



WINTER 2021

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY INCORPORATED 1687



Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award Presented to Ted Jacquet



Every year a volunteer is nominated to win the *Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award*. We are so pleased to announce the 2019 Winner is Ted Jacquet! Sadly, Ted was not presented with this award at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in February but was told over the phone and offered his award on his door step at a very safe distance.

We postponed and held out hope that we could actually host this event, like we have done for years, but the dangers of COVID persisted. While his presentation and acceptance were quite unceremonious, it is still something important to recognize and celebrate.

Ted and his family moved into the Township in 1995. They wanted to build a home and found a great lot here.

They loved the rural feel and so, once a resident, Ted's goal was to get involved to protect what he loved most about his new home. He offered his services to the Township and served on the Planning Commission and the Historical Commission. Ted currently serves on the Sewer Advisory Committee as he recognized the need to protect the environment and advocate for the installation of public sewers where possible. Pre-pandemic, you could always find Ted seated at a Board of Supervisors meetings in order to convey his reports and to stay informed.

Thornbury Historical Society has also benefitted from Ted's donations of time and energy in the past and Ted currently serves as Treasurer and board member of the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation.

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Township Manager Letter

Hello fellow residents. As I reflect on the many trials and tribulations that this past year has presented, I am grateful to live in such a beautiful area.

While many have struggled with the mandates of quarantined life, at least we have an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors here in Thornbury Township. Now more than ever, our parks and open space have become an escape, a chance to enjoy nature's offerings.

Whether you choose to enjoy the play equipment at Thornbury Park or take a vigorous hike in Martin Park, the end result is hopefully the same, a true appreciation for the outdoors.

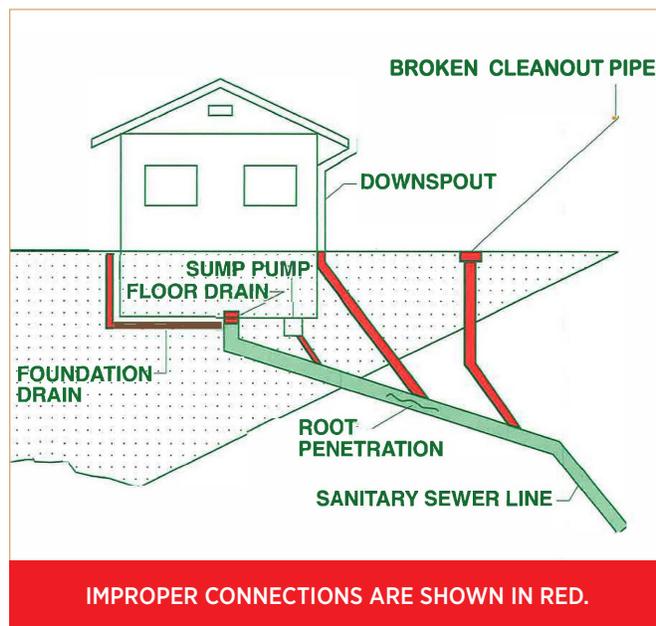
Our Board of Supervisors has worked hard to preserve open space in the Township. The fruits of their labor have never been more appreciated than now, as is evidenced by the increased use of all of our parks, trails, and open space.

Delaware County recently assessed that there was over 1,000 acres of open space in Thornbury Township. Almost half of that is available for public access. The rest is privately held but still contributes to the tremendous viewsheds we experience. The Board of Supervisors has been diligent in the pursuit of open space acquisition and will continue to preserve the quality of life in our Township. *TS*

Jeff Seagraves,
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

FREE INSPECTIONS TO REMEDY IMPROPER PUBLIC SEWER HOOK-UPS

It has come to our attention that there is a high volume of stormwater runoff entering the sewer system during rain events. This has resulted in increased costs to the Township, which may lead to increased sewer rental fees in the future. It is possible that your property could be contributing to the problem. We need your help to resolve this issue.



The following connections to the sewer system contribute to this problem:

- Downspouts
- Sump pumps
- Basement drains
- Outside area drains
- Broken cleanout pipe (gravity system)

Free Inspection:

The Township is offering free inspections to help identify any of these connections. We will provide guidance to ensure your system is properly connected. If you would like to schedule a free inspection, please contact Susan@thornbury.org. *TS*

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR TED JACQUET

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When asked why volunteering was so important to him, Ted replied: *"I like being involved with Township residents and helping the Township protect the benefits we derive from living here."* The Jacquet family has seen some changes over the years. There are many more residents these days and with that come the activities that are so vital to our community's closeness.

Do you know a volunteer that has dedicated their time and energy to improving or enhancing our community? Please send your nominations to Jeff Seagraves (Jeff@Thornbury.org). Your nominee does not have to serve on a board or commission. They just have to be a resident who has made a contribution to our cherished hometown.

Please congratulate Ted if you see him out and about and read his Sewer Advisory Committee article regarding improper hook-ups to the left. *TS*



Board Chairman Letter

RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

September 2, 2020

- The Declaration of Weather Disaster Emergency executed August 8, 2020 as a result of the Township wide damage caused by Hurricane Isaias August 3 & 4, 2020 was approved.
- The Emergency Road Repair Contract with A.F. Damon, Inc., for the roadway at Old Gradyville Road between the intersections of Creek Road and Slitting Mill Road, as recommended by the Township Engineer and pursuant to the "Declaration of Emergency" was approved.
- The 2020-21 Salt Contract with Eastern Salt Company, Inc., as per the Delaware County Municipalities accepted bid, at \$50.35 per ton was approved.

September 16, 2020

- The amended Ballot Box License Agreement with the Delaware County Bureau of Elections in accordance with the revisions required by the Township Solicitor, was approved.
- The Post Office Contracts with Robert Battista for Water Damage, at a cost not to exceed \$5,329.00, the Well Contract with Powell Drilling Services Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$6,180.00, and the Painting Contract with Chris Hauser, at a cost not to exceed \$2,895.00, were approved.

October 7, 2020

- The Martin Park Emergency Stormwater Repair contract with Steve Botella Construction & Excavation, Inc., for a total amount not to exceed \$15,780.00, 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. It feels good to wrap

up the year that has been filled with obstacles. 2020 gave us challenges that changed the way everyday business was conducted. Those challenges affected our schools, sports, our community events, and also affected each and every resident in different ways. We work hard in Thornbury Township to try and bring people together. Our boards, commissions, and staff still put forward the effort to make that happen, albeit virtually these days.

Some new things that have happened recently in the Township. We held a virtual Veterans Day ceremony that featured adding seven new names to the WWII Memorial with another two to follow shortly.

We lit up Thornbury Park with festive lights so you could stop by and enjoy the holiday season safely as we were not able to hold our annual gatherings.



We have a new hire in the Public Works Department, Glenn Bryson, who is a resident of the Township. Welcome Glenn! We look forward to working with you.

And lastly, Interpretive Panels were installed by the spring house in the field that the Farmer's Market uses on Glen Mills Road. Go see and enjoy our history.



We are looking forward to introducing our 2021 Junior Supervisor(s) as we begin our ninth year with this Program. The students from Rustin have been exceptional at keeping us informed on all the activities at the High School. This program has proven to be rewarding for the students, the residents, and certainly the Board of Supervisors.

If you are interested in serving on one of our boards, commissions or volunteering in another way please contact us via our website or a phone call. Our Township is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers, not only the ones who serve on the boards and commissions, but the ones who help at all of our events. Join our family of volunteers; it will be a rewarding experience.

Visit www.thornbury.org to stay informed on what's going on around town by registering your email address with Sue Howat (Sue@thornbury.org). Sue will send you weekly updates and reminders. We look forward to a time soon where we can once again continue our traditions, events and gatherings, until then, be safe and enjoy your winter season. *TR*


Jim Raith, Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Environmental Advisory Council



The most popular EAC event of the year was easily the Tree for a Ten event, held in October. Made possible by a grant from PECO and the Thornbury Board of Supervisors, the EAC purchased 200 trees, that were sold to Township residents for \$10 a tree. The EAC team did both the planning and the heavy lifting of this event, literally, from selecting just the right trees to driving a rented truck to transport the trees then unloading and organizing the trees to create a virtual nursery at the Thornton Farmer's Market Nursery grounds. It was a great day meeting environmentally minded neighbors knowing that our Township is now 200 trees richer! If you missed the last event, a follow up event is in the works for the spring! Keep your eyes open for ordering instructions from Thornbury Township. If you are not on the email list, reach out to someone on the EAC or call the Township. Preference will be given to residents who have not ordered previously. Photos courtesy of neighbor and photographer, Gary Coyler.



The EAC was approached by a local beekeeper looking to place beehives on Township property. While the Township evaluates this proposal, local residents who have an interest in hosting a beehive, please reach out to us. The location of the hive must be easily accessible by truck for maintenance. Gardeners who live near beehives notice more profuse flowers and vegetables as a benefit from these awesome pollinators.

It's been a busy summer for dog walking and hiking. We recently added a load of wood chips to the trail at the Lukenbach trail by Locksley Bridge. Please contact us if you have interest in joining future trail events. *TF*

SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

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October 7, 2020

- The Emergency Road Repair Contract with A.F. Damon, Inc., in the amount of \$32,400.00, for the roadway at Old Gradyville and Slitting Mill Roads, as recommended by the Township Engineer, was approved.
- The new Guide Rail Installation at the Locksley Road Whistle-stop, in the amount of \$6,000.00, and also a contribution to the West Chester Railroad for structural repairs, in an amount not to exceed \$3,900.00, were approved.

November 7, 2020

- The proposal from Chris Hauser Painting for the work to be done at the Township Building at a cost not to exceed \$9,975.00, was approved.
- Authorization of Jeff Seagraves to represent Thornbury Township Delaware County, as Voting Delegate at the annual meeting of the Chester County Tax Collection Committee, and approve our portion of the budget which is \$342.17, was approved.

November 18, 2020

- The extensions on the "Daniels Subdivision," from November 23, 2020, to February 21, 2021, and the "Lawlor Subdivision" from December 3, 2020, to March 3, 2021, were approved.
- Advertising for a Certified Public Accountant or firm, to audit the Township accounts for fiscal year 2020, was approved.



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.



Covid certainly has changed our lives and routines. We are all in a new normal. That can be good thing. It pushes us to grow. The Park & Recreation Board was disappointed to not host our annual holiday events like our Wreath Class, Tree Lighting and the ever-popular Holiday Express. But we got together and came up with some Covid-safe events to spread holiday cheer and they went well, so well that we hope to continue them in the future.

We hosted a Pumpkin Pick Up instead of our traditional Fall Festival and asked you to carve your pumpkins and post the creations on our facebook page. Here are a few of the paramount pumpkins that were sent in. Thanks for participating!



On December 5th we had our annual Tree Lighting ceremony although there was no sitting on Santa's lap this year and no count down to light up the one tree. The Public Works department hung lights at the park for weeks in the fall to give us a glimmering, display we hope you enjoyed. The goal was to give the residents a little something extra to lift your spirits. Santa did actually visit, he came by on a fire truck, at a safe distance of course. *Thank you, Edgemont Fire Company.* Santa also had a 'friend' accompany him. In true

2020 style, the Grinch made an appearance. *Thank you, Public Works Department!*

We made another difficult decision to cancel the Holiday Express trains this year. But keeping on the joyful and merry track we came up with another idea as Santa expressed interest in visiting us once again. The Light Up the Township Night was launched and luminaries were sold. On December 18th we asked residents to display them all for Santa.



The luminaries lit up the Township for Santa's journey, this time on Concordville Fire Company's truck. *Thank you Concordville 59! T*

Luminary sale proceeds have been donated to our Fire Companies: Edgemont, Concordville and Chester Heights. Thank you, first responders!



Historical Commission Letter

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

Pay it forward... if these walls could talk

To some, history is a boring subject, to others, it is an interesting story. Vanilla and chocolate. Our town, our area and our historical buildings stood witness to some very significant historic events of our nation’s growth and change.

Local organizations such as the Thornbury Historical Society, Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, Delaware County Historical Society, Chester County History Center, Chris Sanderson Museum, all exist out of respect to you, to promote the remembrance and appreciation of this history because if it is not remembered, it becomes insignificant and lost to future generations. These organizations and thousands more like them are setting the stage for the future.

The program we have in place, of researching the history and the stories of our Township’s 204 Historic Resource Properties, albeit five a year, is a thank you our Township extends to the owners and preservers of these assets. The deep meaning of these properties is reflected below in quotes from 19th century writer/social thinker, John Ruskin.

“The greatest glory of a building is not in its stones, nor in its gold. Its glory is in its Age, and in that deep sense of voicefulness, of stern watching, of mysterious sympathy... which we feel in the walls that have long been washed by the passing waves of humanity.”

Deep enough for you? The next one is better—and we used it before in our Spring 2011 article.

“Old buildings are not ours. They belong partly to those who built them and partly to the generations of mankind who are to follow us. The dead still have their right to them. That which they labored for... we have no right to obliterate. What we ourselves have built, we are at liberty to throw down. But what other men gave their strength and wealth and life to accomplish, their right over it does not pass away with their death.”

In this holiday season when caring and giving is more at the forefront, we encourage you to visit our portion of our Township’s website for more information on the organizations listed above as well as the reports and programs we have available for you to review on our history and our resources. This is one of our ways of paying it forward. *T*

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES

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

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

15 Tanguy Rd. (a.k.a. O’Kane) *Land Development Sketch Plan*

At the July meeting the applicant’s engineer proposed tearing down the existing house and constructing a new house, driveway, and pole barn. Tree replacement requirements, pole barn size and accessibility, setbacks, and stormwater were discussed.

The discussion continued at the November meeting. Discussion will continue upon receipt of preliminary or final plans.

74 Locksley Rd. (a.k.a. Anderson/Gregonis) *Land Development Plan for a Barn*

At the October meeting the applicants proposed replacing a damaged shed/garage and replace it with a 1,576 sq. ft. garage. Stormwater, steep slopes, garage use, impervious area footprint, and tree replacement were discussed.

At this meeting the Planning Commission recommended this plan for approval, conditioned

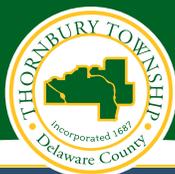
upon compliance with Mr. Ciocco’s review letter of October 13, 2020. As part of the motion, the Planning Commission also recommended three of the four waivers.

Sleighton School *Minor Subdivision Plan*

At the October meeting the applicant proposed a plan in which Sleighton School will sell about 80 acres of land to Middletown Twp. to be used for park land.

A sliver of that land is located in Thornbury Township. No development is proposed with

this plan for Middletown Township but discussions are ongoing to develop some land on the east side of Valley Rd. in Edgmtown Twp. on about 28 acres that Sleighton School has retained. At this meeting the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan, conditioned upon compliance with Mr. Ciocco’s review letter of October 9, 2020. As part of the motion, the Planning Commission also recommended two waivers, and also recommended that signature blocks need not be required, due to the applicant’s request and their clarification on County requirements.



We Need You!

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have an **urgent** need for substitute teachers and/or paraprofessionals in the West Chester Area School District. The rate of pay is **\$150/day** for substitute teachers and **\$85/day** for paraprofessionals. You have the flexibility of choosing your own schedule, school building, and position. You can also view available positions at your convenience or have alerts sent to your smart phone for desired positions.



Who can become a substitute teacher?

Individuals who hold a conferred bachelor's degree and meet all other requirements can receive emergency certification. Individuals who hold a Pennsylvania public educator certificate or a professional-level out-of-state educator certificate and meet all other requirements are eligible to be a substitute teacher.

What is a Paraprofessional?

A paraprofessional provides instructional, behavioral, and other support to students in and outside of the classroom. Minimum requirements: a high school degree or equivalent, basic computer skills, excellent communication & documentation skills, required clearances.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute and/or paraprofessional, please register with [Kelly Services](#).

When registering you will need the three following clearances

(Volunteer clearances cannot be accepted; You must register for the clearances for employment purposes):



- [PA State Criminal Clearance](#) (Can be completed online)
- [PA Child Abuse History Clearance](#) (Can be completed online)
- **FBI Fingerprint Clearance**

Complete the [online registration](#)

WCASD service code is **1KG6XN**.

You will need to select schedule or manage an appointment and select the location of your choice. You will need to bring ID (driver's license or passport) to your selected location as well as a credit card or money order for the payment. Please contact the fingerprinting site for specific hours of operation.

If you need assistance with your application or have questions with the registration process, please contact email [Emily Cardow](#) at Kelly Services or [Amelia Pumala](#) at WCASD Human Resources.

Please visit our website [for more information](#) on becoming a substitute or paraprofessional in the WCASD.

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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

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Monday through Friday:

8:30am-4:30pm

Township Calendar

JANUARY 2021

NEW YEAR'S DAY 1|1|21
Township Offices Closed 1|1|21
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 1|4|21
Re-Organization Mtg..... 1|4|21

Planning Commission Mtg 1|13|21
Park & Recreation Board Mtg..... 1|14|21
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 1|18|21
Township Offices Closed 1|18|21
Historical Commission Mtg..... 1|19|21

Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 1|20|21
INAUGURATION DAY..... 1|20|21
EAC Mtg 1|21|21
Sewer Committee Mtg..... 1|28|21

FEBRUARY 2021

Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 2|3|21
Planning Commission Mtg 2|10|21
Park & Recreation Board Mtg..... 2|11|21

VALENTINE'S DAY 2|14|21
Historical Commission Mtg 2|16|21

Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 2|17|21
EAC Mtg 2|18|21
Sewer Committee Mtg..... 2|25|21

MARCH 2021

Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 3-3-21
Park & Recreation Board Mtg..... 3-9-21
Planning Commission Mtg 3-10-21

Historical Commission Mtg..... 3-16-21
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 3-17-21

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 3-17-21
EAC Mtg 3-18-21
Sewer Committee Mtg..... 3-25-21

RACHEL KOHL LIBRARY UPDATE

The library will close at 3pm on 12/23 and remain closed 12/24 & 12/25, reopening Saturday 12/26 at 10am. We will be closing at 3pm 12/31, closed 1/1, reopening Saturday 1/2 at 10am. *All returns are quarantined for four days.* **GRAB & GO:** Mon.-Thurs. 11am-1pm & 3pm-5pm. Fri. & Sat. 11am-3pm. (Grab-and-Go will be suspended from 12/21-1/11.) **CURBSIDE PICKUP:** Mon.-Thurs. 10am-6pm. Fri. & Sat. from 10am-5pm. If you would like to check out materials or access our e-resources and don't have a library card, email support@delcolibraries.org with your name, address, phone number, and birth date. You'll receive an email with a library card number and receive a physical card in the mail.