

SUMMER 2021

# THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY

INCORPORATED 1687



## Life Begins at Retirement Congratulations to Bob Haines!

Bob Haines and his wife Margorie moved here in 1968 to raise their three children. When his children were young, Bob volunteered for the PTA as well as dedicating his time to the Township.

In 1970 Bob served on the very first Thornbury Township Planning Committee (as it was called at that time). Before the PC was assembled, the county did all of the reviews and made all of the decisions for our Township. In order for the Thornbury Township to institute a Planning Commission, they had to first write all of the ordinances pertaining to land development. In 1972 Bob was asked to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Supervisors. And shortly after that he served as the Zoning Officer and subsequently took a seat on the Zoning Hearing Board in the early 80's.

We have benefitted from Bob's dedicated service for over 40 years in this Township. He has seen a lot of development over the years and one thing that he is grateful for is that we have no major highway running through our town. That rural community is what the Haines family has relished.

Mr. Haines speaks very fondly of his time on the Zoning Hearing Board. He enjoyed helping people. *"This is a nice place to live, filled with nice people."*

Bob believed that people have a right to have accoutrements such as a larger deck or garage or an in-laws quarters so the family could help their parents. *"It's these small things that make a home a better place."* He spoke highly of his Board Members and vice versa. *"George Morely is a competent, Township oriented, super*



*guy. Scott Cannon is very knowledgeable and keenly aware of certain circumstances. Bob continued, "Unless you are involved you don't know how much time is spent to make the Township a better place. My hat's off to the current Board of Supervisors."*

Bob and his wife are looking forward to enjoying more time on their boat in his retirement. Bob, we wish you smooth sailing in your new adventure with much respect and gratitude! *T*



# Township Manager Letter

Happy summer! We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and even better spirits. This has been a difficult year for many of our residents and we have lost some very close friends and family to the pandemic. I hope we can all stay healthy through this change of seasons and receive the COVID-19 vaccination if you so choose.

I looked back at previous summer newsletters and it seems that each spring is met with the enthusiasm and anticipation of the awesome summer events we provide to our residents. Although we may be a little slow getting out of the gate this summer, we hope to be able to gain full momentum toward the end of the summer and moving in to fall.

We will of course be following all of the CDC and PA state safety requirements. One of the main concerns we have discussed is our ability to enforce rules that folks in attendance may not prefer to follow. We are planning to start with some smaller events and hopefully work our way into the fall with the comfort of hosting larger crowds with safe results. Please help us to attain this goal by following rules while in attendance and encouraging other guests to do so as well. Thanks for reading this article, and hopefully we will see you, in person, soon. *TF*

Jeff Seagraves,  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO TENNIS COURTS

*The Township had a few requests from residents to add a backboard to the courts. The Public Works Department made it happen! (Photos to the right.) Improvements to the sitting area were also made! Check out the before and after below. Lastly, we also added pickle ball court lines to our tennis courts.*



## THORNBURY TOWNSHIP SUMMER CAMP 2021



We are ready for in-person 2021 Summer Camp. *New this year!*

**Registration and more details are all available at [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org).**

**June 21 to July 29, 2021**

**Monday through Thursday SESSIONS**

**AM** 9:00am-12:00 noon

**PM** 9:00am-3:00pm

**Ages** 5-12

**Place** Township Complex

COVID protocols will be in place. In order to keep contact at a minimum, there will be no day-of registration like we have done in the past and only two sessions Morning or Full Day. Campers will need to be pre-registered, and there will be a maximum of 24 campers per session. Snacks will be provided. We are still as flexible as we have been in the past. 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, but is not limited to, the following:

- Outdoor games
- Music and Singing
- Sports & Water games
- Simple Science
- Arts and Crafts



## Board Chairman Letter

### RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

#### January 20, 2021

- Purchase of a Tennis Court Backboard was approved.
- Mr. Robert Haines' resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board and Vince Ianello moved from alternate ZHB member to active member was accepted.

#### February 3, 2021

- Donations were made in the name of Allen McCann and Willard McMullin (both deceased) to the three fire companies that serve Thornbury Township, were approved.

#### February 17, 2021

- Sponsoring the 24th Annual CRC Streams Clean Up in the amount of \$500.00 was approved.
- The Resolution 2021-4, Honoring and celebrating National Engineer's Week was approved.

#### March 3, 2021

- The proposal from Pipe Data View Services for Smoke Testing of approximately 6000 feet of 8 inch Sanitary lines was approved.

#### March 17, 2021

- The Conditional Use Application of Glenview Partners, LP, as amended, for the adaptive reuse of the dwelling and barn on the property at 72 Sweetwater Road, for a bed and breakfast use was approved.
- Resolution 2021-7, recognizing and celebrating March 21, 2021, as World Down Syndrome Day was approved.

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

In January we swore into office this year's Junior Supervisor, Lily Seagraves. The funny thing, is this position technically makes Lily her father's boss. Despite only meeting via Zoom, Lily has done a great job. She is actually our first Junior Supervisor to move to adopt a resolution. Lily's intent was for Thornbury Township to join the world in recognizing March 21, 2021 as World Down Syndrome Day.



Lily has down syndrome and wants to share with her Township that she, and her peers attend school, participates in sports, has meaningful relationships, and thankfully for us, she contributes to her community. Supporters of World Down Syndrome Day wear crazy socks to celebrate and recognize the day. Thank you for your service to your Township Lily and Congratulations on your graduation!

We have had many meetings with staff and The Park and Recreation board

regarding spring and summer event planning. This has been a challenge. While we are all with you in our exhaustion of the COVID-19 limitations, we have to stay vigilant in following the CDC guidelines. We would love to throw caution to the wind but that is just not safe. Your safety is our highest priority.

However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. More and more of us are getting vaccinated and we do have a few things on the calendar. Check our website frequently as it is always being updated. We do ask that you please continue to wear your masks in a crowd even if you are vaccinated and keep a safe social distance, for your safety and out of courtesy to others.

JP, Sheri and I want to thank Bob Haines for his many, many years of service to the Township. Bob served on the Board of Supervisors and the Zoning Hearing Board. We welcome Laura O'Brien to the Zoning Hearing Board. Laura, we wish you good luck filling Bob's shoes. Bob, we wish you and your family well in your retirement! Congratulations!

We are all looking forward to seeing you around town very soon. In the meantime stay safe!

**Jim Raith, Chairman**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### SAVE THE DATE FOR FOUNDER'S DAY! SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11

**Join the Board of Supervisors and Thornbury Township for a fun evening in the park.**

**We are all really excited to see everyone and celebrate our incredible community.**

Join us Saturday, September 11 in Thornbury Park from 5-9pm.



## Environmental Advisory Council



Almost a year after COVID-19 put the kibosh on life as we know it, including trail work, the EAC came out strong on March 6, 2021 to clear an area at Barrett's Meadow for the installation of a new brown bat maternity house! The brown bat population is threatened; its population down by 80% in Pennsylvania. Given that Barrett's Meadow is a wetland, the brown bats will not go hungry and hikers will be pleased to know that brown bats eat millions of insects, including mosquitos! Brown bats are also, surprisingly, great pollinators and seed spreaders.

The sizeable maternity bat house is being built by township volunteer, Mark Beard, who also built and installed the various Bluebird houses dotting the parks' borders and the large Purple Martin house close to the entrance. Having new homes and conducive habitat has made Barrett's Meadow an attraction for local bird groups and has "put Thornbury on the map," so to speak! In the meadow you may also spot Red Winged Black Birds, our Blue Heron and Red-Tailed Hawks.

If you are looking for a way to get involved in the township that involves immersion in the great outdoors, please consider joining the EAC for future projects, ideas or outdoor education our join our monthly meetings. Events are posted on our Facebook page. Lastly, thank you to all the residents who inquired about the beehives. Hopefully we'll have a well-pollinated Township in the coming years! *T*

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."  
—Margaret Mead*



### SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

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#### April 7, 2021

- A proclamation, encouraging all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project, and recognizing the month of April, 2021 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" was approved.
- The quote from Amazing Grazing Brush and Weed Control to clear a section of Barrett's Meadow for a picnic grove, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 was approved.

#### April 21, 2021

- Waiving the Historic Impact Study for 178 Locksley Road in accordance with the Historical Commission's recommendation letter dated April 12, 2021 was approved.
- Purchase of several requested items for the PA State Police Media Barracks Troop K, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 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.



PLEASE FOLLOW ALL CURRENT CDC GUIDELINES.



**Township Golf Nights at  
The Golf Course at Glen Mills**  
Now through August 25, 2021

#### Disc Golf

**Date to be Determined**

Join us for a disc golf introduction with expert disc golfer Anthony DeLaurentis. In addition, we are excited to announce that the Thornbury Township Disc Golf course is almost finished! Email us if you are interested in a demonstration. Visit [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org) for developments.

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** To be Determined

#### Pop-Up Entertainment

**Ending Friday, August 13, 2021**

Join us every Tuesday all summer long for entertainment of all varieties!

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 5:30-7:00pm

#### Yoga in the Park

**Every Monday Until August 30, 2021**

Join us every Monday all summer long! Residents only. Please visit [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org) to register.

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 7:00pm

**Fee** Free!



#### July 4th Parade

**Monday July 5, 2021**

Make a float with your friends and family and celebrate being back together!

**Place & Time** Parade assembles at Bethlehem Church at 9am and marches at 10am to Thornbury Park

#### Dinner En Blanc

**Sunday July 11, 2021**

Pack your picnic basket and wear white from head to toe for this elegant, outdoor dinner. Wine and beer will be sold by Grace Winery. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed and best decorated table!

**Place** Grace Winery

**Time** 5:00

#### Crab-Fest

**Friday July 23, 2021**

Crabs are ordered by the dozen (market price).

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 6:00

#### Founder's Day

**Saturday September 11, 2021**

We are all really excited to see everyone and celebrate our incredible community!

**Place** Thornbury Park

**Time** 5-9pm



# Historical Commission Letter

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

## Brighter Days Through Gardening... The Three Sisters

The “Three Sisters” is an ancient companion planting practice from the indigenous populations of the Americas and has been around for perhaps 5,000 years. This practice of planting corn, pole beans and winter squash is widely recognized as an extremely sustainable and environmentally friendly farming technique. While found in many other areas and tribes of North American, the technique is attributed to the Northeastern Woodland tribes, especially the Iroquois Confederacy. The name comes from an Iroquois legend. According to the legend, corn, beans and squash were inseparable sisters that were given to the people by the “Great Spirit.”

These crops complement one another. Beans (B) are fantastic for soil health because they host microorganisms in their roots that take nitrogen from the air and transfer it to the soil making it available for use by plants. Corn (C) has large upright stalks, which act as a pole-like structure that the climbing beans can wrap around. The large leaves of the winter squash (SQ) shade the soil, depriving weeds from sunlight while preventing moisture from escaping due to evaporation. The squash stems and leaves are also spiny, discouraging animal pests from infiltrating. If a fourth sister (SF) was included, it was a plant that attracted pollinators (e.g. Rocky Mountain bee plant attracted bees).

Furthermore, the main “three sisters” each provide an important component of a healthy diet: corn provides carbohydrates; beans supply protein; and squash are rich in vitamins. Finally, since each of the “Three Sisters” is from a different crop family, they are susceptible to different diseases and pests making them much more resilient.

This companion planting technique, still in use today, maintains high yields, promotes healthy soil, suppresses weeds, attracts pollinators, promotes genetic diversity, and requires low water input—all without harmful chemical pesticides and fertilizers. If you have a limited space to plant, the image shown with this article shows a four-foot circle which can contain 47 plants. *T*

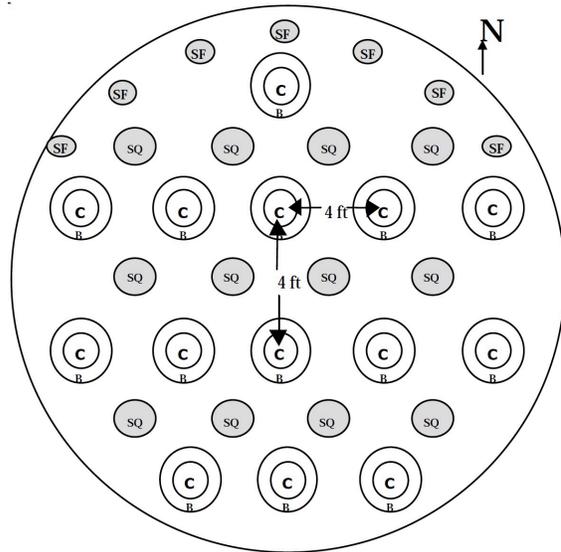


Figure 1: Circular Wampanoag Garden

Drawing by Merril Dodson  
Concept taken from *Native American Gardening* by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruhac

## PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES

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

## SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

### 15 Tanguy Rd. (a.k.a. O’Kane)

#### Land Development Preliminary/Final Plan

This past July, the applicant proposed tearing down the existing house and constructing a new house, driveway, and pole barn. During the November and December meetings, the discussion continued regarding tree replacement requirements, pole barn size and accessibility, setbacks, and stormwater. Discussion will continue upon receipt of revised plans.

## TOWNSHIP RESIDENT DR. JIM SCANLON TO RETIRE

Dr. Jim Scanlon, the super Superintendent of the West Chester Area School District recently announced his retirement to happen later this year. He has served in this position since 2009. Jim is passionate about our schools, our children and our community. Jim has worked hard for all of us but in his incredibly demanding career he has always kept the kids his focus. It was their best interests that drove his decisions. Our schools, teachers, staff, parents and students are evidence of that. We thank you and wish you well in your retirement. Best wishes Dr. Scanlon! You will be missed!





## Rachel Kohl Library



### Requests

If you have a specific title in mind, we encourage you to search our online catalog, Encore, for its availability and request it yourself. You may also call us at 610-358-3445 ext. 2. If you have the capability, we ask that you please consider requesting via Encore so as to keep our phone

lines free for others arriving to pickup their orders. While our Google form was a temporary solution when we were without van service, you may still use the form if you don't have a specific title in mind and would like the library to select books for you. You can, for example, ask us to select four children's dinosaur books or two adult mysteries. Otherwise, we ask that you revert back to the pre-quarantine ordering of books through Encore. All materials will be loaned out for three weeks and allowed one renewal. Additionally, if you have any unfulfilled holds placed prior to quarantine that you no longer need, kindly log on to your account and cancel them.

### Pickup

No appointment is needed; just come anytime during the pickup hours. Phone orders will be ready for pickup approximately one hour after being placed. Orders will be held for five days. Orders placed an hour or less before closing may not be ready for pick up until the next operating day. When you arrive, park and call the library's front desk at 610-358-3445 ext. 2. If you are without a cellphone, call and inform us of your expected arrival time before leaving to pick up your order.

### Returns

The library's outside return bins are open 24/7. Please do not give returns to staff during curbside pickup. For both patron and staff safety, all returns will be quarantined for four days before being checked in (so don't be surprised if an item you returned is still on your account). Returns will be backdated after the four day quarantine. You may also renew online. *T*

If you would like to check out materials or access our e-resources and don't have a library card, please email [support@delcolibraries.org](mailto:support@delcolibraries.org) with your name, address, phone number, and birth date. You will receive an email with a library card number and receive a physical card in the mail.

### Curbside Pickup Service

The library continues to offer our curbside pickup service. See our new extended pickup hours below:

Mon.–Thur.: 10am–6pm

Fri. & Sat.: 10am–5pm

Closed Sundays.

*Hours are subject to change.*

## CELEBRATING MEMORIAL DAY

While Memorial Day is typically a day of mourning for those we have lost while serving, we were so happy to see so many residents attend the ceremony this year!



## STAFF & OFFICIALS

### Township Manager

Jeffrey T. Seagraves: 610.399.8383 x104

### Municipal Secretary

Geoff Carbutt: 610.399.8383 x107

### Township Events

Susan Daudert: 610.399.8383 x101

### Public Works

Art Risley: 610.399.8383 x106

### Code Enforcement Officer

Keystone Municipal Services

### WC Area School District:

484.266.1000

### State Senator (9th District)

John Kane: 717.756.1548

kane@pasenate.com

### U.S. Representative (5th District):

Mary Gay Scanlon: 610.626.1913

### State Representative (168th District):

Chris Quinn, 610.325.1541

### U.S. Senators

Pat Toomey: 202.224.4254

Bob Casey, Jr.: 202.224.6324

### District Justice

Honorable Wendy B. Roberts Esquire

District Court 32-2-49: 610.558.3605



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## BOARD MEETINGS

### Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 7:00pm

James Raith, Chairman

James Kelly, Vice Chairman

Sheri Perkins, Supervisor

### Zoning Hearing Board

1st Monday (if needed): 7:00pm

### Environmental Advisory Council

3rd Thursday: 7:00pm

### Park & Recreation Board

2nd Thursday: 7:00pm

### Historical Commission

3rd Tuesday: 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday: 7:00pm

### Sewer Committee

4th Thursday: 7:00pm

## CONTACT

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Cheyney, PA 19319

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www.thornbury.org

Monday through Friday:

8:30am-4:30pm

# Township Calendar

## JUNE 2021

YOGA IN THE PARK .....6|21|21 | Sewer Committee Mtg.....6|24|21 | YOGA IN THE PARK .....6|28|21

## JULY 2021

4TH OF JULY *Twp. Office Closed*.....7|5|21 | EAC Mtg .....7|15|21 | Board of Supervisors Mtg.....7|21|21  
DINNER EN BLANC .....7|11|21 | YOGA IN THE PARK .....7|19|21 | Sewer Committee Mtg.....7|22|21  
YOGA IN THE PARK .....7|12|21 | Historical Commission Mtg.....7|20|21 | CRABFEST.....7|23|21  
Planning Commission Mtg .....7|14|21 | YOGA IN THE PARK .....7|26|21

## AUGUST 2021

YOGA IN THE PARK .....8|2|21 | Planning Commission Mtg .....8|11|21 | Board of Supervisors Mtg.....8|18|21  
THORNBURY TWP GOLF NIGHT .....8|4|21 | Park & Recreation Mtg.....8|12|21 | YOGA IN THE PARK .....8|23|21  
YOGA IN THE PARK .....8|9|21 | YOGA IN THE PARK .....8|16|21 | THORNBURY TWP GOLF NIGHT .....8|25|21  
THORNBURY TWP GOLF NIGHT .....8|11|21 | Historical Commission Mtg.....8|17|21 | YOGA IN THE PARK .....8|30|21  
THORNBURY TWP GOLF NIGHT .....8|18|21

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