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Chairman's Corner

Welcome to 2010! In my first Chairman's Corner, I would like to begin by recognizing some of the people who have made (and will continue to make) the township run so smoothly.

This year is one of change for Thornbury Township government. The most significant matter for the Board of Supervisors is the arrival of the new Township Manager – **Brody Bovero**. The process that led to Brody's selection was a long and careful one. Following Cary Vargo's resignation last Fall, the Supervisors sat down to define the three step procedure that we would use to identify and finalize the selection of the best individual for what is one of the most important positions in the Township.

We began by choosing a three person screening team to provide the hard work and advice necessary to make the search run smoothly and efficiently. We were interested in filling the position as quickly as possible, without some of the glitches that characterized the search that eventually identified Cary. In November 2010, the BOS appointed the Search Committee to assist in the recruitment process. Specifically, the Committee was to review and evaluate resumes received, select and interview applicants considered viable, and to recommend "finalists" to be interviewed by the BOS. We turned to three well-qualified, long-term township residents, **Ron Miller, Brian Bowie,** and **Peter DuFault**, to serve as the search team. This group, together with myself and Ed Travis, created and approved the advertising plan, and the review and interview process that led to Brody's hiring.

Almost two dozen highly qualified applicants were identified and screened through resume review and phone interviews. Throughout December and January, the Committee conducted personal interviews with the eight top candidates to identify four who would eventually meet with the Supervisors. In late January, the full Board held interviews with the top four aspirants, and selected Brody as the most promising of what turned out to be an excellent group. He accepted our offer for the position shortly thereafter, and began work as our new Township Manager on February 22nd.

The township owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the three members of the Search Committee. They volunteered hours of their time (most of it in their free evenings) to this project, and they completed it in a timely, comprehensive, and professional fashion. It speaks to the township's strength that we have individuals like Ron, Brian, and Peter who are willing to devote their time and energy to making Thornbury a better place to live.

We have also made subtle changes in the make-up of our three township Commissions. **Brooks Durham** has become Chairman of the Planning Commission, with **Peter DuFault** being named Vice-Chair. **Pat Karnick** has joined the Commission as a new member. The Historic Preservation Commission will continue to be chaired by **Chris Lang**, and will benefit for the expertise of its newest member, **Kris Walker**. **Anne Dzamba** will serve as Vice-Chair. The Parks and Recreation Committee will also have new leadership. **Lauren Durham** will assume to role of Chairman, while one of the Commission's new members, **Matt Day**, will become Vice-Chairman this year. Park and Rec has also added township resident **Rita Miller** to their group. They will continue to oversee events and recreational activities, as well as help guide us on cultural events and park planning issues in the future. The township relies heavily on the volunteer efforts of the citizens who serve on these three Commissions – and we owe them an enormous debt of thanks for all of the time and energy that they gift to the township with little recognition in return.

In addition to a new Township Manager, we welcome a new member to the Board of Supervisors. **Bob Anthony** comes to the position with a wealth of talent and a background in township government. Please read his short biography in this issue of the Gander. Two months into his first term on the BOS, and Bob has already begun to make significant contributions to our activities. He will serve as liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission, attend local Council of Governments for the township, and be our representative to PSATS, in addition to his regular duties as Supervisor.





BRODY BOVERO

Our New Township Manager

Brody Bovero brings 10 years of local government experience to the Township. He is a graduate of Villanova University's Master of Public Administration program and also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Utah. Prior to his appointment as Thornbury Township Manager, Brody served as a planner for Upper Merion Township in King of Prussia, PA.

Over the last seven years at Upper Merion, Brody served in various roles, working in areas of land development, planning, public works, park projects, historic preservation projects, and economic development efforts. His previous service in Upper Merion has been marked with distinction, receiving the 2003 Public Works-Administration Employee of the Year award, and the 2007 Township Manager's Award for Excellence.

Prior to working in Upper Merion, Brody lived in his home state of Utah working for the Utah League of Cities and Towns. There he trained elected officials on land use administration and also advocated for municipal interests at the state legislature. He also served as staff to the Utah Quality Growth Commission, a state commission charged with developing and encouraging better land use policies for local governments.

Brody enjoys the outdoors, and likes to spend his free time hiking, skiing, and camping with his family. Naturally, he was impressed by Thornbury Township's beautiful landscape and looks forward to working with the staff and serving the residents of the Township.

Currently, Brody lives in North Wilmington with his wife, Megan, and stays busy with their two sons, Miles (age 5), and Aiden (age 2).

"I look forward to meeting the residents of Thornbury and serving this beautiful township."

5th Annual Chester Creek Earth Day Clean Up

April 17th 9–11 AM

Join West Chester Area residents and students in removing tons of trash from Goose Creek in West Chester and West Goshen. Last year, volunteers removed 7.5 tons of trash from Goose Creek and area roadways. CRC will provide gloves, bagels and Starbucks coffee. We are also looking for the West Chester Borough site. Team Leaders automatically receive a free cleanup t-shirt. Please notify the following if you can attend:

Leslie Weinberg: crcleslie@nnr.com 610-892-3781

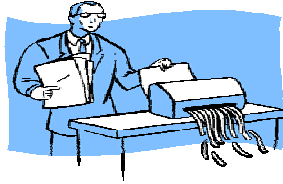
Teresa DeStefano: tdestefano@thornburytownship.com

610-399-1425

After the cleanup, CRC will participate with the Henderson High School Environmental Club for their annual Earth Day Fair. The Fair will run from 10AM-4PM, and will include the unveiling of Henderson's 2KW Solar Panel Installation, kid's activities, local music, a recycled Nike Show Maze, "Up-Cycled Crafts display, and local health foods. Carpooling, running or walking to the event will be encouraged!



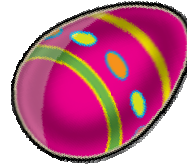
SHREDDING EVENT



Protect your identity- shred your un-needed personal documents!

Wiggins Shredding will be at the Thornbury Township municipal building on **Saturday April 24, 2010** from **10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** shredding your personal documents for **FREE!**

Township Residents only; limit 4 boxes per household. No businesses please!



Goose Creek Park

EGG HUNT

Candy, Hot Dogs, Snacks, Balloons

FUN, FUN, FUN !!!

Where: **Goose Creek Park**

Saturday March 27th

12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Hunt begins at 1:00 p.m.



Chairman's Message continued

And I would be remiss if I failed to recognize the ongoing contributions of our hard-working Township Treasurer, and new Vice-Chairman, **Bob Miller**. Bob will take responsibility for the township's expenditures and balance sheet again this year, while handing over his Police Commission duties to Ed Travis.

A very special thanks goes out to Supervisor **Ed Travis**. When Cary left, Ed stepped up to become "Acting Township Administrator" – effectively taking over all of the activities previously performed by the Township Manager. This was a difficult and demanding task, and Ed committed himself to spending nearly full time hours to keep the township running. His understanding of the township's business issues, financial matters, and housekeeping activities allowed Ed to do this job in an exemplary fashion – township business never skipped a beat during the four months of his stewardship. There is no way to repay Ed's selfless contribution to the township, and we can only offer him our most sincere appreciation for all he has done.

2010 has already been a year of excitement and challenge for the Township. The "Year of Great Snows" has dumped several feet of the white stuff in our laps (and more importantly, on our streets). **Steve Zippi** and his crew have done a wonderful job of clearing the snow, salting, and ensuring that our streets remain safe and usable. Township resident, and former Supervisor, **Mike Aiello** has worked tirelessly as our Roadmaster – supervising Steve's activities, and attending even the tiniest details of the all-important road maintenance in the township. They are just two more of the people whose contributions need to be recognized in this new year.

The Board of Supervisors will be dealing with several important issues this year. We will be working on resolution of the transfer of the Squire Cheyney property, which has recently been recognized as an historic asset for the Township with its placement on the National Register of Historic Places. We hope to convert some of this property into a conveniently located and historically meaningful park area. We are evaluating the location and construction of a township salt shed to help us deal more rapidly and effectively with snow emergencies. We need to re-define the fate of the Waln Run Park project, whose large potential cost overruns will likely lead to a re-evaluation of the scope of the project. And we will continue to provide the day-to-day oversight of township business.

So 2010 has come in like a lion, and promises to be filled with new opportunities and challenges. We would like to invite all of you to participate in township government this year, either by volunteering your time to the township, participating in our township events and activities, or simply by attending our Board of Supervisors meetings held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We look forward to seeing you there.



HON. WILLIAM D. KRAUT
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE
15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF CHESTER

STATE OF THE COURT 2010

District Court 15-2-03 Westtown, West Goshen & Thornbury Townships

Dear Friends, Neighbours and Fellow Citizens:

May I take this opportunity to extend a warm personal greeting to you. I want you to know that I am personally thankful for your continued faith and trust in me. I am committed to strengthening our community in the coming year, and I value having colleagues and staff who are dedicated to serving the public. It is the sworn obligation of a Judge to ensure that every case tried in his or her court is adjudicated expeditiously, courteously, and according to law, with the fullest protection for the rights of all who are involved. I try daily to follow this belief.

I am honored to present my annual "State of the Court" address to the citizens of Westtown Township. 2009 was a busy year for our court. I am proud to report that the state of Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 remains solid, sound and stable.

Pennsylvania's Magisterial District Courts are courts with limited jurisdiction. More than 90% of all litigation in Pennsylvania occurs in the courtrooms of Magisterial District Judges. Chester County has 19 Magisterial District Courts. All summary misdemeanor and felony criminal cases originate at the Magisterial District Court level. Magisterial District Courts are also the venue for lawsuits in civil cases for amounts up to \$8,000.00 as well as the filing and disposition of minor criminal cases (summary cases) such as traffic violations, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, truancy, game law violations, and parking tickets. There is again legislation proposed to increase the Court's jurisdictional limits in civil matters from \$8,000.00 to \$15,000.00. As I have told you in the past this will have a significant impact on the volume of cases heard by Magisterial District Courts.

As a Magisterial District Judge I conduct preliminary hearings for all serious criminal offenders to determine which cases should be held for trial at the Court of Common Pleas. I also set and accept bail and arraign defendants after arrest. I issue search warrants based upon testimony from our local police force and the state's Attorney General's office.

Public trust and confidence begins with a fair and impartial judiciary. Every day I and the other District Judges work to provide resolution of disputes, to protect constitutional rights, and to uphold the rule of law. District court 15-2-03 is one of the busiest district courts in the county. Our caseload for the year 2009 was 6,309 cases filed. The cases filed in 2009 broke down as follows: 334 criminal cases, 507 civil cases, 4,510 traffic cases, and 958 summary cases. For the year 2009 the gross amount of revenue District Court 15-2-03 took in was \$994,502.10. Of that Thornbury Township Chester County received \$15,216.85, an increase of \$7,724.52 from 2009.

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Robert Anthony
Supervisor

ROBERT ANTHONY

Our New Township Supervisor

Bob has been a resident of Thornbury Township since 2000. He moved here from Pine Township which is in the northern suburbs of Pittsburgh. Bob served as a supervisor for Pine Township and was the township representative for the Council of Governments, and the liaison for the police department and Pine-Richland School District.

Bob is married with two children. His daughter is an engineer for Lockheed Martin and his son is a freshman at Rustin High School.

Bob is a graduate of Robert Morris University where he received his degree in Finance and Management Information Systems. He became a CPA and managed his own practice for a number of years before becoming the Controller for Pittsburgh-based Federated Investors. At Federated, he managed a wide variety of departments and divisions which covered both finance and operational responsibilities.

Currently, Bob is the CFO and COO of a Radnor PA-based advertising agency, Backe Digital Brand Marketing. He also holds CFO positions in Backe Group, Backe Aviation, and The Innovation Projects Group (IPG). IPG is a Florida-based development company that is currently partnering with universities, state and federal agencies to build a premier Incubator-Hub. The Hub will provide research equipment and laboratory space to environmental think tanks, entrepreneurs and researchers who would otherwise not have access to state-of-the-art resources.

"When my wife and I decided to move to eastern Pennsylvania we immediately fell in love with it. The beautiful countryside and the rich historical significance make this area and Thornbury Township in particular a great place to live."

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HON. WILLIAM D. KRAUT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

During the past year I could not help but notice the rising number of middle class young adults involved in violence, underage drinking, burglaries, robberies as well as an increasing numbers of drug crimes. DUI related matters, and incidents of domestic violence were also on the increase. Those matters plus more appearances by self-represented litigants, shifts in our economy, and a more diverse population are some of the changes that have affected our township and placed different and greater demands on our court.

District Court 15-2-03 is located at the Government Services Center (GSC)

601 Westtown Road, Suite 110 West Chester, PA 19380. Our telephone number is 610-436-5757, our fax number is 610-431-5755 and the now active court website is www.chesco.org/judgekraut. The court's hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. The court's jurisdiction includes Thornbury Township Chester County, Westtown Township and West Goshen Township.

My door is always open. If you have any suggestions on making the court run more efficiently or how our court can better serve the public please let me know. Keep in mind that I cannot and will not discuss a case that I am to hear. The court staff nor I can give legal advice to the public, so please do not get angry at the staff when they tell you they cannot answer your question. They are under strict orders not to give legal advice. The public and I are very fortunate to have the staff that is employed at our court. They are a dedicated hard working and conscientiousness group of people. Without them the court would not run as effectively and efficiently as it does.

I am available to speak to civic groups, scouts, and schools. Tours of the court are available for schools and scouts.

In closing as I start each day I try to remember the following" the most extraordinary aspect of the judiciary in a free society is that even while exercising the authority entrusted to them, judges remain the servants, not the masters, of those on whom they sit in judgment." Have a happy and healthy year.

William D. Kraut



CPL. KENNEDY SERVES FOR 25 YEARS

Cpl. Leo Kennedy was recognized for his 25 years of service with the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department at the Westtown Township Board of Supervisors meeting on February 16th. Cpl. Kennedy supervises the Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit whose responsibilities include traffic safety enforcement and education and serious traffic crash investigation and reconstruction. Cpl. Kennedy holds a BS Degree from Regis University.

CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA *Community Day*

Saturday, March 27, 2010 • 10AM to 2PM
Cope Hall Gymnasium & O'Shields Stadium

Residents, neighbors and friends are invited to join the Cheyney University Campus Community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 27. The event will take place on the University's main campus in conjunction with the Thornbury 5K/10K race, and is sponsored by the Cheyney University Foundation.

Schedule of Activities

1. **Thornbury 5K/10K Junior Races**
2. **Mini Petting Zoo**
3. **Fame Fire Company**
 - a. Fire Prevention and Safety Activities.
 - b. Fire Truck Tour
4. **Chester County Health Department Health Fair**
5. **Humanities & Communication Arts Program Exhibit**
 - a. Face Painting
 - b. Women's History Exhibit
 - c. Mini Performance by the Cheyney Players
 - d. Musical Performance (soloist representing the Cheyney University Choir)
6. **Science & Allied Health - Aquaculture Center Exhibit**
 - a. Tour of Aquaculture Facility
 - b. Fresh basil & tilapia fish sale
7. **Exhibits, activities, and resource information presented by University departments and student organizations**
8. **Family Entertainment, Raffles, Giveaways & Games**
9. **Food & Merchandise Vendors**



COMMUNITY DAY IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

For more information
Please call the Office of Public Relations at 610-399-2121.

*Community Day will be held rain or shine.
The event will only be canceled in the event of severe weather.*

EXPLORE, LEARN AND GROW...

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Consumer Advisory: Attorney General Corbett cautions seniors about telephone scam involving bogus pleas to help family members

HARRISBURG - Attorney General Tom Corbett warned Pennsylvania consumers to be wary of a new type of aggressive financial scam involving scam artists who pretend to be family members supposedly involved in a traffic accident in Canada. Corbett said the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection has received several complaints from senior citizens in southwestern Pennsylvania who have been targeted by the scam, including an 86-year old man who lost more than \$13,000 and a 71-year old woman who lost \$4,500.

"Criminals are trying to use fear, sympathy or emotion to convince consumers to quickly send money to a relative who has run into trouble while traveling," Corbett said. "This disturbing new telephone scam is focused on Pennsylvania seniors who believe they are doing the 'right thing' by helping a family member return home safely."

Corbett said that potential victims are receiving calls from a person claiming to be their grandson, who has been involved in a traffic accident in Canada. The "grandson" explains that he does not have insurance on his car and needs several thousand dollars - either to pay for repairs to his own car or to pay for the damage that was done to another vehicle. "In recent incidents, victims were instructed to visit their local Wal-Mart store and send a MoneyGram wire-transfer of \$4,500 to \$5,000 to a store in Ontario, Canada," Corbett said. "In both of these cases, the victims then received a 'thank you' call from their 'grandson,' followed by a request to send more money to pay for additional repairs, fines or travel expenses." Corbett said these scam calls appear to be a variation of [another Canadian telephone scam](#) that the Bureau of Consumer Protection warned consumers about last month.

Corbett explained that during August residents in northeastern Pennsylvania were targeted by calls from scam artists posing as police officers from Canada. In those incidents, the caller claimed that the victim's grandson had been arrested for fishing without a license and requested that the victim wire-transfer \$2,800 to an address in Ontario, Canada, in order to secure the grandson's release.

Additionally, Corbett noted that [other similar scams](#) have been reported across Pennsylvania involving telephone messages left by individuals posing as police or hospital officials, directing victims to call a special number to receive information about a relative who has been hurt in an accident. The phone numbers that consumers are asked to call are often international numbers, though they may appear to be ordinary U.S. phone numbers, resulting in expensive long-distance bills for unsuspecting victims.

"It is important for consumers to report suspicious calls as soon as possible, so that we can warn other Pennsylvania residents about possible scams and also so that local, federal and international law enforcement can investigate these crimes," Corbett said.

Consumers with questions or problems should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-441-2555 [or file an online consumer complaint.](#)

Additionally, Corbett encouraged consumers who have lost money as the result of these scams to contact their local police department and the nearest regional office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to file a criminal report.

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Chester County**

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Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors—*Work Session* 6:00 p.m. 1st Tuesday of the month unless otherwise announced. *Regular meeting* 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Planning Commission— 7:00 p.m. 2nd Monday of the Month.

Historic Preservation Commission— 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Parks and Recreation Commission— 5:30 p.m. 1st Thursday of the month.

Zoning Hearing Board—As needed.

All meetings, unless otherwise advertised, are held at the Township municipal building located at 8 Township Drive, Cheyney, PA 19319. For updates and meeting notifications please check our website located at www.thornburytwp.com