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The Gander The Newsletter of Thornbury Township, Chester County

Chairman's Update

Fall is the time for the Township to review the current year and begin planning the 2023 Budget. This year the Township made repairs to the "Town Center". The building which has Best Kept Secret, the Post Office, and Renewal Strength and Body had new siding, roof and gutters installed. Behind this building and facing the new Township Building is a new pocket park. This area has a bench wall dedicated to the US Military. There are medallion plaques identifying each branch along the wall. The new plantings in the area, as well as the planter boxes, are an Eagle Scout project. The plant choices reflect the landscaping at the new Township Building with the input by the Parks and Recreation Commission. I hope that you will stop by and enjoy the changes.

A new sign is in the works to be installed along E. Street Road to identify the Town Center, Goose Creek Park, the Township Building, and the varied services here. This project should be completed by the end of the year.

Thornbury Township is rich with the talents of many residents. The volunteers on the many Commissions make possible the success of our community. We are looking for more of you to be a part. If you would like to have a more active role in the Township, there are many opportunities from serving on a Commission or volunteering for a single event. Reach out to Judy and Teresa at 610-399-1425 with your interests.

This season is also a time for gratitude. Thank you to all who serve on the boards and commissions of Thornbury Township. Your volunteerism is what makes our events possible. Thank you to the WEGO Police Department for their service to our community. Thank you to our contractors like Neff Construction (road maintenance), Andrew's Landscaping (snow contractor), TS Morris Landscaping (parks), and SM Landscaping (snow contractor) for your services to our community's safety and welfare.

Best regards,

Jim Benoit, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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Historic Preservation Commission

It has been a busy year for the Thornbury Historic Preservation Commission. We recently celebrated the installation of a Brandywine Battlefield marker at Thornbury Farm. This is one of fifteen (eventual) markers throughout Chester and Delaware County intended to educate and commemorate the battle. We encourage all residents to stop by the farm and read more about General Stephen's Stand.

We also had the opportunity to visit several historic properties on the Cheyney University campus in June, including the Glen Burnie house. We are optimistic that future generations may continue to appreciate this resource if proper funding to renovate and protect this valuable piece of local history is generated.

Brandywine 2022 Reenactment was held September 24th and 25th at Sandy Hollow Park. Please consider taking the opportunity to enjoy the displays, vendors, music, and scenes of daily life from that time in history come to life.

Looking ahead, if you are a homeowner of an historic property and would be interested in giving a virtual tour of your home, either through pictures or video, please contact us. We also intend to create submission guidelines for any work on an historic resource requiring a permit. Lastly, but certainly not least, we will be turning our attention to the creation of a new Heritage Center at Thornbury Farm, as part of the Brandywine Battlefield Heritage Interpretation and Connectivity Plan.

If you have any interest in joining us or would like to learn more about our initiatives, please reach out. We would love to hear from you!

- Michele Thackrah, Chairperson

Parks and Recreation Commission

Do you enjoy Thornbury Township's parks and trails?

The Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for additional volunteers to assist in the coordination of the planning and implementation of the park activities and events. We have monthly meetings that require about an hour of your time.

With a few more volunteers, we are hoping to expand some of our programming and activities. This is wonderful way to meet some of your neighbors!

If you have some time to give to the Township and would like more information, give Teresa or Judy a call at the Township at 610-399-1425. They can let you know when the next meeting is so you can join us.

Save the Date

Saturday, November 12th

Coffee and Donuts with WEGO

Join your favorite police officers on Saturday November 12, 2022 from 9:00-12:00 at Thornbury Township for some coffee and donuts. This will coincide with our shredding event, so remember to bring any documents that need shredded.

Paper Shredding Event

On Saturday November 12, 2022 from 9:00-12:00 at the Township Building, 800 E Street Road. Thornbury Township will hold a paper shredding event. Protect yourself from identity theft.

Recipe for Fall

Easy Slow Cooker Apple Crisp with Oatmeal

This slow cooker version of an apple crisp is super easy and comforting!

Ingredients

6 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced

2/3 cup oatmeal (not quick oats)

2/3 cup flour

2/3 cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

A few grates of fresh nutmeg

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

Add and arrange the sliced apples in the bottom of the slow cooker.

Mix together the oatmeal, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cut in the butter to make crumbs using a pastry blender or your fingers.

Crumble the oatmeal mixture over the apples.

Place a double layer of paper towels over the top of the slow cooker to absorb any condensation, then top with the lid. Cook on low for 4 hours.

Serve warm with a scoop of ice cream if desired.

All Aboard! Thornbury Township Presents:
A Train Ride with Santa Claus

Sunday, December 4th @ 5 pm
Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Township Building
800 E .Street Road
$15 per person (over the age of 2) (limited availability)

Train leaves promptly at 5 pm
Boarding is at the Westtown Train Station
(located near the Township Building)

Fall Safety Tips

Safely warming up by the fire:

Inspect your fireplace before lighting the first fire. One of the simple joys of fall is warming up in front of a fireplace. If you are lucky to have a fireplace in your home, be sure to have it cleaned and inspected before lighting your first fire of the season. A buildup of soot and creosote can cause a chimney fire and backup of dangerous carbon monoxide gas into your home. Keep the area around the fireplace clear, and remove any hanging decorations on your mantle. Most importantly, keep a fire extinguisher nearby at all times.

Never leave burning candles unattended. Glowing candles make any environment feel cozier. Remember to keep burning candles away from anything that could burn, such as curtains, bedding or books. Aways extinguish a candle before going to bed or leaving the house, and never leave children or pets alone with a burning candle.

Have your furnace serviced. Now is the time to have your furnace serviced before the cold weather hits**.**

Watch for new roadway hazards:

Going back to school brings traffic changes. Children are going back to school, so our traffic patterns change. School buses, bicycles and teen drivers are out on the roads. Slow down and take extra care to look for children in school zones, near playgrounds and residential areas. Never pass a bus with its lights on.

Be alert for wildlife on roadways. Wildlife is on the move in the fall, so watch carefully for deer and other critters crossing the road in front of your vehicle. They are most active from dusk through dawn. Remember that some animals, deer in particular, frequently travel in groups. If you see one crossing, more are bound to follow.

Watch for wet leaves. When piles of leaves on the road become wet, it can be as slippery as driving on ice. Water stands on the waxy surface of the leaves, and can potentially cause you to lose traction and stability.

Winter is right around the corner and with that snow! Remember to keep vehicles in the driveway when there is a snow storm, give the plow trucks plenty of room and time to clear the roads safely and effectively. When cleaning your driveway push the snow into the grass and not on the roadway. Putting snow from the driveway into the road can cause an icy spot that had already been cleaned.

Change of seasons can also bring bad weather. The number to report power outages, call PECO at 1-800-841-4141. If trees are down along a road, do not cross. There may be electrical wires involved and could cause you harm. Stay safe.

Good Fellowship Ambulance 2023 Subscription Drive Underway

Lifesaving emergency medical transport can put a stress on your family's finances, but with a subscription to Good Fellowship Ambulance, subscribers have NO out-of-pocket expenses if treated and/or transported by us - so you can focus on recovery, not finances. Subscribe today!

The men and women of Good Fellowship Ambulance respond in a moment's notice, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to ensure you and your loved ones receive emergency care. Good Fellowship responds to over 6,400 emergency calls each year, providing basic, intermediate and advanced life support services. Your subscription saves you the out-of-pocket expenses and helps support the mission of Good Fellowship: To provide emergency medical services to anyone in need in our greater West Chester service area.

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New Stormwater Requirements Coming to Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is requiring that all municipalities throughout the Commonwealth update their stormwater ordinances in order to reduce flooding, erosion and better protect water quality in our watersheds. To that end, Thornbury Township, like all the other townships and boroughs in Chester County, has adopted a new ordinance mandated by the DEP.

All projects that create over 500 square feet of impervious surface or land disturbance to a property require that stormwater management (also known as "best management practices" or "BMPs") be installed so that there is less stormwater runoff post-construction than pre-construction. It is the now responsibility of the property owner to maintain maintenance records of the BMPs that have been installed.

Thornbury Township tries to make the process as easy as possible, but there are a number of steps in the application that require time. Whenever you are preparing for a larger project (like installing a pool) on your property, call the office to discuss the requirements and overall process so that we can assist in educating you what the Township will need and what you may be required to do. The new regulations are here to help us collectively protect the waterways of the Commonwealth.

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