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# THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

## newsletter

WINTER  
2011

### Look Who's Turning 325!!!!

In the year 2012, Thornbury Township will celebrate our 325th Birthday. The Board of Supervisors has requested that we get the word out about our intent to make this celebration one to remember. The township Historical Commission and Park and Recreation Board



are working together planning the event for residents of all ages. Festivities will include music, entertainment, activities and refreshments. We would ask that you keep **Saturday, May 12th** open to help us celebrate our glorious 325 years as a community.

### JOIN US! Living History Day

The THS is celebrating Thornbury Township's 325th birthday by sponsoring a Living History Day.

**Sunday, April 15, 2011**  
**Living History Day**

**TIME:** To be Announced  
**PLACE:** Thornbury Park  
**INFO:** Joan Dehm 610-358-3385

### "We want you!"

#### Isn't that what Uncle Sam said?

In celebration of our 325th birthday this coming Spring, we would like to assemble an oral history. To do this we would like to speak to past and present residents that have lived here for many, many years. Our goal is to get the residents perspective on what it is like to



live in Thornbury Township. What was the Township like 20, 30 or 40 years ago? How it has changed? How would you describe Thornbury Township today? If you or someone you know would like to participate, please call: 610-399-8383 ext. 101. Thank you, we are looking forward to hearing from you!

### BRAIN TEASERS

**Q:** One winter day, there was a man standing in the middle of someone's front yard. He stayed there for several weeks without moving and the owner of the yard didn't mind. Eventually the man left.

**Who was the man?**

**A:** A snowman!

**Q:** What did the big furry hat say to the warm woolly scarf?

**A:** "You hang around while I go on ahead!"

# township calendar & important contact numbers

## LETTER *from the* MANAGER

BY: Jeff Seagraves

Hello Fellow residents. As we approach the end of another year, we take time to reflect on the past year and once again thank all of those who volunteered their time to make Thornbury Township a better community. Our administration and Board of Supervisors have consistently sought your input on events and items of interest to you, our residents. Over the past five years we have increased the number of activities and broadened the types of activities we offer.

Regretfully, we have seen a marked decrease in participation in some of the events that have become a regular part of our schedule. Notably, attendance at the Friday night movie events has tapered off. These events require the significant expenditure of both financial and human resources. We are evaluating whether we should look to apply those resources in

different areas to best serve our residents.

While attendance at some events has maintained a high level of participation, we are interested in hearing your feedback on the reasons for minimal attendance at activities such as the fishing derby.

We recognize that people are busier now than ever, and we are most interested in your valued opinion on ways to ensure that we are offering programs that our residents desire.

Are the events not scheduled at optimal times? Are there more effective ways to communicate these events? Have they become stale? If so, what other events would you like to see offered?

Please take some time to respond to our inquiry. Thank you!

 -Jeff Seagraves  
Township Manager

## LETTER *from the* CHAIRMAN

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

2012 will be the 325th birthday for Thornbury Township. We will be celebrating this momentous occasion on May 12th at Thornbury Park. Details will follow, please try to keep that date open to help celebrate!

We will soon be changing the township website! We will be looking to add a section called "Residents Recipes". Our goal will be to accumulate multiple recipes from our residents and have them organized accordingly. If you're in the mood for soup and don't know what to make, you will be able to go on our website and check out what soup recipe Jim Raith has to offer.

Once again our annual Halloween Parade and Fall Festival was a great success! Thanks to all of our participants who made this a memorable year, there were some incredible costumes for sure.



I would like to thank our township staff, particularly the Public Works Department, and the Park and Rec Board and all of the volunteers for all of their hard work putting the event together.

If you have any interest in serving on one of our boards or commissions please contact either myself or a member of our staff with a letter of interest and also let us know what interests you may have.

With the cold weather coming around the corner we will need to keep in mind possible snow. Keep your neighbors in mind should we experience a power outage. We must be aware of bad road conditions, please be careful while driving and obey all snow removal rules. If there are areas of concern, please contact the township and we will help in any way we can.

In closing, have a nice winter, and we will see you around town!

 -Jim Raith, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

### THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

6 Township Drive, Cheyney PA 19319  
Phone: 610.399.8383, Fax: 610.399.3162  
Hours: 8:30am to 4:30pm,  
Monday – Friday

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1st & 3rd Wednesdays – 7:00pm  
James Raith, Chairman  
James Kelly, Vice Chairman  
Sheri Perkins, Supervisor

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

1st Monday of the Month (if needed) – 7:00pm

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

3rd Thursday – 7:00pm

### PARK & RECREATION BOARD

4th Tuesday – 7:00pm

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

3rd Tuesday – 7:00pm

### PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd & 4th Wednesday – 7:00pm

### SEWER COMMITTEE

4th Thursday – 7:00pm

### TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Jeffrey T. Seagraves: 610.399.8383 ext.104

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Robert Casey, Jr. 202.224.6324

# News from Rachael Kohl Library

An exciting program was just kicked off on November 10th at Rachael Kohl Library. The Delaware County Historical Society's Passport to History Program has invited all 4th and 5th grade students of Delaware County to join. Go to [www.dchs-pa.org](http://www.dchs-pa.org) and click on Passport to History.

The award winning program is 100% sponsor supported and is presented free of charge. Each participating student is issued a passport designed to resemble a United States Passport, a map and a guide to historic sites throughout Delaware County.

By enrolling students in Passport to History you open a world of local history through free admission to participating sites, special tours, exhibits, hands-on programs, and an original theatrical production written exclusively for Passport to History!

For further information contact **Karyn Confer, Program Coordinator** at [dchspassporttohistory@yahoo.com](mailto:dchspassporttohistory@yahoo.com). The Passport to History is also on Facebook!



## from the **PLANNING COMMISSION**

### actions

The Planning Commission is looking forward to a productive 2012. Since the last newsletter, the following is an update of what the Planning Commission has completed or is currently reviewing:

#### **Subdivision & Land Development**

- 1 Wills Prelim./Final 3-Lot Subdivision, 35 Locksley Rd. Discussion on this subdivision is close to being finalized.
- 2 Gricco, Final Subdivision, 205/209 Locksley Rd. The plan proposes to amend the subdivision known as "Thomas Damon" approved in 1985 to reconfigure the existing 2 separate driveways into a single driveway. Discussions have been put on hold until revised plans are received.

#### **Ordinances:**

- 1 Accessory Structure Regulations: The members are awaiting a draft ordinance from Land Planner, Wayne Grafton, which as requested by the members, will regulate solar and wind applications by way of the Conditional Use process.
- 2 Sign Ordinance: The Planning Commission is deeply involved in discussions regarding various amendments

to the Township's current Sign Ordinance. Ric Miller, Chairman of the Historical Commission, has also been invited to contribute to these discussions

- 3 Comprehensive Plan: The 2010 census figures are still being analyzed. Feedback from the members has been received and amendments are being made while discussing the future goals and objectives of our Township.

The public is invited to attend Planning Commission meetings. They are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Township building. Public comment is welcome at all Planning Commission meetings.

Thank you,

– Jim Bulkley, Chairman  
Planning Commission

## ACTIONS from the BOARD of SUPERVISORS

### **September 7, 2011**

- 1 Approved the appointment of Kate Grieco to the Environmental Advisory Council.
- 2 Approved the purchase of 7.79 acres of land from the Estate of Thorkild S. Paaby for Open Space, connecting to Palmer Arboretum.
- 3 Approved the purchase of fish from Crystal Springs Hatchery for the Annual Fishing Derby.
- 4 Approved the purchase of a new Ford Super Cab pick up truck and snow plow equipment.
- 5 Authorized the Township engineer to prepare a punch list for the Blantyre Subdivision dedication.

### **September 21, 2011**

- 1 Authorized the sponsorship of five PA state police officers to attend a criminal investigation seminar.
- 2 Approved the repair of the roofs of all 3 township buildings by Hartland Roofing.

### **October 5, 2011**

- 1 Approved Resolution 2119 granting permission for Thornbury Township, Chester County to construct and install the College Hill Sewer Main.
- 2 Approved the design phase of restoration to Douglass Cottage, by Dever Architects

### **October 19, 2011**

- 1 Approved resolution no. 2120 adopting the revision to the official sewage facilities plan to the Guilday Subdivision.

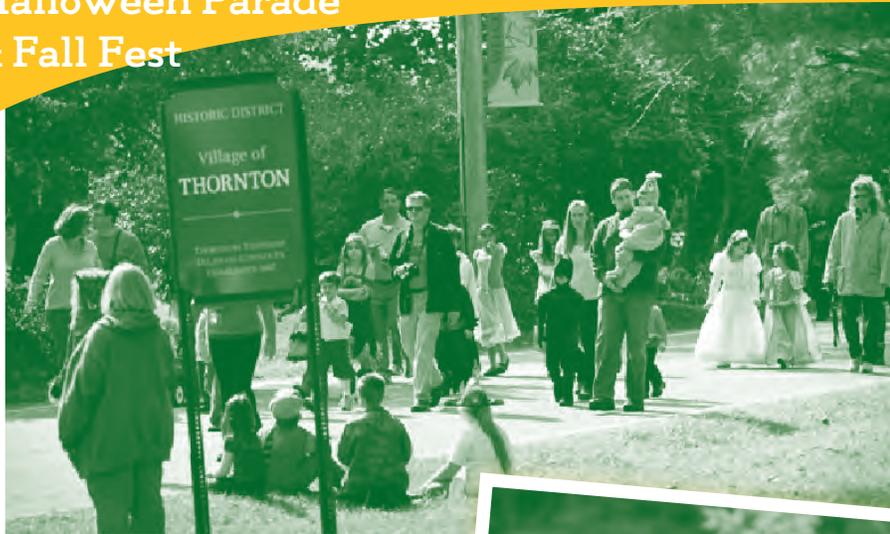
### **November 2, 2011**

- 1 Approved advertising to appoint a certified public accountant to audit all accounts for the fiscal year 2011.
- 2 Approved advertising the proposed 2012 Township Budget, to be made available for public inspection as of November 17, 2011.
- 3 Approved payment for the 2011 Road Program

# Thornbury Environmental Advisory Council

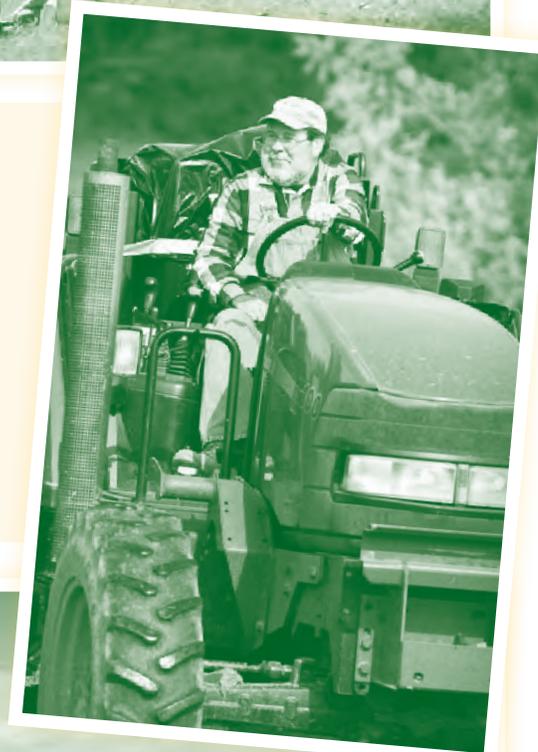
## FUN *in* THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

### Halloween Parade & Fall Fest



*We had a great turn out for our Annual Halloween Parade and Fall Festival. This event would not have been possible without the hard work of our Public Works department and all of the volunteers! Thank you! These spectacular photos were taken by resident: Dave Milowicki*

*Thanks to Geoff Carbutt for all those hay rides!*



Volunteers met at Cheyney station on Saturday morning, November 5th for the EAC Cheyney University Woods Trail Clearing. This is in the wooded wetland upstream of Cheyney Road, between Chester Creek and the Railroad, all the way to the Township boundary at the Pipeline.

A discovery of a washer and dryer in the Chester Creek changed our plans. There was a general feeling that the EAC could not overlook something as intrusive as that. The appliances should be removed. However, there was also a feeling that the Cheyney University Woods trail should be cleared as it had been at least a year since we had been there. To accomplish both goals the group split. Eric Ye and Rich White gathered equipment for appliance removal. Katie Grieco, Nick Biddle, Phil Gordon and I took our trail clearing gear and went to the Cheyney University Woods trail.

Our group got all the way to the Township boundary. The trail was, surprisingly, in good shape and many of the old orange surveyors tape markers still in the trees. Eric reported that both the washer and dryer are out of the stream. They were properly equipped with a winch and chain.

We had a very good group, the trail is in much better shape now and the washer and dryer are up on the bank out of harm's way.

We'll meet on Saturday December 3rd at Cheyney Train Station at 9:00am. We always welcome volunteers! For information call:  
Allen McCann: 601 399 0205  
Rich White: 610 558 0380  
Larry Barrett: 610 459 3231

# Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



*Christmas Tree Lighting is Sunday, December 4th 2011 at 4:00pm at Thornbury Park. Visit with Santa immediately following at Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Westtown Road.*



If you were unable to get tickets to the **Annual Thornbury Holiday Express** we are

very sorry. Below is a Holiday schedule from West Chester Railroad. These trains depart from West Chester Railroad on Market Street in West Chester.

## Santa's Express

December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18  
11am, 1pm, 3pm

*New for 2011:*

## Christmas Story Trains

Saturday, December 10 & 17  
6pm - 8pm

## Christmas Tree Train

Sunday, December 4 & 11  
8am - 10am

For more info and to order tickets, please visit:

<http://www.westchesterRR.com>

## PARK *and* RECREATION

### event calendar

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

### Wreath Decorating Class

Learn how to make a fresh green holiday wreath from expert Dawn Lovejoy. Call the Township and reserve your seat.

COST: \$10.00

PLACE: Thornbury Township meeting room

**Thursday, March 29, 2012**

### Antiques Appraisal

Bring your treasures and learn about their origin, purpose and value by expert, Joe Felice. Call to register: 610-399-8383 ext. 101

PLACE: Thornbury Township building

TIME: 7:00 pm

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

### Annual Tree Lighting

Visit with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and carols immediately following at Bethlehem United Methodist Church at 4 Westtown Road in Thornton.

TIME: 4:00pm PLACE: Thornbury Park

**Saturday, March 31, 2012**

### Easter Egg Hunt

Sip on hot coffee, while your little bunnies collect their Easter eggs. Participate in the Second Annual Decorated Egg contest! Bring your masterpiece to the Pavilion and compete! The people's choice will be awarded!

PLACE: Thornbury Park

TIME: 11:00am

RAINDATE: Saturday, April 7, 2012

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

### Wreath Decorating Class

An additional class has been put on the calendar to accommodate more residents! Call the Township and reserve your seat.

COST: \$10.00

PLACE: Thornbury Township meeting room

**Saturday, April 28, 2012**

### Township Yard Sale Day

Your trash could be your neighbor's treasure! Township residents yard sales will be advertised by the Township in the local newspapers and directional signs will be placed throughout the township. Please call the township building to register your address.

PLACE: Your driveway

TIME: 8:00am -12:00 pm

RAINDATE: Sunday, April 29, 2012

**Sunday, February 12, 2012**

### Thornbury Township Senior Club

Enjoy a classic Valentine movie with your friends and neighbors at the Township Building In the case of snow or ice, movie will be rescheduled.

TIME: 4:00pm

PLACE: Thornbury Township meeting room

**Saturday, May 12, 2012**

### Thornbury Township's 325 Birthday Celebration!

Details will be listed in the Next Newsletter and on our website. We live in an incredible community and we have a lot to celebrate, so put this event on your calendar today!

**Thursday, March 8, 2012**

### Philadelphia Flower Show

Board bus at Township Building  
9:30am return by 4:30pm  
Tickets must be reserved  
by February 10, 2012

Please call to confirm minimum # of passengers has been met.

COST: \$30.00

PLACE: Township Building

TIME: 9:30 am

**Mon. May 28, 2012**

### Memorial Day Observed

Remember and respect all those who served and sacrificed for us! Refreshments will be served.

PLACE: Thornbury Park

TIME: 11:30am

For more info, call **610-399-8383 ext. 101** or visit [www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org)

✂ CLIP AND SAVE!

# Safer Recreation and Cleaner Water

## from the HISTORICAL COMMISSION

BY: Ric Miller

1687 – 2012: A 325 year history...just a walk in the park

Thornbury Township incorporated as a Chester County PA township in 1687. 102 years later, on September 26, 1789, five months after George Washington was inaugurated as this country's first President, Thornbury Chester County and Thornbury Delaware County officially became two separate entities. This separation did not affect our long history, it just created two distinct bodies of government as well as two distinct communities.

Recognizing the educational opportunity of our 325th anniversary, Joan Dehm, President of the Thornbury Historical Society, (THS) envisioned a Historical Timeline and then partnered with the Board of Supervisors, the Park and Recreation Board and the Historical Commission to accomplish this vision.

Stemming from a Historical Commission's (HC) goal to educate the public on the importance of our history, HC agreed with THS that the need for a historically accurate, easily accessible means of educating our residents is necessary. The presentation of this education was to be in an enjoyable fashion, with content that is continual... causing a desire in viewers to return. The design would be one that encompassed our township's history as well as one reflective of American and World history. This "sense of place" was

desired to present the Timeline reader a deeper knowledge of our township's interrelationships with world civilizations.

Countless hours were spent by the committee THS formed for this project. The result of resident interviews, archival retrieval, graphic artists meetings and helicopter overview flights...the Timeline is presented in an attractive, colorful, fact oriented, easily understood format. Since the installation, and subsequently the dedication at Thornbury Park on July 04, 2011, it has been achieving the desired results. The Timeline has become an educational tool for our township and potentially a point of destination for surrounding communities and school students. The Timeline is a continuing educational source for this community. This exhibit of history allows the possibility of future expansion.

The Timeline invites everyone to read. For the youngsters, if they can't read... the pictures are worth a thousand words. This project is an outstanding example of the importance and fine working relationship the THS has with the Board of Supervisors and our residents.

– Ric Miller, Chairman  
Historical Commission

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

## Attention Seniors and Students

Thornbury Township is developing a mentoring/tutoring program. Not only do we have many intelligent residents, we also have those who are knowledge thirsty or simply, could use a little help with their studies. You can work together to help each other and are welcome to meet in the Township building. If you are interested in tutoring or being tutored, please call: **610-399-8383 ext. 101.**

Pet waste is a source of many harmful microorganisms that can be transmitted from the waste to humans if it is not promptly picked up and disposed of. This list includes E. coli, Giardia, Cryptosporidium, Salmonella, Campylobacter, Brucellosis, and roundworm parasites. Many of these microorganisms will last months in the soil, and some up to four years, if not immediately cleaned up from lawns, along trails, in parks or preserves.

Children and landscape workers who care for our lawns, gardens, and public areas are most at risk. Studies have shown that dog waste is also a significant source of bacterial and nutrient contamination to streams, especially during the "first flush" from a rain storm which carries the majority of the pollution washing off of lawns and hard surfaces.

To protect your family and to be considerate of your fellow residents and other trail users, please remember to "scoop the poop" with a plastic bag and dispose of it promptly in a public trash can or your own trash receptacle (not your neighbor's trash can or down storm drains, please!), and wash your hands. Composting or burying your pet's waste does not destroy harmful organisms.

Please don't go barefoot or wear open shoes in dog parks or other areas where dogs frequently deposit waste, and it is not advisable for young children to play in these areas.

Sources: Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association; Companion Animal Parasite Council; Snohomish County Public Works Department, Washington State.

# News from Rustin High School

## Student Art Gallery at Exton Square Mall

The WCASD High School Art Gallery opened on **Friday, November 18th** and will be open on the weekends through the Holiday Season in the Exton Square Mall. Hundreds of student works including paintings, drawings, sculptures, photos and graphic arts will be rotated throughout the exhibit. The gallery is located on the corner, across from JC Penny on the second floor of the mall. Rustin High School will host their gallery opening on Friday, November 18th. Gallery hours are as follows:

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 -**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Fridays 4 – 10pm

Saturdays 11am – 9pm

Sundays 1-7pm

## Winter Concerts

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7PM**

Choral Concert

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7PM**

Orchestra/Band Concert

See the website for more details:

[http://www.edline.net/  
pages/rustin\\_high\\_school](http://www.edline.net/pages/rustin_high_school)

## Notes from the Sewer Committee

Since completing the WSSD-2 project in the Brinton Lea and Thornhill areas, over 30% of the residents have connected to the new system. The committee is currently working on similar projects for the Fox Lair, Highpoint and Briton Lake Colony areas. We hold our public meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month. Residents are welcome.

## FUN *in* THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

### recent activities



– Above –

*Our First Annual Township Clean Up day in cooperation with Cheyney University was a huge success on October 1st. Jim Raith, Chairman, and Jeff Seagraves, Manager, are handing out the assignments.*

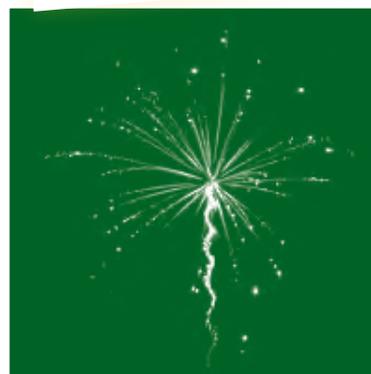
– Right –

*Senior bus trip to Harrah's on November 10th was "enriching." Don't miss the next Senior event!*

– Below –

*September fireworks marked the end of our Fourth Friday Events with a bang!*

*Ryan Czymek got lucky and caught the Palomino at our Annual Fishing Derby held at Martin Park on October 8th.*





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Thursday, Mar. 8, 2012  
Philadelphia  
Flower Show

Thursday, Mar. 29, 2012  
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**Daffodil Days**

— SAVE THE DATE —

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and  
Sunday,  
April 15, 2012

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