



WINTER 2022

# THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY INCORPORATED 1687



## Congratulations and Welcome, Mike Mattson!



We invite you to congratulate and welcome Mike Mattson to the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors. Mike was elected to the position in the November elections and took his Oath of Office at the Reorganization meeting held on January 2, 2020. Mike and his wife Reenie have lived in Thornbury since 2014. They have three children and reside in the Thornbury Hunt development.

Mike is no stranger to public service as has served on the Park and Recreation Board since 2015. Mike was instrumental in the organization of Park and Recreation events, always willing to volunteer. Additionally, he served his immediate neighborhood as a board member for the Thornbury Hunt Home Owners Association, As well as a proud member of the Western Delaware Valley Lions Club.

At the reorganization meeting on January 3rd, Mike shared his thoughts after being sworn into office. Mike thanked his family and all of those in the community that helped him get elected. He stated that he looked forward to working with fellow supervisors, JP Kelly and Sheri Perkins and also extended his gratitude to Jim Raith for his service to the township. *TM*



## Township Manager Letter

Hello fellow residents. First and foremost, I would like to thank Jim Raith for his 18 years of service as a Supervisor for Thornbury Township. Second, I would like to welcome Mike Mattson as our newest Township Supervisor and congratulate JP Kelly and Sheri Perkins on being elected by the Board as our new Chairman and Vice Chair respectively. We look forward to continuing the tradition of excellent leadership to which we have become accustomed.

During last year we renewed our recycling contract with Opdenaker Inc.. For the past several years the recycling market has been very dismal. We have been paying both transportation and disposal fees for recyclables. However, the recycling market has taken a recent turn and we are once again being paid for the recycling materials we deliver to the recycling centers.

Although we still must pay for transportation costs, we are now able to offset those costs with revenue that is generated from the materials delivered.

The main reason we are now able to get paid for our recyclables is the quality of the materials we send to be recycled. That is because of you, our residents. When you take the care not to “contaminate” recycling materials, we spend less on recycling. If you have questions about how to ensure you are not contaminating your recyclables, please visit [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org). Take the time to educate yourself on what items are recyclable and we will all benefit.

Thank you! *T*

Jeff Seagraves,  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

## RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

### November 3, 2021

- Authorizing Jeff Seagraves, the Township Manager to execute the Security and Fire Alarm upgrade proposal from Defender Systems at a cost not to exceed \$2,345.00, was approved.
- The Contract Base Bid and Alternates #1 & #2, with a cost of disposal at market price per ton, for weekly curbside recycling with Opdenaker Trash Removal, Inc., for the 2022-24 Recycling Contract, was approved.

### November 17, 2021

- The Douglass Cottage Lease Agreement between Thornbury Township, the Thornbury Historical Society and the Thornbury Historical Commission, was approved.

### December 1, 2021

- Advertising The Boards & Commissions Meeting Schedules for 2022, and the Annual Reorganizational and First Public Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Monday, January 3, 2022 was approved.
- Awarding the West Side Sewer District Thornhill and Brinton Lea - Low Pressure Sanitary Sewer Flushing Contract to KBX Golden / Wind River Environmental Company of Kennett Square with an overall bid total of \$8,884.00 for both areas.

### December 15, 2021

- Awarding the Isabella Lane Sanitary Sewer Contract base bid, to Botella

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*The Thornbury Township Staff wishes Jim Raith Well as he retires from The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.*



## Board Chairman Letter

### RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS CNTD.

Construction of Glen Mills, PA, for the low bid amount of \$31,530.00, in accordance with the Township Sewer Engineer's letter dated December 10, 2021, contingent upon their execution of the contract and supply of the required bonds and insurance was approved.

- The 2022 Thornbury Township Personnel Manual was adopted and approved.
- The Douglass Cottage Contracts as follows; ratifying the Concrete Contract with MOR Construction Services, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, approving the Carpet Cleaning with Mangigian Brothers Carpet Service at a cost not to exceed \$799.00, and also approving the General Cleaning with ServiceMaster by ARTEC, at a cost not to exceed \$3,766.13, as specified in the contract proposals were approved.

#### January 3, 2022

- Accepted the letter from Park & Recreation member Michael Mattson, confirming his resignation effective immediately and also approved advertising to fill that position.
- The proposal from Mardinly Industrial Power, for Load Bank Testing at Creek Rd. East, Creek Rd. West, Dylan Court, Fox Brook Ln., the Main Treatment Plant, Pierce Court, and Squire Cheyney at a cost not to exceed \$6947.00 was approved.



It's officially 2022, and I would like to wish our residents a very Happy New Year! I hope that the winter break has offered you and your families time to rest and

connect with loved ones. The beginning of a new year is an exciting time as we reflect on all the accomplishments and challenges of the previous year and look forward to all that we will achieve in the next year.

We also welcomed our new Junior Supervisor. John Lyons Jr. John is a senior at Bayard Rustin and plans to attend Georgetown University and study economics upon graduation. I am certain that John will be an outstanding junior supervisor. Welcome aboard, John!

As we welcomed our newly elected Supervisor, we said farewell to Jim Raith. Jim had diligently served as a supervisor for the past 18 years. Prior to being seated as a supervisor Jim served on our Planning Commission for four years and has been a constant source of guidance and support for our Township Staff. Under Jim's leadership our Township has transformed from a sleepy rural neighborhood to a thriving community of great pride.

Jim's presence on our Board and dedication to our residents will be greatly missed. However, he is not leaving our Township and I am sure

he will continue to provide his support, even if it is from the back row during our Township meetings.

I would like to remind our families that the health and safety of our community are always our top priority. Please stay healthy and safe. It's going to be a great year for Thornbury! *JK*

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



*From left to right: Mike Mattson, John Lyons, Jr., Sheri Perkins, J.P. Kelly*

It was my pleasure to Chair our reorganization meeting on Monday January 3, 2022 and along with Sheri Perkins welcomed our newly elected supervisor, Mike Mattson.

Mike and his family live in Thornbury Hunt, Mike had previously served on our Park and Recreation Board. With his past experience and service to our Township I am confident that Mike will make an excellent supervisor and will serve our Township expertly.



# Environmental Advisory Council

“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.” – John Muir

Since the EAC spends most of its time outdoors, this quote is relevant in many ways. From the cleanup of Chester Creek during the CRC streams cleanup, to monthly trail clearing in our township open spaces, we frequently witness the consequences of our collective actions, both positive and negative. Understanding this, we do our best to act with intention, take care of what we have, educate others and plan for the future of a healthy and beautiful Thornbury Township. In the fall residents purchased and planted more trees, we met new volunteers,

cleared more trails and revealed an additional parking area near the Cheyney train station and look forward to more projects in 2022. In thinking about ways individuals can affect our local and extended environment, recycling kitchen scraps and unused food (i.e., composting) is the single easiest and fastest thing that every person can do to fight climate change, according to California recycling officials. Beginning Jan. 1, California is requiring every city and county to have a program to collect organic waste – from eggshells to yard trimmings.

Our neighbors in Media have also instituted a pilot program to collect food scraps. The good news is we don't need legislation to start composting! Whether you live on four acres or in a townhome, kitchen composting can be accomplished if you know how, and information is available at your fingertips! With grass clippings and leaves making up 34% of landfills in Pennsylvania-imagine the impact our collective efforts could make! As we plan our spring and summer events, we look forward to seeing you soon! *T*

## Stormwater Update

Stormwater runoff is precipitation (rain or snowmelt) that flows across the land. Stormwater may infiltrate into soil, discharge directly into streams, ponds, or drain inlets, or evaporate back into the atmosphere. In the natural environment, most precipitation is absorbed by trees and plants or permeates into the ground, which results in stable stream flows and good water quality. Things are different in the built environment. Rain that falls on a roof, driveway, patio or lawn runs off the surface more rapidly, picking up pollutants as it goes. This stormwater runoff flows into streams or storm drains that discharge into our waterways and can cause a host of problems.

**FLOODING:** As stormwater runs off roofs, driveways and lawns, large volumes quickly reach streams, causing them to rise quickly and flood, instead of a natural slow and steady water rise. When more impervious surfaces exist, flooding occurs more rapidly and can be more severe, resulting in damage to property and people.

**POLLUTION:** Stormwater running over roofs, driveways, roads and lawns will pick up pollutants such as oil, fertilizers, pesticides, dirt/sediment, trash, and animal waste. These pollutants “hitch a ride” with the stormwater and flow untreated into local streams, polluting our waters.

**STREAM BANK EROSION:** When stormwater flows into streams at unnaturally high volumes and speeds, the power of these flows can cause severe stream bank erosion. Eroding banks can eat away at streamside property, create dangerous situations, and damage natural habitat for fish and other aquatic life. This erosion is another source of sediment pollution in streams.



As a homeowner, you can help avoid these problems. Reducing impervious areas so that the rain soaks into the ground. Planting native trees and plants which help infiltrate stormwater and increase evaporation and transpiration. Following safe lawn care practices, managing your stormwater with rain gardens or rain barrels. By doing small things, you have a big impact on improving stormwater management in our community and beyond. *T*



# 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.

### Township Jump at Skyzone

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Just \$10 for 1.5 hours of jumping! Must be registered with a waiver form completed. Residents only. Register at [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org).

**Place** Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park  
10 Conchester Rd Glen Mills, PA

**Time** 2:00pm

**Cost** \$10.00

### Senior Winter Luncheon

Friday, February 25, 2022

Bring a \$20.00 gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange! Enjoy lunch and a fun game with friends. Call 610-399-8383 ext. 109 to register or email [Sue@thornbury.org](mailto:Sue@thornbury.org).

**Place** Duffer's Restaurant

**Time** 12:00pm

### St. Patrick's Day in West Chester

Thursday, March 17, 2022

You choose: Tour WC on your own or see the *Whiskey Rovers* at UPTOWN Knauer Performing Arts Center. Register at [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org).

**Place** Depart from Thornbury Park

**Time** 6-10pm

**Cost:** \$5.00 bus  
\$20.00 bus & show

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Easter Egg Hunt & Decorate Egg Contest

April 16, 2022

### THORNBURY TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SPIRIT

*Left: Mother and daughter teamwork on this wreath. Right: Annie Seagraves saw one of her favorite students at the Wreath Class. Bottom: The tree lighting was lit!*





# Thornbury Township Road Crew

The Pennsylvania State Association of Townships took the month of January to recognize its Public Work Crews all over the commonwealth. After all it is appropriate timing to recognize them as we approach what most winters present as their busiest time of year.

They are an easy group to take for granted. We wake up each morning and expect to leave our cozy homes and get from point A to point B without a second thought. But on some mornings the Road Crew has been out for hours, in the cold or the rain clearing a down tree from the road after a storm. Some of us leave a beautifully plowed street only to find that when we leave our township the roads have not been so thoroughly cleared.

While we sleep, they are out brining the roads and then plowing. While so many of us have the convenience and the option to work from home, they do not.

Once the snow is behind them and all of the equipment has been cleaned of the harsh salt and winter's debris it's time for the weed whackers, mowers and blowers to start up. The nice weather brings another list of chores that we often take for granted. The parks grass is cut, the pesky bees nest removed, the trash cans emptied, the trails cleared, the recreation equipment, hammocks and benches repaired and kept safe. Our parks are maintained with care for you and your families to enjoy. Even the Christmas lights that took weeks to install were carefully hung for your enjoyment by our Road Crew. Actually, most of our events start with a meeting to determine what is needed and the majority of the heavy work is done by the Road Crew. So, if you see our strong and steadfast road crew working hard to make Thornbury Township a better place to live, all year long, please join us in saying "thank you!" for their effort and dedication. *T*

## WINTER IS HERE!

Snow and ice are definitely in the forecast. So please keep the following in mind: Please cut your overgrown tree limbs now BEFORE they are weighed down with snow. When limbs covered in snow and ice are hanging low, they become a hazard. They obstruct the vision of drivers and pose a danger to vehicular traffic as well as pedestrians. If you are unsure or just can't tell if your tree is in need of trimming, call and make an appointment with our Public Works department.



### Other reminders:

- Thornbury Township is not responsible for replacing or repairing a mailbox damaged as a result of snow removal. Make sure your mailbox is securely fixed to your mail box post. Make sure your mail box post is securely in the ground.
- Please do not shovel snow or ice into the street or right of way. This is not only dangerous to our plow crew this is a danger to vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- Please do not park on the road or cul-de-sac in the event of a snow storm. This makes it extremely difficult and sometimes impossible to plow the street.



*Pictured from left to right: Howard Craig, Center: Road Master Art Risley and Glenn Bryson*



# Historical Commission Letter

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

## PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES

### 15 Tanguy Rd. (a.k.a. O’Kane) Land Development: Preliminary/Final Plan

The applicant proposes tearing down the existing house and constructing a new house, driveway, and pole barn. Revised plans were received and discussed at the November meeting. Discussion consisted of landscape buffering, pole barn size and accessibility, setbacks, stormwater, and the historic springhouse. At this meeting the members recommended approval with conditions.

### VMDT Preliminary Land Development

#### Plan: 282 and 286 Dilworthtown Road

At the November meeting discussion topics were: passive outside storage, property use, environmental impact, lighting, and pre-delivery vehicle preparation of vehicles for the Piazza Car Dealership. The discussion will continue once revised plans have been received.

Long ago... there really was a time before internet and television. Many of our younger generations have no memory of that era. Remember when you bought a car and the heater or radio was an option. Seat belts, air conditioning... *what?* Our Delaware County Thornbury Historical Society and the Thornbury Historical Commission have similar missions. To educate our citizens about the history of our fine town, much being before TV and the Internet. In the inset is a circa 1915 picture of the three buildings currently standing at our township campus.

The building in the center is our township building, the one to the right is the Preschool. To the left is Douglass Cottage. By February 2022 the Thornbury Historical Society will be moving into the entire first floor of Douglass. The Thornbury Historical Commission will have an archives office in there also. This move helps to solidify our joint missions and will make what we have to show

and share much, much easier than it has been in the past. The move opens an entirely new opportunity for learning to everyone. The goal of this Douglass Cottage move will be to house and display artifacts, contain a research library, a computer lab and publicly accessible files of the histories of our properties, our families and our events. Thornbury played an extremely important role in the forming of the United States. The simple words “Thank you,” to the Board of Supervisors and the Township staff, do not in any way come close to describing our gratitude for this new opportunity extended us, by them, for you. *T*



DOUGLASS COTTAGE                      SCHOOL BUILDING                      WHEATLEY COTTAGE

## WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chase away your winter blues and ring in the spring with the Arts in West Chester Area School District. You won't want to miss this incredible group of young thespians, stage crew technicians and artists, directors and producers. There are also donation and volunteer opportunities for each production. So mark your calendars!

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| <b>February 24-26</b><br>East High<br>School Musical | <b>March 17-19</b><br>Henderson High<br>School Musical         |
| <b>March 3-5</b><br>Rustin High<br>School<br>Musical | <b>April 1</b><br>East High School<br>House of Hope<br>Concert |



## RACHEL KOHL LIBRARY

There's nothing better than a enjoying good book fireside on a cozy winter afternoon...and then getting together with friends to talk about plot twists and interesting characters! Well, Rachel Kohl library makes it easy for you to start a Book Club! Book Club Bags contain 8-10 print copies of a title and discussion questions, with some also containing large print and/or sound recording copies. They can be checked out for a maximum of two months at a time. You can get all of the details at [www.kohllibrary.org](http://www.kohllibrary.org). To reserve a Book Club Bag, please call the circulation desk at 610-358-3445. Book Club Bags must be brought into the library for returns (cannot be returned to the outside return bins).

## 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: 717.756.1548

kane@pasenate.com

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

Mary Gay Scanlon: 610.626.1913

### State Representative (168th District):

Chris Quinn, 610.325.1541

### U.S. Senators

Pat Toomey: 202.224.4254

Bob Casey, Jr.: 202.224.6324

### 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 Raith, Chairman

James Kelly, Vice Chairman

Sheri Perkins, Supervisor

### Zoning Hearing Board

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

### Environmental Advisory Council

3rd Thursday: 7:00pm

### Park & Recreation Board

2nd 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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Monday through Friday:

8:30am-4:30pm

# Township Calendar

## FEBRUARY 2022

Board of Health Meeting..... 2 1 22	Park & Recreation Board Meeting..... 2 10 22	Board of Supervisors Meeting..... 2 16 22
Board of Supervisors Meeting..... 2 2 22	<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> ..... 2 14 21	EAC Meeting ..... 2 17 21
<b>TOWNSHIP JUMP</b> ..... 2 6 22	Historical Commission Meeting..... 2 15 22	President's Day <i>Twp. Offices Closed</i> ..... 2 21 22
Planning Commission Meeting..... 2 9 22		Sewer Advisory Meeting..... 2 24 22

## MARCH 2022

Board of Health Meeting..... 3 1 22	Park & Recreation Board Meeting..... 3 10 22	EAC Meeting ..... 3 17 21
Board of Supervisors Meeting..... 3 2 22	Day Light Savings Time Begins..... 3 13 21	<b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY TRAIN</b> ..... 3 17 21
Planning Commission Meeting..... 3 9 22	Historical Commission Meeting..... 3 15 22	Sewer Advisory Meeting..... 3 24 22
	Board of Supervisors Meeting..... 3 16 22	

## APRIL 2022

Board of Health Meeting..... 4 5 22	Good Friday <i>Twp. Offices Closed</i> ..... 4 15 22	Board of Supervisors Meeting..... 4 20 21
Board of Supervisors Meeting..... 4 6 22	<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b> ..... 4 16 22	EAC Meeting ..... 4 21 21
Planning Commission Meeting..... 4 13 22	Historical Commission Meeting..... 4 19 22	<b>SHREDDING EVENT</b> ..... 4 23 22
Park & Recreation Board Meeting..... 4 14 22		Sewer Advisory Meeting..... 4 28 22

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