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# THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY

INCORPORATED 1687



## Locksley Garden Club

*“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” — Audrey Hepburn*

Betty Draper and her family moved into Thornbury Township, and wanted to get to know her neighbors. So, Betty invited them over for coffee and planted the seed of organizing a garden club. The first official meeting of the Locksley Garden Club was February of 1960. Most of the members lived in the Locksley area of the township, hence the name.

The mission of the club was to promote interest in gardening, to aid in the conservation of our natural resources and encourage civic beauty. The charming club grew and many township residents contributed to its success. One notable member was Evelyn Driscoll who was a dedicated member for 51 years, from the beginning until she moved in 2011. Monthly meetings were held in one of the members’ homes until recently, when

the members gathered at the Township Meeting room to hear Master Gardeners give talks on a variety of gardening topics. The LGC has participated in many projects over the years, such as: Christmas Bazaars, Christmas Wreath Sale, Plant sale at the Thornbury Fair (*which was held at the Glen Mills Schools for Boys*), decorating the Glen Mills and Locksley Railroad stations each season. They also participated in the Thornbury Historical Society’s Daffodil Day House Tour and Annual Pancake Breakfast. The memorial at Thornbury Park displays beautiful wreaths at Christmas time and on Memorial Day made with skill and care by the Locksley Garden Club members.



*Just a few of the members of the Locksley Garden Club pictured here.*

After more than 60 years the club has decided to hang up their gardening gloves. They have enjoyed the camaraderie of each other and are grateful for the support of the Township and the Historical Society. The township thanks the members of the Locksley Garden Club for enriching our community. You have all planted happiness here. *T*



# Township Manager Letter

Hello fellow residents. We certainly hope the change in seasons finds you well and enjoying the outdoors. I wanted to share some concerns that have recently been brought to our attention regarding our parks and open space. We have received numerous complaints about motorbikes and four wheelers in our Parks and on trails in open space. Our ordinances prohibit the use of any motorized vehicles on grounds owned by the Township. We have posted a picture of motor bikes leaving Bonner Park on social media. We have received several responses and have a good idea of where the suspected riders are originating.

The parks that seem to be affected by the motor bikes are Bonner Park, Barrett's Meadow and the field above the Farmer's Market. These behaviors are tearing up our trails and creating a safety hazard for residents that are hiking or walking their dogs. If you know someone that is doing this, please ask them to refrain as we have reported this to the Pennsylvania State Police.

The Police have indicated that they will ticket anyone who that is riding on public roads without proper registration and licensing.

Since COVID started our parks have seen a marked increase in use. This is a very good thing. However, one of the problems we are encountering is people not curbing their dogs in the parks, especially Thornbury Park. We have litter stations that are fully stocked with dog waste bags. Please use them or encourage those who are not using them to do so. We have asked our Animal Control Officer, Alan Strickler, to increase patrols at our parks. Alan will cite owners that are not taking responsibility for their animals waste as well as citing owners who are in the park with an unleashed dog. Thanks for visiting our parks, please help us maintain their cleanliness and safety. *TS*

**Jeff Seagraves,**  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

## RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

### February 2, 2022

- The appointment of Angie Pepe to the Park and Recreation Board, completing Mike Mattson's term ending December 2024, and also the appointment of Albert DeFruscio to the Sewer Committee, effective immediately was approved.
- Sponsoring the 24th Annual CRC Streams Clean-Up, to be held on March 26, 2022, in the amount of \$500.00 was approved.

### February 16, 2022

- Resolution 2022-6, adopting the reviewed and updated Emergency Operations Plan for Thornbury Township was approved.
- Resolution 2022-5, honoring and celebrating National Engineer's Week from February 20th through the 26th, 2022, with the theme "Reimagining the Possible" was approved.
- Resolution 2022-7, conditionally approving the Preliminary / Final, O'Kane Land Development application made by Finbarr and Ryann O'Kane, at 15 Tangue Road was approved.

### March 2, 2022

- The proposal from KBX Golden/Wind River Environmental for various manhole repairs as detailed in their proposal, at a cost not to exceed \$18,749.00, and in accordance with the Township Sewer Engineer's recommendation was approved.

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*Left: All disc golf baskets have been installed and the Public Works Department is now installing T-Pads. Above: Argyle tests out the Disc Golf T-pad.*



## Board Chairman Letter

### RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS CNTD.

#### March 16, 2022

- Resolution 2022-9, recognizing and celebrating March 21, 2022, as World Down Syndrome Day was approved.
- Authorizing the Township Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the 2022 Road Program, and to advertise for bids was approved.

#### March 28, 2022

- Ordinance 2022-1, adopting and implementing the guidelines and procedures for the Thornbury Township Health Code was approved.

#### April 6, 2022

- A proclamation, encouraging all excavators and homeowners to dial 811 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project, and recognize the month of April, 2022 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" was approved.



A special congratulations to Jack Lyons. Jack is graduating from Rustin and has completed his term as Junior Supervisor this semester. He came to meetings and gave us thorough reports of the happenings of Rustin. We appreciate your service, Jack, and wish you the best. Thank you, Jack!

Welcome Angie Pepe, Albert DeFruscio, Donna Halverson, Michele Sellers, Brian Fredrich and Dan Diedrich to Thornbury's incredible group of volunteers. You are excellent additions to our boards and commissions. We are grateful for your time and energy and look forward to working with you.

We hope to see great attendances at the events the Township Staff has planned for you over the summer months. *T*

Congratulations to all of the graduates of 2022! Whether you are entering high school, college, the military, trade school or even graduate school, your work has paid off. Mike, Sheri and I wish you a very successful future. This is not the end of your work and dedication, this is only the beginning. Work for what is important to you. That will change and evolve over the course of your life. I along with my fellow supervisors' work for what we believe to be the best community for you and your families. We strive to continue the services and programs that our residents enjoy and look to find new ways to serve and improve our way of life here.

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

*On April 21st Rustin Seniors attended Local Government Day and learned what Local Government does and how it effects our daily lives.*





## Environmental Advisory Council

*“What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans.” — Evo Morales*

With Spring, masks came off and we all took a collective sigh of relief that things are getting somewhat back to normal. The EAC has seen an increase in attendance at our meetings as well as our events. We thank all the volunteers who are making a difference.

Katie Grieco represented the EAC recently at the Western Suburbs Trail Summit and provided an overview of the history of our trails and what the EAC is doing to enhance our trail system through routine maintenance and connecting with adjoining township trails.

A maternity bat house was installed in Barrett’s Meadow. Bats provide a natural solution to controlling the mosquito population. Chemical sprays get into the water and kill more than just mosquitoes, so we are thrilled to have this new addition.

A record number of volunteers showed up for the CRC Annual Streams Cleanup and collected bags of trash, tires, pallets and more. Photos have been shared on our Facebook and Instagram pages. The EAC meets the first Saturday of each month to work on our trail system. While our trails are fairly clean, there are always projects we are working on. Please join us and stay tuned for future events on stream ecology, a historic hike and ways that you can help the environment by changing small things.

Fact: Toilet paper is making dramatic and irreversible damage to the Canadian boreal forest and our global climate. This is due to our demand! Options do exist.

Educate yourself and let’s do what we can to stop this. *“Once destroyed, nature’s beauty cannot be repurchased at any price.” — Ansel Adams* 



Right: Eric Ye pulled a lot of debris out of the stream. Thank you, Eric!

Below: Rich White and a crew of volunteers stand in front of the Purple Martin House made by Township Volunteer, Mark Beard. Thank you to the Environmental Advisory Council and to Mark for caring for our home!



After two years without a proper Easter Egg Hunt due to COVID, residents were excited to bring back the beloved tradition. The rain and clouds cleared up just in time. These little artists entered their masterpieces in the Decorated Egg Contest and won! Congratulations kids!





# 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.



### Public Works Day (NEW!)

Thursday May 19, 2022

Hot dogs, popcorn, giveaways, trucks and equipment...Come to Thornbury Park to celebrate Public Works Day!

Climb around on trucks and check out everything our PWD has to offer.

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 4:00-6:00pm

### Dog Show

Saturday May 21, 2022

Pretty up your pooch — the dog show is back! Register online or just come to watch the show.

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 2:00pm

### Memorial Day Ceremony

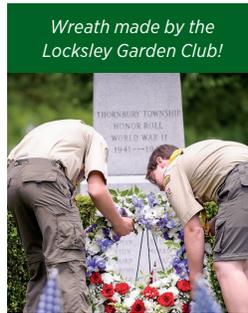
Monday May 30, 2022

Join us as we pay our respects to those who have sacrificed everything.

Refreshments served.

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 12:00pm



### Yoga in the Park

Starting Wednesday June 1, 2022

Every Monday & Wednesday till 8/31/22.

**Place** Thornbury Park Pavilion

**Time** 7:00pm

### Food & Fun Za Luv

Thursday June 16, 2022

Take the night off from cooking and enjoy happy hour and Buddy's Burgers Food Truck at the park.

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 5:00-9:00pm

### Phillies Game

Thursday June 30, 2022

See the Phillies play the Atlanta Braves. Bus leaves Township Building at 4:30pm for 6:05pm game.

**Place** Thornbury Twp. Municipal Campus

**Time** 4:15pm (Board Bus)

**Cost** \$20.00 per person

### 4th of July Parade

Monday July 4, 2022

Build a float, decorate your car or bike and participate in the Thornbury Township Tradition!

**Place** Assemble at Bethlehem Church

**Time** 9:30am assembly,

10:00am parade begins to march toward Thornbury Park

### Crab Fest

Friday July 22, 2022

Pick your crabs with your friends and neighbors at Thornbury Park while a DJ provides the entertainment.

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 6:00-9:00pm

### Drive In Movie

Friday August 19, 2022

Showing: *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* and Mr. Softee ice cream truck will be offering its frozen treats.

**Place** Field adjacent to Thornbury Park

**Time** Sundown (between 7:30-8:00pm)

### Founder's Day

Saturday September 17, 2022

Celebrate our incredible community! Look for the postcard in the mail with all of the details. The festivities will include food trucks, games, and amazing fireworks!

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 4:00pm



## Protect Yourself this Summer

The Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology published their study on Sun Screen and found the following: “Research has shown that women are more likely than men to use sunscreen, but it’s vital that men use it, too,” said Dr. Darrell Rigel, a clinical professor in the department of dermatology at New York University. Men over 50 have a higher risk than the general population of developing melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, and UV exposure is the most preventable skin cancer risk factor, so it’s important for men of all ages to protect themselves from the sun’s harmful rays by seeking shade, wearing protective clothing and applying sunscreen,” Rigel said. When choosing a sunscreen, Rigel suggests the following tips:

1. Choose a sunscreen with an SPF 30 or higher. A sunscreen with SPF 30 blocks 97 percent of the sun’s UVB rays. Look for the words “broad spectrum.” This means the sunscreen protects

- against both UVA rays (which cause premature skin aging) and UVB rays (which cause sunburn). Both types of UV rays can lead to skin cancer.
2. Look for the words “water resistant.” Water-resistant sunscreens can provide protection for wet or sweaty skin for 40 or 80 minutes.
3. All sunscreens should be reapplied every two hours, or after swimming or sweating. A wet t-shirt offers much less UV protection than a dry one and darker colors may offer more protection than lighter colors.
4. For sensitive skin, choose a sunscreen with zinc oxide or titanium dioxide.
5. People with sensitive skin also should avoid sunscreens that contain fragrance, oils and para-aminobenzoic acid, also known as PABA.

The sun’s ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. Follow these recommendations to help protect yourself and your family. *T*

## HELP KEEP THORNBURY TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFUL

We always strive to keep Thornbury Beautiful. As a few examples, we have held Tree-for-a-Ten programs, Clean Up days and we have planted community daffodils. Yet when it comes to dog waste, some of us have gotten careless of late. The most common answer when asked why people don’t pick up their dog’s waste is that they forgot a bag. However, at Thornbury Park there are four dog waste bag stations with 2,400 bags available and nine trashcans along the trail and throughout the park. Parasites and bacteria from dog waste can stay in the soil for years. By not picking up after your dog, you’re putting other people’s pets and children at risk for exposure to harmful bacteria. Children who play at the park, toddlers who touch everything and then put their hands on their face or in their mouth are at the most risk. The harmful bacteria can also affect water quality when the water runs from the waste to the sewers. Some communities have found creative ways to persuade dog owners to pick up after their dogs. *Return to Sender* is one way that a small town in Spain reported a 70% decrease in dog waste. The dog’s waste was returned to the dog walker and in some cases to the dog walker’s home. *Named and Shamed* is another initiative. The town asked residents to use their phones to be the eyes and ears of this program. The offender’s picture and names were listed at the park and on the town’s website. Thornbury Township is just asking politely. Will you please pick up after your dog especially in our parks? It is the responsibility of you, the dog owner, and not our public works department, to clean up after your dog.

## RACHEL KOHL COMMUNITY LIBRARY MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

Looking to do something fun? Want to explore local cultural institutions and attractions? The Library’s free Museum Pass Program is a great option! Passes from a wide range of museums in the Philadelphia area are available for patrons to check out for a period of 3 days. Passes may be reserved only one day prior to pick up by calling 610-358-3445.

Reservations expire at 12pm the next day. Passes may not be put on hold through the catalog. For more information about our museum passes, view the Museum Pass Policy on our website. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for donating the funds to make the Library’s Museum Pass Program possible! You can thank the Friends by becoming a member.

### Participating Museums and Attractions

- The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
- Brandywine River Museum of Art
- Chanticleer Garden
- Elmwood Park Zoo
- Easter State Penitentiary
- Museum of the American Revolution
- Mutter Museum
- National Constitution Center
- Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology



# Historical Commission Letter

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

## PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES

### SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT: 261 Glen Mills Rd. (a.k.a. D’Antonio) Minor Subdivision – Sketch Plan

The applicant proposes to subdivide a 4.5-acre parcel from his 7-acre lot. A sketch plan was received and discussed at the March meeting. The discussion topics were: driveway placement, riparian buffer requirement to streams and wetlands, and stormwater management. The discussion will continue upon receipt of preliminary plans.

### ORDINANCES:

#### Outdoor Dining Ordinance

At the March meeting an updated draft was highlighted and briefly discussed. The members overviewed how the proposed updated draft requirements would impact neighbors, water, sewer, lighting/glare, landscape buffering, parking, noise, etc. The discussion will resume at the April meeting.

**Note:** The Planning Commission meetings scheduled for December (2021), January and February (2022) were cancelled. All residents are invited to attend meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.



*Public Works crew installs a bat house in Barrett’s Meadow.*

### OUR TOWNSHIP SEAL *The inner most workings of our outer boundaries*

We know the drawing at the center of our township seal represents the property boundaries of Thornbury Delaware County. Its been that way for quite a while so nothing of much interest there. What is interesting is a more detailed view of the township’s innards. It’s roads and property divisions with their respective metes and bounds. Within the Historical Commission’s portion of the township website, is an Historical Maps link. That link contains a number of maps showing how our roads and properties have evolved from 1681 to 2021. These maps are expandable if you click on them. The map titled Original Land Grants shows original William Penn land grants and how they were sold off over time. The earliest date on that map is 1681 with the land divisions documented from that date forward. The next map of significance is circa 1934. This one shows in very good detail, our lot and road systems from that era. There are a few roads on that map that are not roads anymore or have been renamed. This map will help answer the “I wonder if” questions some may have. Jumping to the 2021 map, details are heightened and the dramatic increase in land divisions is apparent. The 2022 Historical Resource Map depicts the township’s documented historic properties. Our maps reinforce and are integral to the many projects our Historical Commission and Historical Society have done and continue to do. They broaden the understanding of our Oral Histories Project, our Historic Properties Research Project, the Storytellers, the Historic Documentary, the Timeline in Thornbury Park, the Brandywine battle, Frazer Ruins, the Summer Kitchen and Springhouse buildings at the Farmers market location, etc. For further information, the Historical Society at Douglass Cottage, can help navigate these maps and provide the connecting dots for the detective story of our Township’s evolution. *T*



*Tri-State Training & Safety Consulting came to the township building to train the staff in CPR and AED. CPR is not as easy as it looks. This class was chock full of useful information.*

## STAFF & OFFICIALS

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### U.S. Senators

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Honorable Wendy B. Roberts Esquire

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## 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

### 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

### Board of Health

1st Tuesday: 7:00pm

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Summer Hours (after Memorial Day)

M-Th: 7:30am-5:00pm

# Township Calendar

## MAY 2022

Zoning Hearing Board Mtg ..... 5|2|22  
Board of Health Mtg..... 5|3|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 5|4|22  
E-Waste Collection ..... 5|7|22  
**FARMER'S MARKET OPENING DAY** ..... 5|7|22  
Planning Commission Mtg ..... 5|11|22

Park & Recreation Board Mtg..... 5|12|22  
**ELECTION DAY** (*Twp Offices Closed*)..... 5|17|22  
Historical Commission Mtg..... 5|17|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 5|18|22  
**PUBLIC WORKS DAY** ..... 5|19|22

EAC Mtg ..... 5|19|22  
**DOG SHOW** ..... 5|21|22  
**VOLUNTEER DINNER**..... 5|22|22  
Sewer Advisory Committee ..... 5|26|22  
Memorial Day Ceremony..... 5|30|22  
*Township Offices Closed* ..... 5|30|22

## JUNE 2022

Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 6|1|22  
**YOGA IN THE PARK** ..... 6|1|22  
Board of Health..... 6|7|22  
Planning Commission Mtg ..... 6|8|22

Park & Recreation Board Mtg..... 6|9|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 6|15|22  
EAC Mtg ..... 6|16|22  
**FUNZALUV & BUDDY'S BURGERS**..... 6|16|22  
Twp. Office Closed..... 6|17|22

Summer Camp Begins..... 6|20|22  
Historical Commission Mtg ..... 6|21|22  
Sewer Advisory Committee ..... 6|23|22  
**TOWNSHIP PHILLIES GAME**..... 6|30|22

## JULY 2022

**4TH OF JULY PARADE** ..... 7|4|22  
*Township Offices Closed* ..... 7|4|22  
Board of Health Mtg..... 7|5|22

Planning Commission Mtg ..... 7|13|22  
Historical Commission Mtg..... 7|19|22  
Board of Supervisors Mtg..... 7|20|22  
EAC Mtg ..... 7|21|22

**CRAB FEST** ..... 7|22|22  
Sewer Advisory Committee ..... 7|28|22  
Last Day of Summer Camp ..... 7|29|22

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