



FALL 2022

# THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY

INCORPORATED 1687



## Congratulations Joe Burke

Either you were lucky enough to actually know Mark Kelly or you know what kind of person he was based on the Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award recipients. We are thrilled to announce that Joe Burke, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Board, was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner last May. The dinner was held at Grace Winery (*Thank you Chris LeVine!*) on a very hot day that ended in thunderstorms. The weather did not deter the volunteers or their spirits.

Joe knew Mark Kelly well. They grew up together in Drexel Hill. The Burke family moved to Thornbury in 1999. Joe took a seat on the P&R board in 2004 because it was important for him to give back to his community. Being a good example to his children motivated Joe to volunteer in

his hometown, at his church, St. Thomas the Apostle, and in his development, Cobblestones. Mark and Joe shared their love of family, friends and this great community. This award is an incredible honor for Mr. Burke.

Joe has a benevolence of manner, so being nominated and chosen came as a complete surprise. He just sees what needs to be done and jumps in because he likes to help. Getting an award for what is second nature to him seemed unnecessary. While Joe humbly accepted and thanked everyone, the township staff used their phones to allow Joe's children to "attend" using FaceTime.



*Congratulations, Joe Burke!  
Recipient of the Mark Kelly  
Volunteer of the Year Award*

The Board of Supervisors values all of the volunteers and are fortunate to have such dedicated and exceptional people who serve. You are what makes this township so incomparable. Thank you, Joe, and congratulations! *T*



# Township Manager Letter

Hello fellow residents. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Each year our staff embraces a new theme to help us grow; thus, our mantra for 2022 has been “Lift Them Up.” During the midst of the pandemic, and even now, it seems that people’s patience has worn thin. Phone calls are a little edgier, e-mails more pointed, and willingness to listen has been curtailed. We are trying our very best to help residents with every phone call and visit to the township building. Meriam-Webster defines “community” in several ways. Each seems to fit the mission we share here in the township building. First, as a “group of people living together in one place, practicing

common ownership.” Each staff member in our office is a resident and shares a sense of ownership to make Thornbury thrive. Second, as a “feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.” We appreciate the fact that so many of you attend our events and hope that during those events, you have the opportunity to interact with your neighbors and fellow residents. We all live here for a reason, some may be different than others, but the bottom line is we have chosen to make this our home. With that said, please help us in lifting up our fellow residents. *T*

**Jeff Seagraves,**  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

## RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

### April 20, 2022

- Approved the Township Solicitor formatting the proposed Outdoor Dining Ordinance and circulating the draft to the Delaware County Planning Department for review.
- Approved awarding the 2022 Road Program contract to A.F. Damon, Inc.
- Approved the proposal from Curran Fence for the repair and installation of a new backstop top at Thornbury Park.
- The annual donation of \$250.00 to the Rustin Post Prom for the Class of 2022 was approved.
- The purchase of four new AED units from Tri-State Training & Safety Consulting, Inc. was approved.

### May 18, 2022

- Approved the Open Space Maintenance proposal from Knight Brothers, for tree removal located at Mill and Creek Roads.
- Approved the following Spring Donations, \$250.00 to the Hickory Springs Animal Shelter for the recent placement of a stray dog, \$500.00 to the Delaware County Veterans Museum for Memorial Day and \$1,050.00 to the Western Del-Val Lions, which is \$500.00 for their Memorial Day service and \$550.00, to their Annual Golf Tournament.

### June 15, 2022

- Approved scheduling a Hearing for the proposed Outdoor Dining Ordinance to be held on July 20 in the Township Meeting Room at 7pm,

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**LEAF PICKUP WEEK IS NOV 14-17**

The township leaf collection week is November 14th-17th. Decomposable bags are available at the township building for \$2.00 each. That price covers the bags and the pick-up. Just come into the Township building, buy your bags and register your address for pick up and place bagged yard waste on the street for pick up. **Bags will not be picked up if not registered.** Alternative options include creating a compost pile or till your leaves into the soil of your garden beds where they can act as rich mulch.



*Before and After: The baseball field at Thornbury Park has been restored to its former beauty. We are now accepting field permit applications!*



## Board Chairman Letter

### RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS CNTD.

prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting to follow, and advertising the same.

- The tapping fee for the Isabella Lane Sewer Extension of \$9,572.50 was approved.

#### July 20, 2022

- The proposal from Windview Athletic Fields, for the maintenance and repair of the Thornbury Park Athletic Field was approved.
- Approved waiving the Historic Resource Impact Studies for HRP # 086 at 701 Cheyney Road, and for HRP # 174 at 132 Station Road, in accordance with the Historical Commission's recommendations.
- Participating in the Salt Consortium's soliciting of bids and awarding of a contract for the purchase of road salt for the 2022-2023 season, and to also share the cost to advertise the bid was approved.

#### August 15, 2022

- Approved the proposal from Lawn & Golf Supply Co., Inc. for the purchase of Infield Turf Maintenance Equipment.
- Approved the Lease Agreement for Wheatly Cottage, between Thornbury Preschool, LLC, and Thornbury Township, Delaware County, for the period of September 1, 2022 through July 31, 2027.



For the most part the heat waves are over and the beautiful weather of fall is here. We get a break from the air conditioning and get to enjoy the beautiful outdoors, and what a gorgeous township we have to explore. Take the family on a hike in Bonner Park or take in a game of bocce ball at Palmer Arboretum. No matter where you go this fall please drive carefully. Our township is filled with scenic, winding roads that require the driver's full attention.

Please be aware of the school buses and the students boarding and departing the buses. Safety is our top priority. Please drive with the utmost care and if you happen to notice something out of the ordinary, call the state police. They are here to help and their response time is incredible. Our safety depends on communicating when you become aware of anything abnormal.

Congratulations to Sam Page who won the Thornbury Township Scholarship. His scholarship was presented this past July. Sam is studying at Northwestern. We are proud of you and wish you the best of luck in Illinois, Sam!

We look forward to seeing you at all of the Fall events! *T*

**J.P. Kelly, Chairman**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



The Board of Supervisors Congratulate Sam!  
Left to Right: Mike Mattson, Sam Page,  
Sheri Perkins, JP Kelly



# Thornbury Township Fire Departments

The volunteers of our Fire Departments, Concord, Edgemont and Chester Heights are proud to serve Thornbury Township and surrounding communities. Your tax-deductible donations help purchase the tools, gear, and equipment they need to provide fire and rescue services.

## Concordville Fire & Protective Association

PO Box 70 854 Concord Road  
Concordville, PA 19331

## Edgemont Township Fire Company No. 1

PO Box 64 Gradyville, PA 19039

## Chester Heights Fire Company

PO Box 42 Chester Heights, PA 19017

## OPEN SPACE UPDATE

There are nearly 1,000 acres of open space in Thornbury Township. That open space is comprised of land owned by Thornbury Township and dedicated to parks, publicly and privately owned open space and land owned by institutions within the township.

The inset shows the estimated costs to provide gear for one firefighter. But those costs continue to rise each year as technology and safety standards increase. Your contribution is vital to help keep our community safe and protected, and the volunteers of all of our Fire Companies appreciate your support!

<h3>EQUIPMENT</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HELMET \$400</li> <li>NOMEX HOOD \$100</li> <li>AIR PACK (SCBA) \$7,500</li> <li>Portable Radio \$750</li> <li>Flashlight \$150</li> <li>Bunker Coat \$2,500</li> <li>Gloves \$100</li> <li>Bunker Pants \$1,500</li> <li>Firefighting Boots \$500</li> </ul> <p><b>Total Cost to Outfit a Firefighter = \$13,500</b></p>		<h3>TRAINING</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA Firefighter I 180 hours</li> <li>Hazardous Materials Operations 48 hours</li> <li>CPR/AED 8 hours</li> <li>Blood Borne Pathogens 4 hours</li> <li>Vehicle Rescue Technician 48 hours</li> <li>Truck Company Operations 16 hours</li> <li>Emergency Vehicle Operator 16 hours</li> <li>Pump I and Pump II training 32 hours</li> <li>EMT 200 hours</li> </ul> <p><b>Typical Firefighter Training &gt; 500 Hours</b></p>
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Recently a group of residents requested that the Park and Recreation Committee consider installing pickle ball courts, adding another active recreational opportunity to township residents. Discussions after that request have led to consideration of developing a Comprehensive Open Space/ Recreation Plan for the Thornbury Township.

Some of the first steps in developing this plan include inventorying the land we currently occupy and how it is being used as well as facilities owned privately and in surrounding municipalities. Ultimately, we would like to form a committee to help guide the process. Initial thoughts include participation by a diverse group of residents along with members of existing boards and commissions.

The goal is to include as many ideas and thoughts from all of our residents' in order to best develop a plan that would address a wide variety of needs, both immediate and in the future. Please consider becoming part of this process as it will likely shape the direction of recreational facilities for Thornbury Township for many years to come!



Above: Congratulations Cannon Family on BEST Float!  
Left bottom: Betsy Ross took 1st place in the Bike Brigade.  
Left top: The Sellers Family debating possible winners.



# 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.

### Beats & Burgers in the Park

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Take off from your busy fall schedule and enjoy dinner and music at the park (weather permitting). Buddy's Burgers Truck and FunZaLuv!

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 5:00-8:00pm



### Annual Fishing Derby

Saturday, October 1, 2022

The creek will be stocked and ready. The Park will be CLOSED on Friday. Must be a resident to win prizes.

**Place** Martin Park on Stony Bank Road

**Time** 9:00am

### Annual Halloween Parade & Fall Festival

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Fun autumn activities will include a pie baking contest, carving pumpkins, hay rides, games and making scarecrows. Bring your own scarecrow outfit and carving tools!

**Place** Parade starts at Yellow House on Glen Mills Road

Festival is at Thornbury Park

**Time** 1:00-4:00pm

### Halloween Parade Train

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Parking in West Chester is scary – take the train!

**Place** Station Rd Train Station

**Time** 6:00pm-10:00pm

**Cost** \$5.00

**NEW  
EVENT**

### Senior Fall Luncheon

Friday October 28, 2022

Please RSVP! A minimum number must be met in order to hold the event. Call Susan at 610-399-8383 ext. 101 or email [susan@thornbury.org](mailto:susan@thornbury.org).

**Place** Duffer's Tavern

**Time** 12:00pm

### Kids Paint Night

Friday November 4, 2022

Welcoming children ages 6-12

**Place** Township Meeting Room

**Time** 6:30pm-8:30on

**Cost** \$15.00

### West Chester Parade Train

Friday December 2, 2022

A special Thornbury Township tradition! Ride into West Chester and enjoy the annual Christmas Parade!

**Place** Station Rd. Train Station

**Time** 5:00pm Board Train,  
Return by 10:00pm

**Cost** \$5.00



### SAVE THE DATE:

#### Holiday Wreath Workshop

Thursday, December 1, 2022

#### Annual Tree Lighting

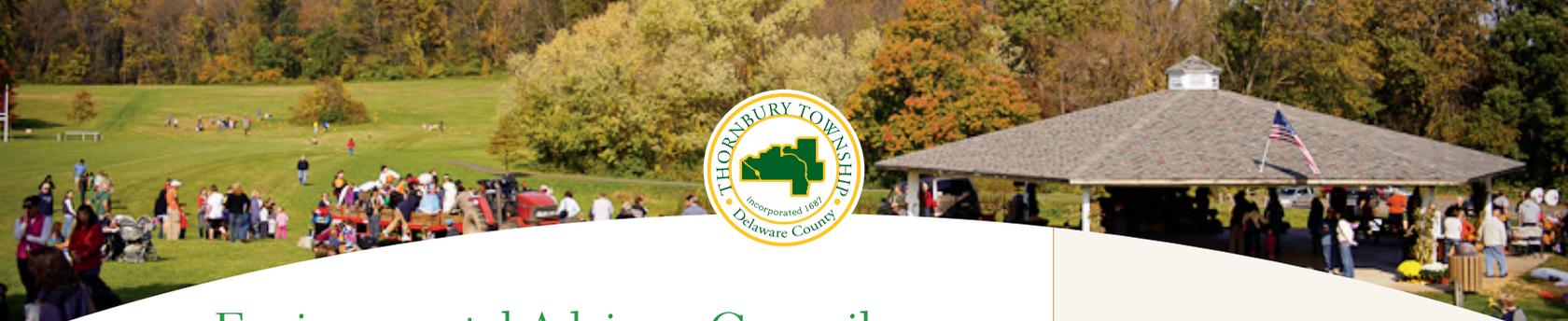
Saturday, December 3, 2022

#### Holiday Express

Saturday, December 10 & 17 2022

#### Light Up the Township Night

Friday December 16, 2022



# Environmental Advisory Council

The highlight of the EAC’s summer activity was the Stream Ecology Event held in June with environmental educator, Noah Grill. Noah taught the group about the different types of animals and insects that live in and around the stream. Using Chester Creek as his classroom, kids and parents alike got wet and explored the nature of Thornbury Township from turtle eggs and leeches to water spiders—eek! As one attendee mentioned, ‘something about kids in creeks brings back good memories for everyone!’ Go to EAC’s Facebook page for photos.

The EAC team continues with monthly trail clearings. Station Road to Locksley Road trail is now cleared and is another great place to explore. We are thankful to the volunteers who have joined us and others who have taken an initiative to clear a downed tree from a trail. We welcome volunteers at our monthly trail clearing events and meetings.

The township has approved two new kiosks for informational and event updates. The kiosks will be installed at Barrett’s Meadow and the Locksley Road parking area at Bonner Park.

Thank you to Charlie Ferguson, who obtained fifty trees for the township through the Keystone Ten Million Trees Partnership. This fall we will be planting these trees on township property.



The number of trees far exceeds the number of volunteers, so we could use more hands and strong backs for this activity. Should you have any questions or you would like to help us plant trees, contact us at [eac@thornbury.org](mailto:eac@thornbury.org). 

*“The activist is not the man who says the river is dirty. The activist is the man who cleans up the river.”*  
— Ross Perot



## RACHEL KOHL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

There is a wealth of excellent information at Rachel Kohl Library as well as some pretty cool E-Resources. To access these amazing E-Resources you need a library card...but you can do that on line too.

Send an email to [support@delcolibraries.org](mailto:support@delcolibraries.org) with your name, address, phone number, and birthdate. You will receive an email with a library card number and a physical card in the mail. While you will have access to the E-Resources with your new library card number, you will need to go into Rachel Kohl in person and pick up your Rachel Kohl Library card.

**Go to: [www.kohllibrary.org](http://www.kohllibrary.org) and scroll down to E-Resources**

- Libby: The library reading app: Borrow ebooks, audio books and more for FREE. Just download on the App Store.
- hoopla: hoopla puts your public library at your fingertips — and it’s all FREE with your library card.
- Brainfuse HelpNow: Homework help, skills building, foreign language support and much more.





# Historical Commission Letter

“When the well is dry, we will know the worth of water” – Ben Franklin

## PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES

All residents are invited to attend meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

### ORDINANCES:

#### Comprehensive Plan

At the April meeting it was reported that all chapters were fine except for #2 Population and #6 Housing, which were affected by the pandemic. Once the 2020 data is released to firm up the figures, the Planning Commission’s discussion will continue.

#### Outdoor Dining Ordinance

An updated draft ordinance was first discussed at the March meeting and the following items were discussed: neighbor impact, water, sewer, lighting/glare, landscape buffering, parking, and noise. The discussion continued at the April meeting and centered on accessing the outdoor dining area; music/entertainment; and shut-down time. The members recommended adoption conditioned upon the Board of Supervisors reviewing and considering various item options. At the June meeting a revised draft was reviewed and recommended for adoption by the members in accordance with the Delaware County Planning Department’s staff recommendations.

#### Stormwater Ordinance Amendments

At the August meeting the members discussed numerous revisions, such as pet waste, impervious pavers, and riparian buffers. The members recommended adoption of these amendments in accordance with the Township Engineer’s review letter.

## MAPS, HRP REPORTS, MISSIONS AND MOSQUITOS

On September 11th 1777, an estimated 26,000 soldiers fought the largest land engagement battle of the American Revolution. As years go by we tend to forget where we came from and what all went thru to make this happen for us. Our newsletter articles and Historic Resource reports detail how integral our township’s land, resources and past residents were to help shape the United States of America. Our Thornbury Township and surrounding areas dramatically influenced the positive outcome of this war.

Sandy Hollow Park in Birmingham Township will host a reenactment of the Brandywine battle on September 24th and 25th. [www.brandywine2022.com](http://www.brandywine2022.com) To volunteer to work behind the scenes, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Fred Fonseca at [fredfons@msn.com](mailto:fredfons@msn.com).

The Historic Maps mentioned in our Summer 2022 article will be framed and hung on the walls in the Township meeting room and the Thornbury

Historical Society (THS), in the Douglass Building, within the next month or so.

Four of the five Historic Resource Property (HRP) Reports for 2022 are complete. We anticipate all five to be available online and at the THS Research Library at Douglass, by year end. For 2023 we have three participants lined up and are confirming the other two who have expressed a desire. As this research program expands year over year it has gained more interest. To date we have 34 reports completed.

History is, in many ways, a story of influence of people and ideas, no matter how small the idea. One of our missions is to help preserve the historical heritage of this community. To help us fulfill that responsibility, we ask for your ideas on how we may help you. Your opinions and ideas are important. If you believe you will have no influence on us, consider this African proverb... *“If you think you’re too small to make a difference, you have not spent the night with a mosquito.”* All the above actions shared in this article started with the persistence of a small idea. *TF*

## NOVEMBER 11, 2022 IS VETERAN’S DAY

This federal holiday is the day that we honor military veterans, those great men and women who served and continue to serve our country. Veteran’s Day was instituted by President Woodrow Wilson on

November 11, 1919 and first called Armistice Day. What can you do to celebrate Veteran’s Day? Adopt a military family for the holidays; visit the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum in Media to learn, honor and remember;

attend the Veterans Day Parade or Visit the VA Hospital in Coatesville to visit some heroes. Thornbury Township thanks all of the courageous men and women that have served this great country.

## STAFF & OFFICIALS

### Township Manager

Jeffrey T. Seagraves: 610.399.8383 x104

### Municipal Secretary

Geoff Carbutt: 610.399.8383 x107

### Township Events

Susan Daudert: 610.399.8383 x101

### Public Works

Art Risley: 610.399.8383 x106

### Code Enforcement Officer

Keystone Municipal Services

WC Area School District: 484.266.1000

### State Senator (9th District)

John Kane: 717.787.4712

kane@pasenate.com

### U.S. Representative (5th District):

Mary Gay Scanlon: 610.626.2020

### State Representative (168th District):

Chris Quinn, 610.325.1541

### U.S. Senators

Pat Toomey: 717.782.3951

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

## CONTACT

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

# Township Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2022

LABOR DAY Township Closed.....9|5|22  
Board of Health Mtg (*cancelled*).....9|6|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg.....9|7|22  
Park & Recreation Board Mtg.....9|8|22

Rachel Kohl Library Annual Dinner .....9|13|22  
Planning Commission Mtg .....9|14|22  
EAC Mtg .....9|15|22  
FOUNDER'S DAY .....9|17|22

Historical Commission Mtg.....9|20|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg.....9|21|22  
Sewer Advisory Committee Mtg .....9|22|22  
BEATS & BURGERS IN THE PARK .....9|29|22

## OCTOBER 2022

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY.....10|1|22  
THS DINNER.....10|4|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg.....10|5|22  
COLUMBUS DAY Township Closed.....10|10|22  
Zoning Hearing Board.....10|10|22

Planning Commission Mtg .....10|12|22  
Park & Recreation Board Mtg.....10|13|22  
Historical Commission Mtg.....10|18|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg.....10|19|22  
EAC Mtg .....10|20|22

Shredding Event.....10|22|22  
FALL FESTIVAL.....10|23|22  
HALLOWEEN PARADE TRAIN .....10|26|22  
Sewer Advisory Committee .....10|27|22  
SENIOR LUNCH.....10|28|22

## NOVEMBER 2022

Board of Health Mtg.....11|1|22  
Supervisors Planning Com. Mtg.....11|2|22  
KIDS PAINT .....11|4|22  
ELECTION DAY.....11|8|22

Park & Recreation Board Mtg.....11|10|22  
VETERANS DAY Township Closed.....11|11|22  
HOLIDAY EXPRESS TICKET SALE.....11|14|22  
Historical Commission Mtg.....11|15|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg.....11|16|22

Sewer Advisory Committee Mtg .....11|17|22  
EAC Mtg .....11|17|22  
THANKSGIVING Township Closed.....11|24|22  
Township Closed.....11|25|22

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