

FALL 2021

# THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY

INCORPORATED 1687



## Congratulations to the 2020 Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient: Ric Miller



Please join us in recognizing Ric's efforts and contributions to Thornbury Township. Ric has been a township resident for more than 30 years. In 2008 Ric approached the Board of Supervisors with an interest to serve. Fortunately for us, Ric took the vacant seat on the Historic Commission and has been contributing zealously ever since. Ric has made substantial improvements to the township inventory of Historic Resource Properties. He also contributed to the Oral History, a rich archive of residents' accounts of the history of our community. Ric worked with the Thornbury Historical Society on the Historical Timeline at Thornbury Park. These are just a few of Ric's contributions. Mark Kelly would be proud of this year's recipient. Mr. Miller received his award at the outdoor meeting at Thornbury Park this past May. *TK*



# Township Manager Letter

Hello fellow residents!  
We are so pleased to finally be able to hold events and see our residents in person. Thank you to all who were able to attend Founder's Day. The event was wonderful and the attendance was probably the best we have seen. I want to thank our staff and all who supported the event as they did an incredible job. These events are certainly the highlight for me as your Township Manager.

To say that it has been my pleasure to serve as your Township Manager for the past 17 years would be an understatement. One of the main reasons it has been such an incredible ride is because of our current, but departing Chairman of the Board, Jim Raith. Jim has provided the guidance and support that has enabled us to develop the many programs and events that have become a staple of our community.

Jim joined the Board of Supervisors in 2004, I was fortunate enough to join the team in January of 2005. I use the word team, with significant meaning. We have developed a sense of camaraderie that few other municipalities enjoy. For that I am grateful. And while Jim will surely be missed, we look forward to the continued growth of programs, services, and open space acquisition.

Please try to join us at a meeting or one of our upcoming events to express appreciation for all that Jim Raith has done. Thank You Jim for your service and dedication to Thornbury Township and our residents. *J*

**Jeff Seagraves,**  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

## LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS PICKUP

**Collection is November 11th-15, 2021**

*It's "unbeleafable" how many leaves fall from the trees this time of year!*

The township leaf collection week is November 15th-19th.



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 "leaf" your bagged yard waste on the street for pick up. Alternative options for all those pesky leaves: creating a compost pile or till your leaves into the soil of your garden beds where they can act as rich mulch.

## FOUNDER'S DAY 2021

*Below: Water gun fun is always a favorite at Founder's Day!*



## JULY FOURTH 2021

*Below left: Residents Mike Avella and Jeremiah Daudert volunteered to roll hundreds of Hot Dogs for you on the 4th of July! Below right: Troopers Dolan and Tobin compete in the 3-legged race at the 4th of July games*





## Board Chairman Letter

### RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

#### May 5, 2021

- The contract with Envirep TLC, for the purchase of OmniSite Monitoring Equipment for use at the Township Pump Stations, at a cost not to exceed \$3,918.00, with Cellular/Website/ Smartphone App Service to be billed at \$23.00 per month for one year, as detailed in their proposal was approved.

#### May 19, 2021

- A contribution of \$500.00 to the Western Delaware Valley Lions, for their 2021 Golf Outing to be held in June was approved.
- Awarding the 2021 Road Program Contract #1 to Glasgow, Inc. was approved.

#### June 2, 2021

- Hiring Summer Camp Staff of Cindy McCord of CMC Productions, Jeremiah Daudert, Lauren Turco and Annie Seagraves was approved.
- Authorizing Jeff Seagraves, the Township Manager, to execute any documents that are required for the application of American Rescue Plan funding was approved.

#### June 16, 2021

- The 2021-2022 Snow & Ice Removal Contract Proposal from MOR Construction Services, Inc., was approved.

#### July 21, 2021

- The Proposal from the Octoraro Native Plant Nursery, for the EAC "Trees for \$10" event this fall was approved.

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My fellow Supervisors and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some recent activities and comments. I have been on the Board of Supervisors

since 2004 and it has been my honor to represent each of you for the past 18 years. I have decided not to seek re-election this year. These past 18 years have been some of the most rewarding in my life. The gratitude I have for the residents who have put their faith and trust in me during that time, is hard to put into words. Although I have decided not to run, I am not going anywhere. You will still see me all over town and at our Township events. Thornbury has been, and will continue to be, a part of my life and my family's lives. We live in the greatest community, and this is what has shaped my family's and hopefully your family's lives as well.

We have done so much together, created so many memories. We have built groups of volunteers that will continue to make a difference. We have also changed the Township staff and structure to be more accommodating to our residents. You can live in a township, but you will thrive in a community; that is what sets us apart from everyone else.

Our summer had many great events. Most recently, our annual Founder's Day took place on September 11th.

The event was very well attended, and the day marked the 20th anniversary of the attacks on our great nation. We honored those lost on that tragic day, and we will never forget.

We look forward to a fun-filled fall season. We have many events to look forward to, including our Halloween Parade and Fishing Derby. Please check the Township website ([www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org)) for more details and take a few minutes to sign up for our email alerts. This is a great way to get reminders for recycling pick-up, meetings, events, and other activities going on around town. A reminder: If you are interested in serving on our Boards and Commissions, please reach out to the Township, with a letter of interest, along with a description of where you are most interested in serving. Also, we have many other volunteer opportunities available for our Township events and would love to add you to our dedicated group of volunteers. In closing, have a great fall, and we will see you around town! *JR*

**Jim Raith, Chairman**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Below: It's oh-fish-ial! These anglers took home 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes at the Annual Fish Derby on October 9, 2021. James had a 14 inch trout, Caleb a 13 inch trout and Elizabeth 12.25 inch trout. Congatulations!*





# Environmental Advisory Council

This fall marks the third Tree for a Ten event since it was announced in 2020. By the time you are reading this, the EAC will have subsidized the purchase of approximately 600 trees to township residents. Can one person help global warming by planting a tree? Yes. However, when a decision to plant a tree is made by 200 or so individual residents, that impact is magnified exponentially. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, in one year a mature tree will absorb more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen in exchange and in addition provide habitat for birds, animals and help mitigate stormwater runoff. In order to support the health of the entire tree canopy, diversity is needed in trees, which is why the EAC has carefully selected a diverse selection that will thrive in our environment.

The Locksley Road entrance and parking lot to the Luckenbach trail has been well used this past year. This spring the EAC cleared the parking lot and brush around the trail head at the Cheyney Road section of the trail to provide additional trail parking. A sign is in the process of being made to indicate this new parking area.

Emerald Ash Borer in Delaware County is well established, and many Ash trees have already died. This is a good time of year to identify trees on your property that may be hazards and prioritize removal. Heavily infested trees exhibit canopy dieback usually starting at the top of the tree. Most of the canopy will be dead within 2 years of when symptoms are first observed. Find more information on the Penn State Extension website or [www.treephilly.org](http://www.treephilly.org). Take inventory now, as the longer you wait to remove a diseased tree the more it will cost. *T*

*“It’s a question of discipline,” the little prince told me later on. “When you have finished washing and dressing each morning, you must tend to your planet.”*  
—Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, in *The Little Prince*

## WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is pleased to award West Chester Area School District the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (COE). ASBO International’s COE recognizes districts that have met the program’s high standards for financial reporting and transparency. The school district earned the Certificate of Excellence for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended 2020. *“Our school board has established fiscal goals each year for the past six years, and our business office has done an excellent job carrying out those goals to ensure that the dollars we allocate are going directly into programs and services to support students,”* said Jim Scanlon, Superintendent. By participating in the COE program, school districts demonstrate their commitment to financial transparency. Applicants submit their report for review by a team of financial professionals who provide feedback to improve future documents. If the report meets the requirements of the program, it may receive the Certificate of Excellence. A district’s participation in the COE program can facilitate bond rating and continuing bond disclosure processes.

## SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

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- The Thornbury Township Social Media Use Policy, establishing guidelines for the use of all social media was approved.

### August 18, 2021

- The addition of all of Timber Lane (Alternate Bid items #1A & #1B) into the Thornbury Township Delaware County 2021 Road Program was approved.
- The Cyber Security Proposal dated August 3, 2021 from CYBIR, at a cost not to exceed \$160.00 per user, per year, and a flat fee of \$1,950.00 for a one-time Instructor Led Security Awareness Training Session was approved.
- Final payment of two invoices to MOR Construction Services, Inc., in the total amount of \$9,090.85, for the Emergency Storm Sewer repairs on Station Road, was approved.

### September 1, 2021

- Authorization of Jeff Seagraves to purchase fish from Crystal Springs Hatchery for the Children’s Fishing Derby, in an amount not to exceed \$2,300.00 was approved.

### September 15, 2021

- Resolution 2021-11, establishing and instituting a Board of Health for Thornbury Township, Delaware County, and appointing the members thereof and the Health Inspector was approved.
- The agreement with SBA Towers, LLC, to Sub-Lease space on the tower located at 5 Township Drive, to Dish Wireless, in accordance with their proposal dated August 23, 2021 was approved.

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# 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.

### Annual Halloween Parade & Fall Festival

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Enjoy 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 Parking Lot on Glen Mills Road, Festival is at Thornbury Park

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

### Kids Paint Night

Friday, November 12, 2021

For children ages 6–12.

**Place** Township Meeting Room

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

**Cost** \$15.00



### Senior Fall Luncheon

Thursday, November 19, 2021

*“To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honors.”* Please RSVP!

A minimum number must be met.

Call Susan at 610-399-8383 ext. 101

Or email: [susan@thornbury.org](mailto:susan@thornbury.org)

**Place** Thornbury Township Municipal Bldg.

**Time** 12:00pm



### Annual Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Join us for the Annual Tree Lighting as we celebrate the season with refreshments and a visit with Santa!

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 5:00pm

### Holiday Wreath Workshop

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Decorate a fresh wreath this season!

**Place** Township Building

**Time** 6:30pm

**Cost** \$15.00

### Holiday Express

#### Train Ride and a visit with Santa

Saturday, December 11 & 18, 2021

Tickets go on sale Monday, November 15. First come first served with a six ticket maximum.

Must be a resident to purchase ticket.

**Place** Station Rd. Train Station

**Time** 9:00am

**Cost** \$5.00 per ticket



### Light Up the Township Night

Friday December 17, 2021

Light up Santa's journey through the township. Purchase luminary kits online at [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org) and show your support to our Fire Companies.



# Historical Commission Letter

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

**A Little Bit of This...and A Little Bit of That**  
Historical vs. Historic: Historic means “having importance in history.” Historical means “from the past.”

**Bit One:** The Brandywine Task Force Historic Roadside Marker “An Exhausted Retreat” mentioned in our Fall 2020 Newsletter article was installed on Thornton Road across from the Stables restaurant. The familiar blue marker is placed to be easily read from the parking lot. Thank you, Art and Howard, for installing and thank you, Bill and Sophia Clinger, for offering that location.

**Bit Two:** The Historic Resource Property (HRP) Studies Project currently has 25 reports online. Three more will arrive on line shortly with a forth anticipated by years end. This totals 29 property owners with extensive knowledge of their property’s and resource’s past. We will be contacting HRP owners soon to set up research for the five properties for 2022. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for allowing us to move forward with this project. Special thanks to Sue Howat, as she is the one who has to navigate placing this material online.

**Bit Three:** “The Storytellers.” This is a continuation of and enhancement to our Oral History Project and our Historical Resource Property Studies Project. For many years our Historical Commission

and our Historical Society have been presented with the writings many caring individuals took the time to convey about their (and your), everyday Thornbury. Rather than keep the knowledge hidden away in our files we are sharing it online. Several stories are available now with more arriving from time to time. If all goes according to plan, we will wind up with a rather extensive library of articles.

**Bit Four:** Expanding on “Bit Two”... In May of this year the Heritage Commission of Delaware County presented a Certificate of Appreciation for our Historic Resource Property Studies Project. The award was presented to the Historical Commission, the Historical Society, the Board of Supervisors and Mary Sue Boyle & Co., LLC. This recognized our Outstanding Contributions to Historic Preservation in Delaware County, in the category of Preservation Planning. The Heritage Commission noted our project is a good model for other historical organizations to emulate.

**Last Bit:** All the above are examples of how, with our Supervisors’ and Township staff support, our Historical Society and Historical Commission volunteers and professional researchers, Thornbury, again, stands out as the special place it is. *TF*

## VETERAN’S DAY

The federal holiday is observed every year on November 11th. It is on this day that we honor military veterans. Those great men and women served and continue to serve our country. It was instituted by President Woodrow Wilson on November 11th 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.

## SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

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### October 6, 2021

- Contributions to the Concordville Fire Department in the amount of \$66,000.00, the Edgmont Fire Department in the amount of \$38,000.00, the Chester Heights Fire Department in the amount of \$29,000.00, and the Rachel Kohl Library in the amount of \$42,000.00 were approved.
- Advertising for Ordinance 2021-1, Implementing the guidelines and procedures for the Thornbury Township Board of Health was approved.

## FUN THINGS TO DO THIS FALL

**Arasapha Farm** has reopened with new activities like a picnic area and sunflower field and old favorites like the corn maze and hay rides.

**Newlin Grist Mill** is hosting Monthly Bird Walks: October 30th, November 27th, and December 18th. Bird Walks are free!

**Linvilla Orchards** will be having Pony Rides, Ship Bottom Beer Garden, a Farmer’s Market, Hay Rides, Corn Maze and more!

**Xscape The Room** Visit at 1 W. 3rd Street in Media, 484-471-7031

**Halloween Ball** with Chester County History Center at 225 N. High Street. Visit [www.chestercohistorical.org](http://www.chestercohistorical.org) for more information.



# Planning Commission Updates

## RACHEL KOHL LIBRARY

Many organizations and individuals, like you, contribute to the financial health of the Library. You help supply the 36% of our total budget that is not covered by tax-based funding. This year we received an extraordinary gift from longtime residents. This gift may make it possible to expand the library interior space. Our plan is to create a dedicated children's center in the left hand wing of the library. It would allow us to create study rooms, extra seating and an expanded adult and teen section. Will you consider supporting your Library? Your donation helps a child discover new universes, a person with failing eyesight a chance to listen to a book, a student access to research databases, and families a safe place to meet and exchange ideas. Your donation is tax-deductible and we are grateful for your support. We welcome checks by mail or in person, or online donations at [www.kohllibrary.org](http://www.kohllibrary.org).

Residents are invited to attend virtual meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. (The Planning Commission meetings scheduled for May, June, July, and August were cancelled.)

### SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

#### 72 Sweetwater Road:

*Conditional Use –  
Bed and Breakfast Operation*

At the March meeting the PC discussed the applicant's proposal to preserve, restore, upgrade, and re-use the property for additional bed and breakfast rooms as part of Grace Winery. The members recommended approval of the adaptive re-use of this historical structure and the use of the barn for special events associated with the bed and breakfast.

#### 1661 Old Gradyville Road:

*Minor Subdivision*

At the April meeting the applicant proposed a minor lot-line change between Thornbury and Edgmont

Townships with no property changes or development within Thornbury Township. The members recommended approval of this lot line change.

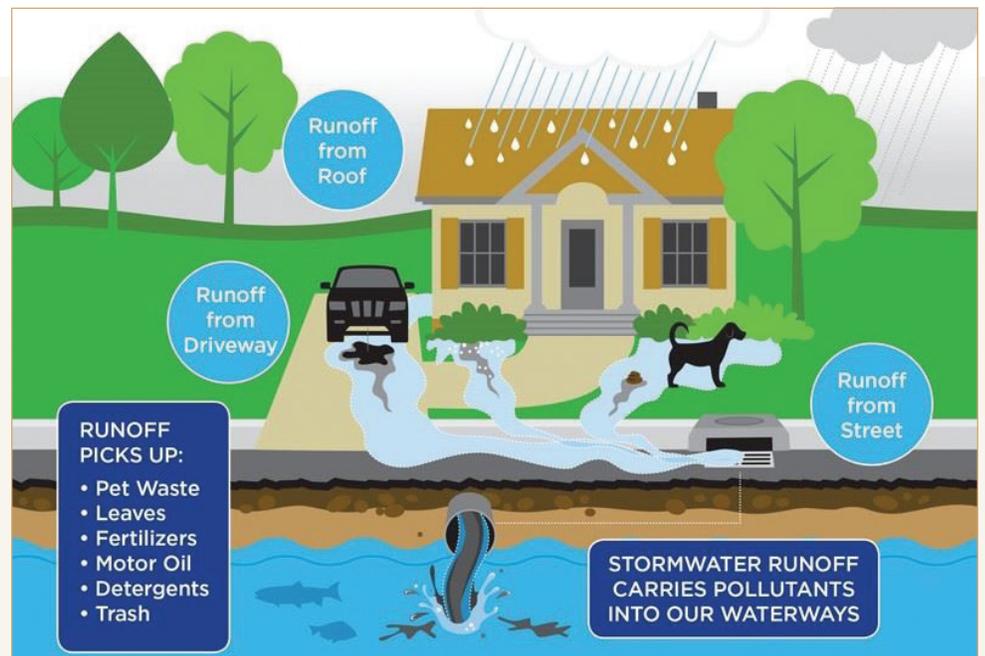
#### 15 Tanguy Road (a.k.a. O'Kane):

*Land Development –  
Preliminary/Final Plan*

Last July, the applicant proposed tearing down the existing house and constructing a new house, driveway, and pole barn. During the November and December meetings, the discussion continued regarding tree replacement requirements, pole barn size and accessibility, setbacks, and stormwater. Revised plans have been received and were discussed at the October meeting. Discussion will continue upon receipt of revised plans. *TT*

## HELPFUL TIPS TO AVOID STORMWATER POLLUTION

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and walkways.
- Never dump anything into storm drains.
- Properly dispose of all paints, used motor oil and other hazardous waste.
- Pick up after your pet and dispose waste in the toilet or trash.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.



## 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

## OCTOBER 2021

Board of Supervisors Mtg.....10 6 21	Park & Recreation Board Mtg.....10 14 21	EAC Meeting.....10 21 21
<b>ANNUAL FISHING DERBY</b> .....10 9 21	<b>EAC FALL TREE PICK UP</b> .....10 16 21	Shredding Event.....10 23 21
Columbus Day <i>Twp. Office Closed</i> .....10 11 21	Historical Commission Mtg.....10 19 21	<b>FALL FESTIVAL</b> .....10 24 21
Planning Commission Mtg.....10 13 21	Board of Supervisors Mtg.....10 20 21	Sewer Advisory Mtg.....10 28 21

## NOVEMBER 2021

Primary Election Day.....11 2 21	Planning Commission Mtg.....11 10 21	Senior Fall Luncheon.....11 19 21
<i>Township Offices Closed</i> .....11 2 21	Board of Supervisors Mtg.....11 17 21	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> .....11 25 21
Board of Supervisors Mtg.....11 3 21	EAC Meeting.....11 18 21	<i>Township Offices Closed</i> .....11 25 21
Park & Recreation Board Mtg.....11 4 21	Sewer Advisory Mtg.....11 18 21	<i>Township Offices Closed</i> .....11 26 21

## DECEMBER 2021

Board of Supervisors Mtg.....12 1 21	Holiday Express.....12 11 21	Historical Commission Mtg.....12 21 21
<b>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING</b> ....12 4 21	Board of Supervisors Mtg.....12 15 21	Township Offices Closed.....12 24 21
Planning Commission Mtg.....12 8 21	EAC Mtg.....12 16 21	Township Offices Closed.....12 27 21
	<b>HOLIDAY EXPRESS</b> .....12 18 21	

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