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The Gander The Newsletter of Thornbury Township, Chester County

Message from the Manager

Greetings Thornbury Township residents! Please allow me to introduce myself, Jacqui Guenther, as your new Township Manager. Although I am new to Thornbury Township's local government, I was born and raised in the area and live locally. Thornbury Township is dear to my heart and I am excited to be part of its growing community.

Please send me suggestions for events you would like to see in Thornbury Township. You may be interested in a senior citizen program. Or perhaps a bus trip to Broadway. I want to hear your ideas and suggestions! Please email me at jguenther@thornburytwp.com.

The West Chester Area Council of Governments is proud to announce the formation of the ***Neighborhood University of Greater West Chester***, set to begin in September 2014. The *Neighborhood University* is intended to provide area citizens with the tools necessary to be better advocates for their community by educating them on local government structure, and by increasing their awareness of available municipal services and resources. Developed by the staffs of several area Townships, the free 11-week training program will educate area residents on the inner workings of local government. *Neighborhood University* is open to any citizen 16 or older residing in one of the participating communities (East Bradford, East Goshen, Thornbury (Chester County), West Chester, West Goshen, West Whiteland, and Westtown). Eleven, 2-hour sessions will be facilitated by local, county and state government officials, area business professionals and others, and will cover topics including: Structure of local government in Pennsylvania; Fire, Police and Emergency Management; Water Resource Management; Zoning, Land Use, and Development; Public Finance; and Transportation Management.

Enrollment will begin in July, and class size is limited. For more information about registering in the *Neighborhood University* program, go to www.thornburytwp.com .

Looking ahead, construction of the Squire Cheyney Trail will begin in the next few weeks. The trail will be approximately one mile long through the scenic park land. In the meantime, residents may opt to use the walking trail at Goose Creek Park which is approximately a half mile long.

The 2014 road project has gone out for bid. The project includes repaving of certain areas of William Penn Boulevard and Deer Pointe Road near its intersection with Crows Nest Circle.

Now that summer is here, please be reminded that leaving still water where mosquitoes breed can lead to West Nile Virus. West Nile virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds, which may circulate the virus in their blood for a few days. The virus eventually gets into the mosquito's salivary glands. The virus may be injected into humans and animals by the bite of an infected mosquito, where it can multiply and possibly cause illness.

Have a safe and wonderful Summer! I hope to see all of you at the October 25, 2014 Fall Festival at the Goose Creek Park!

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The Battle of Brandywine:

THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE REVISITED

May 17-18, 2014

Randell Spackman

This year, over the weekend of May 17-18, a very special event took place at Sandy Hollow Farm in Birmingham Township and at Thornbury Farm in Thornbury Township. A group of some 515 Re-enactors, including soldiers as well as camp followers, gathered to stage the Battle of the Brandywine. This lively, two-day event included an encampment, along with ceremonies commemorating those soldiers who lost their lives in the original, pivotal Battle of September 11, 1777. Of course, the Battle itself was staged to the thrill of over 6000 spectators who enjoyed the hour-long reenactment that mirrored the tactics and maneuvers of the 26,000 soldiers in that fateful clash of British forces, led by General Sir William Howe against their Continental enemies, with our own, General George Washington in command.

As we all know, the Battle did not go in favor of the colonial forces, but it did prove to be decisive in the ultimate outcome of the Revolutionary War. Not only did Washington succeed in avoiding the annihilation of his army, he also realized that the British were not invincible, thus raising the morale of his troops. Going forward, General Washington was gradually able to turn his amateur army into a professional fighting force and as they say, "the rest is history!"

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE: THERE ARE PLANS UNDERWAY TO STAGE A NATIONAL EVENT IN 2017 AT SANDY HOLLOW AND THORNBURY FARM TO COMMEMORATE THE 240TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BRANDYWINE. STAY TUNED TO THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION. IT IS HISTORY IN OUR OWN BACKYARD!!

Chester Creek Watershed:

Stormwater Is Everybody's Business

Stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, manure and other pollutants as it flows over surfaces such as driveways, roads and lawns. Without proper stormwater management, this polluted runoff flows untreated into our streams, rivers and wetlands.

Polluted stormwater runoff is the greatest threat to clean water!

Residents, municipalities, businesses and developers need to work together to prevent stormwater pollution.

Our streams and rivers supply

- Water for drinking
- Water for fishing
- Water for swimming
- Water for canoeing and boating
- Water for wildlife

Brandywine Valley Association

For more info call
Brandywine Valley Association
610-793-1090
or visit our website at
www.brandywinewatershed.org

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MS4 STATEMENT

Citizens can help report violations or problems they notice in their local streams before they cause more damage and pollution. Residents sometimes may be the first to recognize "illicit" discharges being directed into storm sewers or flowing out of storm sewer outfall pipes into streams. "Dry weather flows" (flows from storm sewer outfall pipes after 72 hours or more without rain) should be reported to your municipality for further investigation.

SAVE THE SPRINGHOUSE!

The Thornbury Township Historic Preservation Committee is seeking local individuals to assist in the restoration of this historic treasure, which is located at the Squire Cheyney Park. Please contact the Borough Manager @jguenther@thornburytwp.com if you are interested in volunteering your talents and/or support.

Property Owners Must Register Rentals

Many property owners may not realize that all rental properties must be registered with the Township and there are penalties involved for those who chose to ignore the rental registration.

Thornbury Township Code, Chapter 96 states "It shall be the duty of the owner of every rental within the Township to prepare and file a semi-annual report with the Township Secretary which shall contain the complete name and address of each person 18 years of age and older who is currently residing in each rental unit owned by the person required to file the report."

Thornbury Township is in the process of updating it's rental information list. If you are not registered with the Township please call 610-399-1425 for a **Rental Registration Form.** If your property is listed, please continue to update the Township with any change of tenants.

Retail Space In Thornbury Township:

Office/Retail Space For Lease Near Goose Creek Park

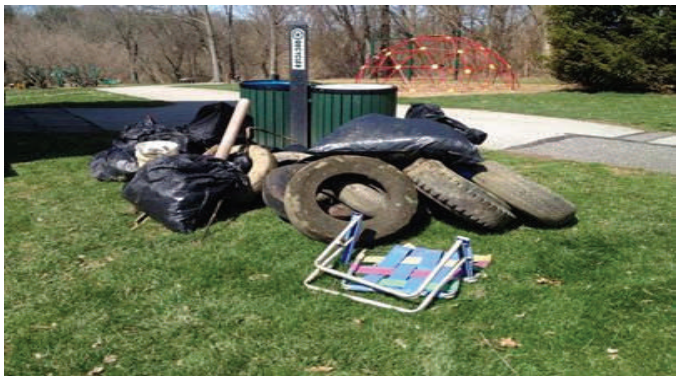
842 E. STREET ROAD (Route 926)

Above the Westtown Post Office near the Goose Creek Grill

Approximately 1,600 square feet of commercial space in Thornbury Township is available for lease. The space is located at 842 E. Street Road, on the second floor above the Westtown Post Office near the Goose Creek Grill. The location is easily accessible and visible from Route 926 (Street Road) and is situated at the entrance of Goose Creek Park. The space includes two restrooms, secure access, central air, and plenty of parking. The property is owned and managed by Thornbury Township, Chester County. Please inquire by contacting Thornbury Township Administration at (610) 399-1425.

CRC's 9th Annual Chester Creek Earth Day Cleanup was held on Saturday, April 12, 2014

This was the biggest group we've ever had at Goose Creek Park. Thank you to all the students, families, residents, and groups, especially our friends at UUCDC COA, Synthes, Westtown Dems, Westtown School and CRC for organizing the event and to Teresa DeStefano for overseeing the day.



Our friends from the Synthes crew made a significant impact on the stretch of Goose Creek by Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School! Thank you to all the volunteers!

For more information and pictures check out CRC's Facebook page:www.facebook.com/crcwatersheds

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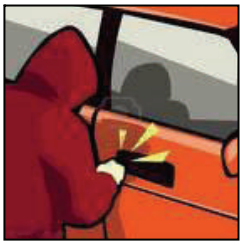
THEFT ADVISORY



Recently, the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department has noticed an increase in the number of incidents where items are stolen out of parked vehicles. Oftentimes these crimes are born of opportunity and as such can be prevented. Criminals can be deterred through simple crime prevention methods. In order to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of theft the police department would like to suggest the following tips:

1) Lock your vehicle when you park it.

2) Don't leave items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Preferably remove these items and take them with you when you park your car. If this is not possible, attempt to place the items in an inconspicuous location such as under the seat, in the trunk, or in the glove box. This includes things that might suggest valuable items being in your vehicle such as a windshield mounted GPS holder even if the GPS unit is not in it.

3) If your vehicle is to be parked overnight try to **park in an area with an unobstructed view** (i.e. not right next to bushes, in a well lit area), and consider using motion lights to help deter anyone from approaching your car under the cover of darkness).

4) Lastly, please **report any suspicious activity** that you observe by calling 911.

Trevor Talks:

According to Chapter 56 of the Thornbury Township Code, dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs in all public spaces. First offenders can be fined $25.00.

The Township provides bags for dog waste pickup and trash cans for disposal. Please make sure that our park continues to be a safe and clean place for our dogs and their human friends by picking up after your pet.

Alarms in Thornbury Township:

Alarms in the Township are regulated by Chapter 55 of the Thornbury Township Code, which is available online at the Township website.

The Township Code provides that a fine of $50.00 will apply to a **second** false alarm occurring within 365 days of the above noted false alarm, with increasing fines of $100.00, and $250.00, for successive false alarms within the 365 day period. These fines are assessed to cover the Township's police activity costs. Each false alarm takes about 45 minutes of the officer's time to respond and write a report. These costs are conveyed to the Township and the Township seeks to collect these fees from the offender.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Township office.

RECIPE :

Cool off with these homemade frozen fruit pops made with fresh fruit puree. Use any fruit you wish, I added a little sugar because my fruit tasted a little tart.

Frozen Mango, Kiwi, Raspberry Pops

Ingredients:

9 tbsp water
2 tbsp sugar
5 oz kiwi, peeled
6 oz mango, peeled
6 oz fresh raspberries

Make a simple syrup by combining water and sugar in a small pot and bring to a boil; **boil** for about 4-5 minutes on medium heat. **Set aside**.

Puree fruit separately in the blender (I used my magic bullet). **Set aside** in 3 small bowls.

Divide the simple syrup between the fruit purees and mix in.

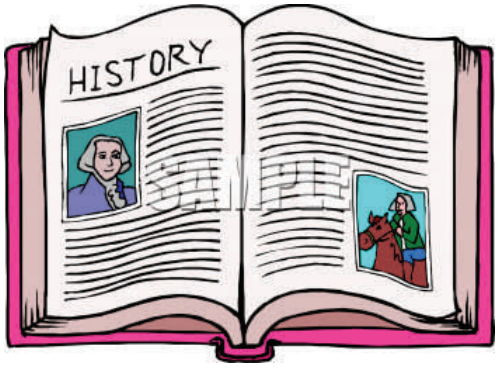
Equally **fill** four small 5 oz cups with the kiwi **puree** and place in the freezer; **freeze** one hour.

Add mango puree and freeze 20 minutes. **Insert** sticks and freeze at least 2 hours. **Add** raspberry puree and **freeze** overnight.

Attention Residents!

Submit a favorite recipe to administration@thornburytwp.com to be compiled into a Thornbury Township Residents Cook Book.

Historic Preservation Commission:



The HPC Seeks your Help!

The Historic Preservation Commission is looking for volunteers to edit videotapes. These tapes are of interviews with long-time township residents that the Historic Preservation Commission has been conducting the past three years.

Also, the Historic Preservation Commission is seeking new members to serve on the commission. If you are interested, please submit to the township office your name, letter of intent or a resume indicating your interests and qualifications.

ARE YOUR KIDS' CLOSETS JAMMED?

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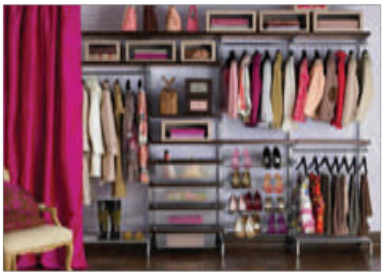

We give CASH ON THE SPOT for their trendy styles! Get fast, easy cash here at Plato's Closet, Exton.

Seasonal Reminders:

S E A S O N A L R E M I N D E R S

Roadway Property Maintenance

Each homeowner in our Township is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their property along state and Township roads. Cutting back vegetation and keeping this area free of litter, especially after storms, is the key to maintaining the attractive nature of our community. Spring is the time for beautifying and keeping our roads safe.

Place Your Business Ad In Take A Gander!

Business ads will be accepted upon meeting the Township's guidelines. Every request for advertising is also subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Please contact Teresa DeStefano, the Township secretary, at 610-399-1425, for current advertising guidelines.

Advertising Rates

Full Page - $500.00

Half Page - $250.00

Our Sincere Appreciation

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who have given their time and talents to the Township in serving on various commissions:

Planning Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, Historical Preservation Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and

The Roadmaster

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I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Hearing from you, our residents and businesses of Thornbury Township, keeps me on my toes!

If you have any comments, questions or ideas regarding this newsletter, please take a minute to contact me at 610-399-1425 or you can email me at:

tdestefano@thornburytwp.com .

Sincerely,

Teresa DeStefano, Editor