event tickets.) The Summer Camp has a very flexible schedule with three sessions to choose from: 9:00am to noon, noon to 3:00pm or 9:00am to 3:00pm. Your child must be between the ages of 5 years old and eleven years old. Camp starts on Tuesday, June 20th and ends with a fun water day on Thursday August 3rd. We look forward to having a great time with our happy campers this summer! *T*



PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is gaining popularity and the trend is not slowing down. The Park & Recreation Board has been approached by residents to install pickleball courts at Thornbury Park. This prompted an evaluation of our parks and facilities. The Board approached the Township Manager and the Township has now begun a grant application to subsidize the planning and construction costs of various improvements. Thornbury Park is our most active park. Therefore any improvement there requires thoughtful planning and consideration of all aspects, which takes time. In the meantime, the Township is in communication with The Clock Tower Schools, formerly known as The Glen Mills Schools. We are currently working on a partnership so that Township residents will have access to their pickleball courts. We will post all of the information on www.thornbury.org. You can also sign up for our bi-weekly emails. They are filled with updates and information.

The Supervisors and Public Works Department help the Thornbury Preschool Students break in new playground equipment in February 2023.



PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

LAND DEVELOPMENT

Cheyney University

*Preliminary Land Development
Foster Parking Lot Expansion*

At the March meeting Mr. Ciocco highlighted his March 7, 2023 review. At this meeting several waivers were discussed, as well as landscaping, lighting, traffic/circulation pattern, stormwater management, and parking. Discussion will resume upon receipt of revised plans.

2 Derry Drive

*Preliminary/Final Minor Land Development
Barn and Improvements*

Discussion began at the December meeting regarding landscaping, buffering, and stormwater management. Revised plans were submitted and the discussion resumed at the March meeting. At the conclusion of the discussion the members recommended approval of the plan and waivers with conditions.

Comprehensive Plan

The last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2004. The Delaware County Planning Department made a power-point presentation of the newly updated Comprehensive Plan at the March meeting. After the members discussed each chapter, including population, housing, open space, trails, along with the goals and recommendations of each chapter, they recommended adoption of the newly updated Comprehensive Plan.

All residents are invited to attend meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.



Park and Recreation Updates

ABOUT OUR PARKS: LOCATIONS AND FEATURES

Thornbury Township boasts five public parks. We invite you to enjoy!

BARRETT'S MEADOW

30 acres at Creek & Tanguy Roads



Walk the trail and enjoy the naturally occurring wild flowers in the spring and summer.

BONNER PARK

65 acres on Blossom Hill Road



Visit the historic Frazer Ruins and an old, unused quarry. Enjoy plenty of good hiking.

MARTIN PARK

45 acres on Stony Bank Road



Home to our Annual Fishing Derby. Enjoy plenty of walking, picnicking, and fishing.

PALMER ARBORETUM

21 acres on Brinton Lake Road



Climb the giant adirondack chairs, play hopscotch and bocce ball and walk the trails.

THORNBURY PARK

56 acres at Glen Mills & Thornton Roads



Home to many of our Township events. Enjoy scenic walking and running paths, basketball and tennis courts, playground equipment, the pavilion, and much more.



Yoga in the Park Wednesdays

Begins June 14, 2023

Every Wednesday until August 30, 2023.
Weather permitting.

Place Thornbury Park Pavilion

Time 7:00pm

Golf Night

Wednesday Nights in June, July & August

Enjoy nine holes with your neighbors!
For Township residents only.

Place Glen Mills Golf Course

Time \$35.00

Fee 7:00pm

Beats & Burgers at the Park

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Take the night off from cooking and enjoy Buddy's Burgers & Fun Za Luv

Place Thornbury Park

Time 5:00 – 9:00pm

4th of July Parade

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Build a float, decorate your car or bike and participate in the Thornbury Township tradition! Hot dogs, games and prizes at Thornbury Park.

Place Parade Assembles at
Bethlehem Church

Time 9:30am assembly
10:00 parade begins to march
toward Thornbury Park

Jr. Golf Camp at Glen Mills Golf Course

July 19 – 22, 2023

First 10 residents to enroll are eligible for a 50% scholarship paid for by the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors! Call the Glen Mills Pro Shop at 610-558-2142 ext. 2.

Ages Ages 8-17

Crab Fest in the Park

Friday, July 21, 2023

Pick crabs with your friends!

Place Thornbury Park

Time 6:00 – 9:00pm

Dinner & a Movie in the Park

Friday, August 18, 2023

Showing DC League of Superpets. Buddy's Burgers and Mr. Softee ice cream truck will be there!

Place Thornbury Park

Time 6:30pm

Movie begins at dark

Founder's Day

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Celebrate our incredible community! Check www.thornbury.org and look for the postcard in the mail a little later this summer for all of the exciting event details planned for this year.

Place Thornbury Park

Time 4:00 – 8:00pm

Beats & Burgers at the Park

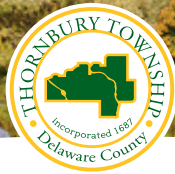
Thursday, September 21, 2023

Buddy's Burgers and Mr. Softee are back! Musical performance by FunZaLuv!

Place Thornbury Park

Time 5:00 – 8:00pm





Environmental Advisory Council

As the cold leaves us and warm weather is ushered in, we are ready to get outdoors again. What better way to break in the summer with family friendly community events!

Family Stream Ecology Event Saturday, June 17, 2023

Join recreational program manager and educator, Noah Grill, for an afternoon of fun checking out the animals and insects that live in the streams of our Township. Yes, kids you will get wet! There will be nets, a field microscope, and tanks to check out with animals like frogs and crayfish.



This is the third ecology event held by the Environmental Advisory Council and it promises to be great day for Township families. Entrance to the event is at the parking lot at Locksley Road to Bonner Park. We would love to see you on Saturday, June 17th, from 10am to 12pm.



Good News from the EAC

At our recent March stream cleaning it was amazing to see trees thriving on Locksley Trail that were planted by the EAC and volunteers a full 15 years ago! It's wonderful that our community has the power to make long term positive impacts in our Township. Join us! Most months the EAC and volunteers perform local trail maintenance. We'd love to see you at the June 3rd Locksley Trail Ruins Clearing. Meet at the Cheyney Station Parking Lot at 9am.

Sustainable Swaps

Your next issue of *Sustainable Swaps* is on the web. Check out the Laundry Room swaps and tips in the e-newsletter and posted on our parks' kiosks.

Oak Wilt: Be on the Lookout

Recently there has been news of the spread of oak wilt disease which is a quick killer of oak trees. The EAC is working with the Township on an action plan. More to come on this soon. Learn more at: <https://extension.psu.edu/oak-wilt-in-eastern-forests>. *T*

THE CLOCK TOWER SCHOOLS UPDATE

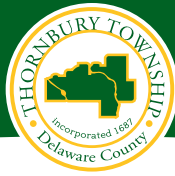
The Clock Tower Schools to Serve Youth in New Pilot Program

With support from Thornbury Township, Delaware County and public officials at the local, state, and federal levels, The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services has recently granted a license to The Clock

Tower Schools to provide critically needed trauma-informed services to youth. The initial pilot



program will welcome a small number of court-referred youth later this year. The Clock Tower Schools believes that trauma lies at the root of many of the issues that system-involved youth face. To support the needs of these students, The Clock Tower Schools has developed a comprehensive, trauma-informed approach that is grounded in the latest research on trauma and its impact on young people. This model prioritizes every student's protection, safety, and well-being to help them develop the skills they need to succeed after they complete the program. The Clock Tower Schools looks forward to serving vulnerable youth and providing much-needed services in support of the Commonwealth, Juvenile Probation Departments, and Children and Youth Agencies. To learn more about The Clock Tower Schools, you can visit www.ClockTowerSchools.org.



Historical Commission Letter

“WHEN THE WELL IS DRY, WE WILL KNOW THE WORTH OF WATER” – BEN FRANKLIN

RACHEL KOHL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Museum Passes

Stay cool in the AC by taking advantage of the library's free Museum Pass Program! Passes from a wide range of museums in the Philadelphia area are available for patrons to check out for a period of three days. Passes may be reserved only one day prior to pick up by calling 610-358-3445. Reservations expire at 12:00pm the next day. Passes may not be put on hold through the catalog. For more info about museum passes, email kohllibrary@delcolibraries.org. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for donating the funds to make the Library's Museum Pass Program possible! You can thank the Friends by becoming a member.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023

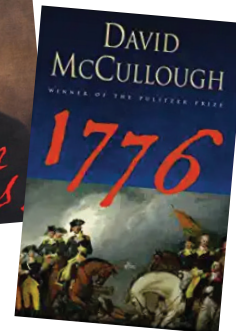
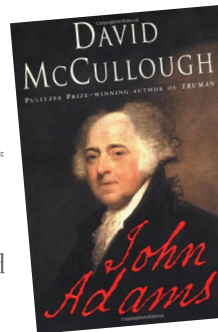
RUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
DR. MARANO

Congratulations to the Class of 2023! It has been an honor to serve them. In my final words to the class, I thanked them for their love for Rustin and for the impact they made through their persistence, resilience, and quest for excellence. Their talent, their diversity, and the impression they made on our community will be missed but remembered, always. I encouraged them to always treat others the way that they themselves want to be treated, and to always dig deep to help and serve others. This is true leadership. I know that they will go forth and make a positive impact on the world. Thank you to our entire community for supporting them and for supporting our mission. Have a wonderful summer.

Thornbury's Connections to the Founding Fathers and Mothers of the United States

Our Historic Property Research has made us more aware of the significant role our Township played in the American Revolutionary War. That war brought us our independence and established our United States of America. The historic research has also revealed our community's more in-depth associations with some of this country's founding fathers and mothers.

George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Cheyney, Polly Frazer and Persifor Frazer* are just a few stand out individuals. Many more are in the background, and without those significant or seemingly insignificant individuals, our history may have evolved in a very different manner.



Pulitzer Prize winning Author David McCullough has written two exceptional books, one titled 1776 and the second John Adams. Those books detail not only the times, but also the women and the men behind the scenes who sacrificed what they comfortably had to promote and help to attain the freedoms we now enjoy. These books, also available in a variety of other formats, are very informative, well written and easy reads. Their contents provide an insight of the times which will make most be astonished once it is fully understood as to the hardships endured. The 1776 book has a very interesting Phyllis

Wheatly / George Washington building at Thornbury's Township Complex aka Historic Resource Property (HRP) # 203, is named for Phyllis who was one of the best-known poets in pre-19th century America.


*Polly and Persifor Frazer information can be found on www.thornbury.org, in the Historical Commission section under the Property Studies link. Once the link has opened into the Property Studies section, scroll down to the titles: *Cheyney Family – Immigration and Genealogy and then to Locksley Mill- 105 Creek Road and Frazer Ruins.*

2023 Property Studies Project

The first of the five properties approved for researching this year is complete. The second property is half way complete.

The additional three are on schedule.

Cherrydale Camp Information Request

We have had a request from a young man who lives in the Cobblestones Development. He wanted to know what was on the ground prior to the development. Previous to Cobblestones, that ground, we believe, was Camp Cherrydale. We are trying to find out information on that camp. If you have any information on this property will you please contact the Township and let them know so we will be able to answer the request? Thank you! 

STAFF & OFFICIALS

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Geoff Carbutt: 610.399.8383 x107

Township Events

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Public Works

Art Risley: 610.399.8383 x106

Code Enforcement Officer

Keystone Municipal Services

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State Senator (9th District)

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kane@pasenate.com

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Mary Gay Scanlon: 610.626.2020

State Representative (168th District):

Craig Williams: 610.358.5925

U.S. Senators

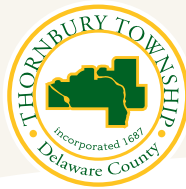
John Fetterman: 215.241.1090

Bob Casey, Jr.: 717.231.7540

District Justice

Honorable Wendy B. Roberts Esquire

District Court 32-2-49: 610.558.3605



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BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 7:00pm

James Kelly, Chairman

Sheri Perkins, Vice Chairman

Michael Mattson, Supervisor

Zoning Hearing Board

1st Monday (if needed): 7:00pm

Board of Health

1st Tuesday: 7:00pm

Park & Recreation Board

2nd Thursday: 7:00pm

Environmental Advisory Council

3rd Thursday: 7:00pm

Historical Commission

3rd Tuesday: 7:00pm

Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday: 7:00pm

Sewer Committee

4th Thursday: 7:00pm

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M-F: 8:30am-4:30pm

Township Calendar

JUNE 2023

Board of Health Mtg..... 6/6/23
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 6/7/23
Park & Rec Board Mtg..... 6/8/23
WCASD LAST DAY OF SCHOOL..... 6/13/23
Planning Commission Mtg..... 6/14/23

BEATS & BURGERS AT THE PARK..... 6/15/23
Environmental Adv. Council..... 6/15/23
* Township Office Closed..... 6/19/23
Historical Commission Mtg..... 6/20/23
1ST DAY OF SUMMER CAMP..... 6/20/23

TWP. PHILLIES GAME Sold Out!..... 6/20/23
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 6/21/23
Sewer Committee Mtg..... 6/22/23
* Township Office Closed..... 6/23/23
* Township Office Closed..... 6/30/23

JULY 2023

4TH OF JULY PARADE..... 7/4/23
* Township Office Closed..... 7/4/23

* Township Office Closed..... 7/7/23
Planning Commission Mtg..... 7/12/23

* Township Office Closed..... 7/14/23
Historical Commission Mtg..... 7/18/23

AUGUST 2023

LAST DAY OF SUMMER CAMP..... 8/3/23
* Township Office Closed..... 8/4/23
Planning Commission Mtg..... 8/9/23
Park & Rec. Board Mtg..... 8/10/23

* Township Office Closed..... 8/11/23
Historical Commission Mtg..... 8/15/23
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 8/16/23
Environmental Adv. Council..... 8/17/23

* Township Office Closed..... 8/18/23
MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK..... 8/18/23
Sewer Commission Mtg..... 8/24/23
* Township Office Closed..... 8/25/23

*** SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday 7:30am-5:00pm and CLOSED FRIDAYS.**

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