

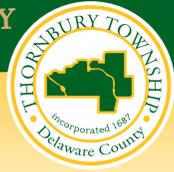


SPRING 2024

# THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY

INCORPORATED 1687



## Geoff Carbutt Retires

It is with warm wishes that we announce the retirement of Geoff Carbutt. In 2000 Geoff and Karen Carbutt moved to the idyllic town of Thornton to raise their family. Having grown up in the vicinity, Geoff has always loved Thornbury. He became an active member of the Thornbury Historical Society and served on the Historical Commission. While serving as the Chairman of the HC, the Thornton Village Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006. In 2009, Geoff began his career as the Municipal Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

After 15 years of service, he has decided to pass the baton. This marks the end of an era for the Township. In his tenor here he has recorded over 300 Supervisors Meeting Minutes and guided countless developers and residents through the process of Land Development in Thornbury Township. One of his talents is to explain, in great detail, exactly what needs to be done, down to where you should park your car and what door you should use when going to the Courthouse to record your plans.



Geoff deserves an award for punctuality among the office staff – you can set your clocks by him! Please join us for his final Township Meeting on March 20, 2024 to see him in action one last time. Congratulations, Geoff. We all wish you the best as you embark on the next (and hopefully relaxing) chapter of your life. *TF*



# Township Manager Letter

Hello fellow residents. As I am writing this letter to you, we are recovering from some very difficult storms that found several of our roads unpassable and many residents without electricity and other utilities. I thought it would be helpful to pass along some information for these kinds of situations.

First and foremost, please do not enter an area with downed wires. Although a road may appear passable because a tree or branch is “just” hung up, it is still a dangerous proposition. The wires may be “live” and therefore the risk of electrocution is serious. We typically get cones and barriers up quickly to alert drivers of road closures. Additionally, our policy has been to update our website and social media of road closures. Please do not go through the barriers.

People often assume that the utility companies are aware of their outage. In many cases they are, but some interruptions of service are not as evident to these companies. Each of the utility companies has emergency or customer service phone numbers. We would

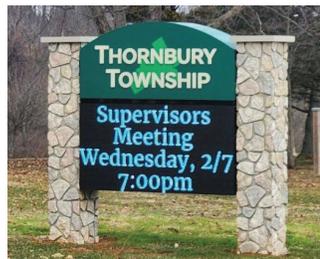
suggest keeping those numbers handy along with your account numbers for ease of communication once you reach the respective utility. During the storm that caused some of the more recent flooding, first responders performed a water rescue in our township. I know we hear it all the time, but do not enter an area where roads are submerged. Flash floods can go quickly from dangerous to deadly.

Finally, please assess the condition of the trees that are on your property. The blight of several species in our area has caused deterioration of vegetation that often is the root cause of downed wires and closed streets. Unfortunately, folks sometimes think it is better to wait for Penn DOT or one of the utility companies to address trees in the right of way. They do not own the trees, we as residents own them. Thus, it is our responsibility to take care of problematic vegetation on our own property before it becomes an issue for all of our community. *T*

Jeff Seagraves,  
Township Manager

## DIGITAL SIGN AT THORNBURY PARK

In January we had a digital sign installed at Thornbury Park along Glen Mills Road. This sign has many benefits. The township can manage the information and post it remotely. We can quickly and easily change the content, so you can get real time updates on what is going on in the Township. For example, we can post a road closure or a cancelled meeting. This information can easily be seen from your car. We have the options of using graphics and animations in addition to words. Another great feature of the new sign is it is less bright than the previous sign, so as not to disrupt the rural setting in which it resides. We are always looking for ways to improve our services and communication with the residents.



## BULK TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

The township is divided into five voting precincts. We used this division to organize a successful collection in 2023. You must register and pay for a pick-up or your bulk trash will not be picked up. Bulk trash must be on your curb the night before. Haulers will not make a second trip. No refunds. Go to [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org) for fee and registration.

Precinct	Reg Deadline	Pickup
1.....	April 24 .....	May 1
2.....	May 1 .....	May 8
3.....	May 8 .....	May 15
4.....	May 15 .....	May 22
5.....	May 22 .....	May 29

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION

Registration required. Registration will be activated six weeks prior to each event. Visit [delcohhw.eventbrite.com](http://delcohhw.eventbrite.com).

### Saturday, April 20, 2024

Emergency Services Training Center  
1600 Calcon Hook Rd, Sharon Hill 19079

### Saturday, May 18, 2024

Rose Tree Park  
1671 N. Providence Rd, Media 19063

### Saturday, September 7, 2024

Emergency Services Training Center  
1600 Calcon Hook Rd, Sharon Hill 19079

### Saturday, October 12, 2024

Upper Chichester Municipal Bldg.  
8500 Furey Rd, Upper Chichester 19061

## E-Waste Collection

**Saturday April 6, 9:00am - 12:00pm**

Thornbury Park. No registration required.



## Board Chairman Letter

### RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

#### November 1, 2023

- The Historical Commission recommended year-end contributions of \$250.00 each to the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia Chapter, in memory of Mark Kelly, the Chester County History Center, for National History Day Registration Fees, the Pennsylvania Colonial Plantation Farm's Animal Fund, the Delaware County Historical Society's Children's Educational Center, the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Hall of Prayers, the Sanderson Museum, to be used to digitize and preserve audio tapes and films, for a total cost of \$1,500.00, with funds from their 2023 HC Budget, was approved.
- Authorizing the Township Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance Amendment for a Public Hearing, adding parking prohibitions in certain areas, in accordance with the Thornbury Township Code of Ordinance Chapter 15, Article 303, was approved.

#### December 6, 2023

- Approved a donation of \$750.00 from the Thornbury Township EAC to the CRC Watersheds Association, in support of the 2024 Annual Stream Cleanup, with funds from their 2024 budget.

In January Lucy Weaver was sworn into office as our 14th Junior Supervisor. Lucy is a Senior at Bayard Rustin High School. We instituted the Junior Supervisor program in 2013 and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting these great students. They are impressive. I think we have learned more from them than they have from us. Please congratulate Lucy if you see her around town.



#### JUNIOR SUPERVISOR Lucy Weaver

Please join us in welcoming, and congratulating Lucy Weaver. Lucy is a very active senior at Rustin High School. She participates in Model United Nations, Student Council and she serves as the President of the Environmental Club. Lucy is curious by nature and truly enjoys learning. It was her interest in politics and policy-making that drove her to seek the Junior Supervisor position. Lucy grew up in Thornbury Township and enjoys spending time with her animals, (three dogs, two cats and a horse) cooking, reading, make up and working out. In the fall Lucy plans to attend Pitt to study nursing. Helping people, whether it be as a nurse or in a local government position is what Lucy is looking forward to in the future.

#### Shredding Event

##### Saturday, April 20, 2024

Bring your documents to the Township Building (truck will be at meeting room entrance) to be shredded free of charge.

**Place** Township Building  
**Time** 9:00am - 12:00pm



We were hit by a few storms and even had some significant snow fall this past winter. Our trees in our parks, open space and roadsides took a beating. Thank you to the Township Road Crew for working so diligently to ensure our safety. While so many of us have the luxury of working from home when weather presents a danger, they do not. Thank you, Art, Howard, and Glen. Great job!

Over the winter we assembled a new committee of resident volunteers to work on the future of our Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. The goal is to establish a plan that reflects the township's recreational desires and needs. We need to hear from you! If you have not done so, please consider completing the PROS Survey on the township website. We want to hear from as many residents as possible regarding our Parks, Recreation and Open Space. Paper copies are also available at the township building.

The weather is improving, and the Township staff and the Park & Recreation Board have a lot of fantastic events planned for us. One event that we enjoy is our Annual Board of Supervisors Meeting at Thornbury Park. It's on June 5, 2024, so mark your calendar and please join us. *J.P.*

J.P. Kelly, Chairman  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



## Downed Power Lines

Be aware of hazards presented by downed power lines. Your life or the life of someone else depends on it.

### Never Touch a Downed Power Line

- Never touch anything or anyone in contact with a power line. You could be shocked by contact with the line or a secondary object or person. When a live wire touches the ground, electricity fans out through the ground, like when a pebble hits water. You could be shocked when around a downed power line. The minimum safe distance from a downed power line is 35 feet.
- Consider all wires energized and dangerous. Even de-energized lines may become energized at any time.
- Stay at least 35 feet away from downed lines.
- Electricity can travel through the ground, fences, hoses, and playscapes. A live wire, either on the ground or in trees, can harm you, even if you don't



- directly touch the line.
- Electricity can also travel through tree limbs. Never remove tree limbs or other items touching or near a downed wire. Call PECO 1-800-841-4141 to report the tree limb.
- Never use any object to move a downed wire.
- Rubber gloves and rubber-soled shoes will not protect you from electrocution.

Do not try to rescue someone who contacts a downed power line. You risk becoming a victim yourself. Call 911. 

## SHOVEL YOUR SIDEWALKS

Hopefully by the time you are reading this newsletter, we won't have to worry about snow until next winter. This past January we had a few storms that affected our township and we observed quite a few houses that cleared their driveways but not the sidewalks in front of their homes. That poses a danger for your neighbors as they walk their dogs or their children to the bus stop. Please keep this in mind for next year. *§ 21-201 Clearing of Sidewalks Required. [Ord. 10-1995, 11/6/1995, § 53; as amended by Ord. 1-2007, 9/19/2007, § 1] It shall be the duty of all property owners, agents, tenants or occupants of occupied properties and the property owners or agents in charge of unoccupied properties, in the Township of Thornbury, not later than 24 hours after snow or sleet has ceased to fall, to clear or cause to be cleared a pathway in the sidewalk adjacent, abutting or servicing their respective properties and to cover the sidewalk with salt or other ice melting materials in the event of ice or sleet. Such pathway shall not be less than 36 inches in width and shall be thoroughly cleared of snow and/or ice and covered with salt or other ice melting materials. In the event snow and ice is removed from the pathway it may be placed or piled on the curbside of the sidewalk but in no event shall it be piled or placed in the gutter or the cartway.*

## BUILDING PERMITS WITH CLOUDPERMIT

Apply for a building permit online! We are now using a cloud-based software called Cloudpermit so you can complete the entire building permit process online on any mobile device. With Cloudpermit, you can:

- Apply for building permits at any time, from anywhere.
- Check the status of your building permit or building inspection (*when your application status changes, you'll automatically receive an email letting you know*)
- Schedule or cancel building inspections.
- Communicate with your building department with time-stamped messages.
- Pay for your building permit with a credit card.
- Request and submit changes to an existing building permit.

Call or email with questions.

Susan@thornbury.org, 610-399-8383 x101

## PLANNING COMMISSION

### O'Connor, Preliminary Minor Subdivision Plan

*Lot Line Change with Land Development of Accessory Structure 1,600 sq. ft. 168 Stoney Bank Road*

At the November meeting revised plans were reviewed. Topics discussed: encroachment into steep slopes, poor driveway condition, storage of commercial equipment, shared driveways, retaining walls, and sight distance. Discussion will continue on these issues noted in the November 6, 2023 Catania Engineering Associates review letter.



# 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.

### Easter Egg Hunt & Decorated Egg Contest

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Place Thornbury Park

Time 11:00am

### E-Waste Collection

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Anything with a plug.

Place Thornbury Park

Time 9:00am - 12:00pm



### Yard Sale Day

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Visit [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org) to register your sale. Maps available online 4/26/24.

Time 8:00am - 12:00pm

### Public Works Day

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Meet the Road Crew and check out their trucks and equipment! Refreshments served.

Place Thornbury Park

Time 4:00pm - 6:00pm

### YOGA in the Park

Wednesdays June 12 to August 28, 2024

Place Thornbury Park Pavilion

Time 7:00pm

### GLEN MILLS GOLF

The Golf Course at Glen Mills is offering township residents three days of discounted golf this summer. You can play nine holes of golf on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays after 5:00pm. Fee will be \$35.

### Beats & Burgers at the Park

Thursday, June 13, 2024

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

Place Thornbury Park

Time 5:00 - 9:00pm

### Phillies Game

Tuesday, June 27, 2024

Take a bus to See the Phillies play the Miami Marlins. Board at the Township Building at 4:30pm for 6:20pm game.

Place Thornbury Twp. Municipal Campus

Time 4:30pm (bus boarding)

Cost \$20.00 per person

### SAVE THE DATE

4th of July Parade

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Crab-Fest

Friday, July 26, 2024

Beats & Burgers at the Park

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Founder's Day

Saturday, September 14, 2024

### JR. GOLF CAMP JUNE 25-27, 2024

Ages 8-17, Cost: \$350.00

Ten 50% scholarship paid for by the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors. Call the Glen Mills Pro Shop at 610-558-2142 ext. 2

### 2024 SUMMER CAMP

We are currently finalizing plans 2024 Summer Camp. Go to our website to register. Campers must be registered to attend camp. There will be a maximum of 40 campers per session. Snacks will be provided. This is a flexible camp as you are not required to sign your child up for the entire day, week, or month. Come for a half day, whole day or the entire week, whatever works best for your family. Camp includes the following activities: outdoor games, music & singing, sports & water games, simple science, arts and crafts.



## Environmental Advisory Council

### Trees for 10

“Trees for 10” is back and better than ever! We know you love “Trees for 10” and our township generously continues to subsidize this deal for residents. This year we are adding a new twist. You’ll still be able to purchase trees for \$10, but now we’ll also offer a variety of pollinator bushes such as serviceberry, buttonbush, and sweet pepperbush for only \$5 each. Order forms are available now or within about the next week through township emails and on the Thornbury website. We recommend ordering quickly as trees are limited and tend to sell out quickly. Pick-up is anticipated for Saturday, April 13th from 10:00am -12:00pm at the Township Building (6 Township Drive, Cheyney, PA) but keep an eye out on the order form and emails to confirm this.



### Outdoor Events Coming Up

The number of Thornbury community volunteers is growing and we’d love to see you at one of our community service events! For the trail clearing and stream clean-up events meet at 9:00am at the Cheyney Train Station parking lot off of Station Road. Helpful items to bring include sturdy shoes, hand pruners, and weed whackers for trail clearing and tall waterproof boots or hiking shoes for the stream clean-up. The below events take place on Saturdays. All are welcome even if the only thing you bring is yourself!

### Saturday, March 16, 2024

Annual CRC Stream Clean-up  
*All hardworking volunteers welcome!  
Please wear sturdy/comfortable shoes or waterproof boots if you plan to walk in the creek. Work/trash bags will be provided. Visit CRS website for more details or email [lynn@crcwatersheds.org](mailto:lynn@crcwatersheds.org)*

### Saturday, April 6, 2024

Park trail clearing

### Saturday, April 13, 2024

Trees for 10 pick-up

### Sustainable Swaps

Get ready for Spring!  
Take care of your lawn and community waterways with this next installment focused on fertilizer. *T*

## Rachel Kohl Community Library



### Block Party

Block Party is an hour of free play to and other accessories. This program is recommended for ages 2+ and

will be held in the Children’s room on Wednesdays at 10:30am.

### RK Evening Book Club

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month for our Evening Book Club! New members are always welcome. This month, we will be discussing [We Are the Brennans](#) by Tracey Lange. We will meet in the Community Room. This club is geared toward adults.

### Knitting Club for Adults

Come join our weekly knitting club for adults! All skill levels are welcome. Please bring a pair of size eight bamboo knitting needles. This class will take place in the Community Room each Thursday from 10:00am until 11:30am.

### Crafting with Linda: Jewelry Making

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for a crafting class for adults! Local artist and teacher, Linda Sivilich, will lead a class to teach jewelry making. Registration is required. Please come to the front desk at the Rachel Kohl Community Library or call us at 610-345-3445 to do so. Spaces are limited!



# Historical Commission Letter

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

## WAYS TO PAY YOUR PUBLIC SEWER BILL

If you would like to pay your Public Sewer Bill via credit card, auto pay, or pre-pay, read below for some options:

### Online Bill Pay via your banking institution:

Most banks offer free online bill pay services with your checking account. You can go in each quarter and manually pay the bill online or set up auto-pay. If setting up auto-pay, bills are paid quarterly and are due on the following dates: February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15.

### Pay ahead:

Many residents would prefer not to write out a check four times a year. You can pay a quarter ahead, a year ahead, or more! Any amount you choose, and your account will be credited accordingly, so that when you receive your sewer bill, the amount due will show “No Payment Due.”

### Pay via credit card:

Please be aware that there is a service charge for credit card payments. To pay with a credit card access the Municipapay Payment Portal (Link available on Township website. Hover over “Sewer” and click “Sewer Rent & Loan Online Payment Processing”). Enter the property address for which you are making a sewer rent payment (\$145/quarter). Enter remaining information and submit your payment  
\*CC Fees: Minimum fee of \$3.00 or 2.65% per transaction. (\$3.84 for \$145 payment)

### Thornbury Township Historical Commission Logo



*The origins of our Historical Commission’s logo (above)*  
There are ten properties in “Beautiful Downtown Thornton” bearing this logo. With the Board of Supervisor’s permission, in 2009 the HC initiated a program to recognize the nine major historic resources properties (HRP), and their owners, in our Thornton Village Historic District. These nine had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior. Links can be found on the HC page of the Township website. Concurrently, the HC was designing the town center sign to bring public awareness to our Village’s businesses and designing the HC logo. The logo was designed to complement the Township seal. Yellow House, being the most prominent HRP in the Village, led us to ask township resident, Kristina Fennelly, if she would design a Yellow House logo. Kris agreed to volunteer, and the logo was completed in mid-2009. That same year the town center sign was designed and in May of 2011, at the Thornbury Historical Society’s annual dinner, the THS and the HC presented a tastefully designed dark green and bronze plaque to each of the nine HRP owners. Those plaques and the Town Center sign comprise the ten properties mentioned above.

### Updates

*In Loving Memory of Dennis L. Hunsecker:*  
November 24, 2023, marked the passing of Denny Hunsecker, a friend to many of us and longtime HC member. Dennis was a very kind individual who easily gave of himself and was always there when asked. Our condolences to his family. He is greatly missed.



**Thornbury Historical Society’s 36th Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, March 23, 2024  
8:00am - 10:30am  
Glen Mills Schools  
Questions: 610-358-3397

*HRP Research Project Update:*  
The five properties researched in 2023 have been completed and are being reviewed. They should be out for distribution by the end of February 2024.



*Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation:*  
Located in Ridley Creek State Park this 17th century farm, aka plantation, is a wonderful day trip for all ages. *T*

Go to the Historical Commission page of the township website for links to great information and history lessons. *T*

## STAFF & OFFICIALS

### Township Manager

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### Municipal Secretary

Geoff Carbutt: 610.399.8383 x107

### Township Events

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### Public Works

Art Risley: 610.399.8383 x106

### Code Enforcement Officer

Keystone Municipal Services

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):

Craig Williams: 610.358.5925

### U.S. Senators

John Fetterman: 215.241.1090

Bob Casey, Jr.: 717.231.7540

### District Justice

Honorable Wendy B. Roberts Esquire

District Court 32|2|49: 610.558.3605

## 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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# Township Calendar

## MARCH 2024

Board of Health Mtg ..... 3|14|24  
Board of Supervisors Mtg ..... 3|6|23  
Planning Commission Mtg ..... 3|13|24

Park & Recreation Mtg ..... 3|14|24  
**ANNUAL CRC STREAM CLEAN-UP** ..... 6|16|24  
Historical Commission Mtg ..... 3|19|24  
Board of Supervisors Mtg ..... 3|20|24

EAC Mtg ..... 3|21|24  
**EASTER EGG HUNT** ..... 3|23|24  
*Twp. Office Closed (Good Friday)* ..... 3|29|24

## APRIL 2024

Board of Health Mtg ..... 4|2|24  
Board of Supervisors Mtg ..... 4|3|24  
**ANYTHING WITH A PLUG** ..... 4|6|24

Planning Commission Mtg ..... 4|10|24  
Park & Recreation Mtg ..... 4|11|24  
Historical Commission Mtg ..... 4|16|24  
Board of Supervisors Mtg ..... 4|17|24

EAC Mtg ..... 4|18|24  
**SHREDDING EVENT** ..... 4|20|24  
**TOWNSHIP YARD SALE DAY** ..... 4|27|24

## MAY 2024

Board of Supervisors Mtg ..... 5|1|24  
Board of Health Mtg ..... 5|7|24  
Planning Commission Mtg ..... 5|8|24

Park & Rec. Mtg ..... 5|9|24  
Board of Supervisors Mtg ..... 5|15|24  
EAC Mtg ..... 5|16|24  
Historical Commission Mtg ..... 5|21|24

**PUBLIC WORKS DAY** ..... 5|23|24  
**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** ..... 5|27|24  
*Township Office Closed* ..... 5|27|24

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You can opt|out of receiving paper copies of our newsletter and have access the newsletter via our website at [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org). **Go to Residents and click on Newsletters.**

*If you would like to stop the paper copy of our newsletter from being mailed to your house, please email [Susan@thornbury.org](mailto:Susan@thornbury.org).*