

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY INCORPORATED 1687



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FISH DERBY

The fish were biting on
Saturday, October 5, 2019!



Prize Winners: Not pictured: Matt Betchyk took home 1st Place with a 22 inch trout. Michael Imbessi took 2nd place with a 16½ inch fish and James Chobany took 3rd with a 16¼ incher.

Nominate Your Volunteer!

MARK KELLY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

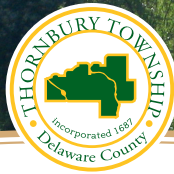
Mark loved Thornbury Township with all of his heart and volunteered with passion for years. It was his way of showing his commitment and gratitude. Sadly, Mark lost his battle to ALS and to honor his memory the Board of Supervisors created the *Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year* award in 2016. The previous recipients of this award have been Joan Dehm, George Morely, and Larry Barrett. They all share Mark's passion for the community.

This special award will be presented to the most deserving resident in February at the Volunteer Dinner. If you know a volunteer who exemplifies the type of commitment to Thornbury Township that personified Mark Kelly, please send a letter or email to our Township Manager, Jeff Seagraves (jeff@thornbury.org).



Nominate today!

Please send in your nominations, including a short essay on why your nominee should be receive the award, to Jeff Seagraves by December 31st. The individual must be or have been a township resident that displays a commitment to Thornbury Township through their volunteerism. *T*



Township Manager Letter

Hello fellow residents. I've had the honor of serving as your Township Manager since January 2005. I can tell you that I have never been more proud of our Township than throughout the catastrophic weather event that occurred on October 31, 2019. It seems that during drastic times, we often find out the true character of neighbors and our community. I would like to personally thank the emergency responders from our local fire departments, EMT services as well as the Delaware County Emergency Services.

I received a call alerting me about the destruction in the Cobblestones development at 12:18am on November 1, 2019. Upon arrival approximately 15 minutes later, I saw the most impressive response efforts that I have ever witnessed. The incident command post was established and requested a shelter for residents that were displaced from their damaged homes. Our good neighbors from The Glen Mills Schools provided their cafeteria immediately upon request. The shelter was staffed by township personnel along with members of The Red Cross and the Delaware County Emergency Management Services.

The actions of those involved were a testament to the commitment that each individual and group has made to our community. In the past, we have asked you to consider joining our volunteer fire companies or to complete CERT training (see box to the right).

In light of recent events, I suggest each of you further consider how you can serve. Our volunteer fire companies desperately need your help. This is the group that responded to the 911 calls our residents placed immediately following the EF-2 tornado. We strongly urge to you to consider becoming part a volunteer group to help guarantee there will be a response to future 911 calls. Please contact the Township with your interests and we will steer you in the right direction. Thank you for your consideration and have a safe holiday season. *JS*

Jeff Seagraves,
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Learn More & Volunteer

citizen★*corps*



Emergency Preparedness training and volunteer opportunities exist with the Delaware County Department of Emergency Services through Citizen Corps. The Delaware County Citizen Corps is an umbrella organization for disaster volunteers and organizations interested in emergency preparedness, response and recovery in Delaware County.

Interested citizens may affiliate directly with the county's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and the County Animal Response Team (CART). Faith based and community groups, non-profit organizations, and businesses may join the Citizen Corps as a member organization.

The purpose of this Corps is to provide and support emergency and disaster operations during mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery phases. The cumulative effect of volunteers and member organizations is a community prepared to respond to and recover from any and all hazards that may present themselves in the county.

Volunteers are provided regular training, participate in drills and exercises, and are used for public health emergencies, and sheltering during and after disasters.

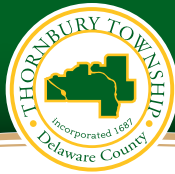
Additional information can be obtained at
<http://www.delcocitizencorps.com>
or by contacting



**Delaware County Local Emergency
Planning Committee (LEPC)**

360 N. Middletown Rd. ■ Media, PA 19063

Phone: **610-565-8700**
email: info@lepc.org



Board Chairman Letter

RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

September 4, 2019

- Approved the minor two lot residential subdivision application of Christopher Mace for the property at 28 Gradyville Road.
- The extension on the Lawlor Subdivision from September 10th to December 10th 2019 was approved.
- Authorizing Jeff Seagraves to purchase fish from Crystal Springs Hatchery for the Children's Fishing Derby in the amount not to exceed \$2000.00 was approved.

September 18, 2019

- Extension on the Polnerow Land Development from September 25 to December 24, 2019 was approved.

October 2, 2019

- The 2019 Contributions to the Concordville Fire Department in the amount of \$66,000.00, the Edgmont Fire Department in the amount of \$38,000.00 and the Chester Heights Fire Department in the amount of \$29,000.00 were approved.
- Waving Historic Impact Studies for 28 Gradyville Road, 50 Sweetwater Road, 149 Dilworthtown Road and 16 Yellow House Lane was approved.

October 16, 2019

- Authorizing the Township Solicitor, the Township Engineer and the Township Manager to attend the Argus Property Group Zoning Hearing for the property located at 183 Locksley Road for the purpose of opposing the Zoning Application, was approved.
- Advertising the Preliminary Annual Township Budgets for fiscal year 2020, was approved.

My fellow Supervisors and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some recent activities and comments.

As we all know, we had a horrific tornado go through our town that was devastating. We had residents' houses torn apart, trees and poles down, many without power. Our landscape has been changed in some areas forever. With all of the devastation, our community rose to the occasion and was there to help in any way they could, from our township staff, to the first responders, to our neighbors, and the volunteers that came from outside our town.

Everyone worked so hard to get the roads clear and power restored in just a few days. It takes a village to make that happen and JP, Sheri and I want to thank everyone for all of their efforts. The Township Manager, Jeff Seagraves, was there every step of the way and did an amazing job! Jeff received a call and left his house in the middle of the night and since then Jeff, and his staff, have worked tirelessly. We commend them for their hard work and dedication.

While we are looking forward to another year in Thornbury, it is always good to reflect on the past year and what has been accomplished. We had another great year of programs and events for all ages and we are working toward additional open space purchases.

JP Kelly was re-elected as your supervisor for six more years. JP is honored to serve and has been a valuable asset to our board.

We are looking forward to introducing our 2020 Junior Supervisor(s) as we begin our 8th year with this Program. The students from Rustin have been exceptional at



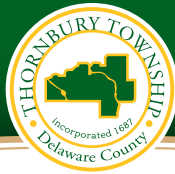
The supervisors thank Lindsey Price for his work for the Public Works department and present him with a plaque at his last Board of Supervisors meeting on October 2nd 2019. Lindsey is retiring after 20 years of service to our community.

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 have any interest in serving on one of our boards or commissions please contact us and let us know what interests you. Our Township is blessed with great volunteers, not only the ones who serve on the boards and commissions, but the ones who help out at all of our events and most recently helping in the aftermath of the tornado. Join our family of volunteers; it will be a rewarding experience!

Please stay informed on what's going on around town by registering your email address with Sue Howat (sue@thornbury.org). Sue will send you updates and reminders, via email, to keep you "in the know" on what is happening in Thornbury. *TH*

Jim Raith, Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Environmental Advisory Committee

The EAC is delighted to welcome Lew Manges, who will be filling the unexpired term of Larry Barrett, who has moved to a local retirement community. Lew has always been interested in preserving the beautiful environment that first attracted him and his wife to Thornbury Township over 25 years ago. Said Lew, "I will try my best to carry on the good work of Larry Barrett although no one can replace our environmental icon who served this community so well for many years." As we think about how we can collectively preserve our environment, please consider this insight from Thornbury resident and professional arborist Dan O'Donnell: "Historic preservation is an issue that is growing in importance as development sprawls. In a township as historic as Thornbury, it's essential to preserve the character that makes it so attractive. But historic preservation doesn't stop at the

foundation of our structures. Our homes would not be a valuable without the lush surroundings that embrace them. That 10-degree drop in heat you feel upon returning to the inside of forested Thornbury during the hottest summer months is worth as much to the quality of life as the old mills and the memory of Squire Cheyney. There are some things that are out of our control, such as the Emerald ash borer and other pests that threaten the guardians of our soil and shade. But the things we can control are worth our time, concern and, yes, expense. Careful and caring stewardship of what remains of the little forests and groves in Thornbury Township will not only play a role in maintaining the value of our homes and properties, but the feeling that comes with life here in the township." Please check our Facebook page for upcoming events. *TF*

WINTERIZE YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Take time to look at your system so that you can avoid serious damage and costly repairs over the winter.

- Don't use anti-freeze. It is a common misconception that it is needed. It is actually not recommended. Anti-freeze can throw off the balance of the necessary bacteria.
- The cover of septic tanks are often overlooked. Make sure that it is not loose, coming off or damaged.
- Do not run anything over the drain field for your septic tank. You could run the risk of damaging pipes or compacting the soil and limiting the effectiveness of the septic tank.



Turkey and Citrus Salad

- 8 oz. sugar snap peas
- 2 cups leftover cubed turkey
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 4 cups mixed salad greens
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1 15 oz. can mandarin oranges, drained
- ½ cup walnut halves
- ½ cup raspberry vinaigrette

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and toss lightly to coat with dressing. Enjoy! Ready in 15 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

CONGRATULATIONS, FALL FESTIVAL 2019 COSTUME WINNERS!



"Mother Nature," "Android," and "Ghillie Suit Guy" took home the costume contest prizes at the Fall Festival that we squeezed in on the night of Tuesday, October 29, 2019.



Visit www.thornbury.org for more details and to sign up for events!

Registrations available two weeks prior to event. Classes that do not meet minimum participation requirements will be cancelled.

Parks & Recreation Events

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

59 acres on Stony Bank Road



Home to our Annual Fishing Derby. Enjoy plenty of walking, picnicking, and fishing.

Palmer Arboretum

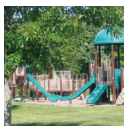
21 acres on Brinton Lake Road



Climb on the giant adirondack chairs, play hopscotch, walk trails, and enjoy a picnic.

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.

Friday, December 6, 2019 Train Ride to West Chester's Christmas Parade

17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please car pool. Parking is limited.

Place Station Road Train Station
Time 5:00pm
Fee \$5/person, \$20.00 family max

SOLD OUT

Saturday, December 7, 2019 Annual Tree Lighting

Warm your holiday spirit with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies.

Place Thornbury Park
Time 5:00pm



Thursday, December 12, 2019 Christmas Wreath Making Class

Supplies provided and expert advice from Park and Rec.

Board member, the creative genius; Chris Atella. Must be a resident. Please, no beverages in the class room.

Place Township Meeting Room
Time 6:00pm
Fee \$10.00

SOLD OUT



Saturday, December 14 & 21, 2019 Thornbury Holiday Express

The Board of Supervisors approved a second train again this year! Please car pool—parking is limited.

Place Station Road Train Station
Time Train departs at 9am sharp

BOTH DATES ARE SOLD OUT



Thursday, December 19, 2019 Senior Holiday Luncheon

Enjoy lunch and a spirited gift exchange game with your 'Thornbury Township family.' Bring a \$15.00 gift to participate in the game.

Place Township Meeting Room
Time 12:00pm
RSVP 610.399.8383 x101
or susan@thornbury.org

Sunday, January 26, 2020 Thornbury Township JUMP!

Jump off all those holiday pounds! Residents only.

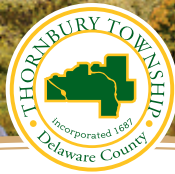
Place SkyZone
Time 2:00–3:00pm
Fee \$10.00 (includes socks)



Thursday, February 20, 2020 Paint Night at Grace Winery

20 students max. Must be 21 to attend. Men and women both are welcome. Instructor, Annie Seagraves, will teach at Grace Winery.

Place Grace Winery
Time 6:30–9:30pm
Fee \$15.00 per person, 21 and older
(Grace Wine and beer sold separately)



Our Three Township Fire Companies

Thornbury Township is fortunate in that we are covered by three Fire Companies; Concordville, Chester Heights and Edgmont. Sam Iannucci, Jr. Chief Fire Officer from Chester Heights Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 came to the Township building to teach the staff about fire safety and specifically how to operate a fire extinguisher. Sam was a patient and thorough teacher and gave us a hands-on demonstration. We learned that here at the office, and at home we need a Fire Emergency Plan which includes what door you will use to exit the building in the event of a fire (plan two ways out of the building) and where you will meet once you get out of the building. It's necessary to discuss and practice getting out of the building because it takes 30 seconds or less for a small flame to become a large fire.



Thornbury Township Road Master, Art Risley, displays how easy it is to use a fire extinguisher.

The Township staff learned about the different types of fire and also the different types of fire extinguishers. (see chart). Fire type A: trash, wood, paper. Fire type B: Liquids such as gas and Fire type C: Electrical equipment. Fire Extinguishers should be kept on each floor of your home (or office) as well as the garage. They are surprisingly easy to operate, using the abbreviation PAAS; Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep. Smoke alarms should also be installed on each floor as well as each bedroom of a home and their batteries should be changed annually. They can actually save lives.



Know your fire extinguishers

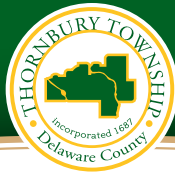
	WATER	FOAM SPRAY	CO2	ABC POWDER	WET CHEMICAL
Wood, paper and textiles	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Flammable liquids	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Gaseous fires	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Cooking oils and deep fat fires	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Live electrical equipment	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗

These fire companies are all run by volunteers and are always in need. Please consider volunteering. If you don't think that you are cut out of emergency training, there are many other ways to contribute. See the article on page 2 about all the ways you can volunteer and get involved for the benefit of your community. *T*

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP LOVES OUR FIRE COMPANIES! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Lee Weersing from Concordville, Chip Miller from Edgmont and Larry Ward from Chester Heights accepted the annual donations to their Fire Departments at the October 2nd Board of Supervisors meeting.



Historical Commission Letter

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

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES

Residents are invited to attend meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Subdivision and Land Development: 87 Tanguy Rd., (a.k.a. Eric C. Hansen) Minor Resubdivision Plan: The site for this 2-lot, 5.97 acre subdivision is located at County Lane and Tanguy Rd. The property contains a 3-story dwelling, a garage/barn, pool, pool house, and a tennis court. At the October meeting revised plans were discussed. Parcel A will now be subdivided off of the parent tract and merged with land owned by applicant in Chester County. There are no proposed improvements other than removing the driveway which links existing dwelling at 87 Tanguy Rd. to lot 2 which is the property in Chester County. A new driveway connection will be made. The members recommended this plan for approval conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with Catania Engineering Associates, Inc. letter of October 7, 2019 and deed restriction language for Parcel A that is reviewed and approved by the Township Land Planner and Township Planning Commission Solicitor as noted in comment #32 of the referenced review letter.

The Method to Our Madness

Yes... we have one. Knowing some consider history a boring subject, we endeavor to pique interests to help save that history. Vast varieties of ice cream exist to interest as many as possible to support that industry. Our industry, saving history logically, is no different. It is beneficial for younger generations to understand the everyday earlier lives of our older generations. Hard to imagine for the young ones that we never locked our doors or we would sit and listen to the radio, as we had no TV. Or we had no electricity. Our Commission's article in the spring 2009 issue of the township newsletter rolled out the Ben Franklin quote we opted to use as seen above. Short, sweet and deeply meaningful; a more eloquent way of saying...you don't know what you have till it's gone. Our well contains houses, landscapes, memories and knowledge.

Keeping the well full though quality education, communication and teamwork is our method. All accomplished with the Board of Supervisors backing and some with the wonderful collaboration of the Thornbury Historical Society (THS). Our partnering with THS helped produce the Timeline in Thornbury Park, the Frazer Ruins interpretive panels, the Oral Histories and Historic Resource Property Histories projects. Downtown Thornton Brandywine Battlefield Wayside signage is being discussed, donated by the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution. Discussions are ongoing for several interpretive panels for the Summer Kitchen and Springhouse buildings on the grounds where the Farmer's Market is staged. All our methods are designed to educate and inspire a further desire of our residents to remember and help preserve. This is a team effort. *T*

Rachel Kohl Library Programs and Events

LOVE FOR THE LIBRARY



Jean MacKenzie, the Township Library Liason and Susan Sternburg, Library Director, accept the generous donation to the Library at the November 6, 2019 Township meeting.

December 2, 10:30am
Chair Yoga

(registration required)

December 9, 10:30am
Chair Yoga

(registration required)

December 10,
6:00pm

Miniature Book
Making

Calligrapher Pam

Bennett will be back to

teach us how to make
miniature books that can be
made into ornaments and pins
(registration required).

December 11, 1:00pm
Movie Matinee for Adults

December 16, 10:30am
Chair Yoga

(registration required)

December 17, 6:00pm
Famous Christmas
Carols and Their Origins

Where did some of our favorite
Christmas tunes
come from? Composer
and Pianist Jennifer Campbell
will present a special holiday
program where we'll learn what
makes these melodies so special
(registration required)

December 18, 2:00pm
Afternoon Book Club

The book club will be
reading and discussing
Manhattan Beach by
Jennifer Egan.

Evening Book Club, 6:30pm

The book club will be reading
and discussing *The Buddha*
in the Attic by Julie Otsuka.

December 23, 10:30am
Chair Yoga

(registration required)

December 30, 10:30am
Chair Yoga

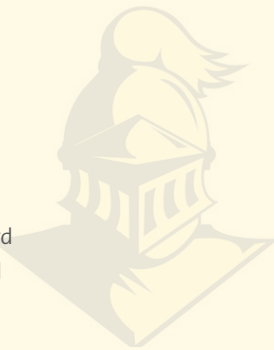
(registration required)



RUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Closed During the Holiday Season

Rustin High School will be closed for the holidays beginning on December 23rd and will re-open on January 2nd. Have a happy and healthy Holiday Season! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, refreshed and ready to learn.



Thornbury Township
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Cheyney, PA 19319

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THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY

CALENDAR, MEETINGS AND CONTACTS



DECEMBER 2019

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.....12 2 19	Historical Commission Meeting..... 12 17 19
Board of Supervisors Meeting.....12 4 19	Holiday Express 12 21 19
Train to West Chester Parade12 6 19	Senior Christmas Luncheon..... 12 19 19
Annual Tree Lighting12 7 19	EAC Meeting.....12 19 19
Planning Commission Meeting..... 12 11 19	Township Office Closed 12 24 19
Holiday Express 12 14 19	Township Office Closed 12 25 19

JANUARY 2020

Re-Organization Meeting 1 6 20	Historical Commission Meeting.....1 21 20
Planning Commission Meeting..... 1 8 20	Township Office Closed1 20 20
Park & Recreation Meeting1 09 20	Sewer Committee Meeting1 23 20
Board of Supervisors Meeting.....1 15 20	Township JUMP at Skyzone1 26 20
EAC Meeting.....1 16 20	

FEBRUARY 2020

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting..... 2 3 20	Board of Supervisors Meeting.....2 19 20
Board of Supervisors Meeting 2 5 20	Township Office Closed2 17 20
Planning Commission Meeting.....2 12 20	WCASD Closed2 17 20
Park & Recreation Meeting2 13 20	Art Night (Adults).....2 20 20
Historical Commission Meeting.....2 18 20	Sewer Committee Meeting2 27 20

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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Mon through Fri, 8:30am – 4:30pm

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Public Works

Lindsey Price: 610.399.8383 x106

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Mary Kay Scanlon: 610.626.1913

State Representative (168th District):

Chris Quinn, 610.325.1541

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Bob Casey, Jr.: 202.224.6324

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District Court 32-2-49: 610.558.3605