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NEWSLETTER

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP  
CHESTER COUNTY



FALL 2014

## ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL: October 25, 2014

The 2014 **FALL FESTIVAL** will take place at the Goose Creek Park on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. All events are FREE!

There will be fun for everyone! Come visit the **pumpkin patch** and decorate your own pumpkin! Or visit the friendly farm animals at the **petting zoo** or enjoy a **pony ride!** There will be face painting, a **HALLOWEEN MOONBOUNCE**; **"STUBBY the Helicopter"**; police cars & fire trucks. Hotdogs, beverages, popcorn and candy will also be provided. Bring the entire family!

Thornbury Township, Chester County  
Parks & Recreation Commission

## 2014 Fall Festival

**Where:** Goose Creek Park

**When:** Saturday, October 25th

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## DUCK RACE: SEPT. 27, 2014

Join the fun!



Imagine a small stream filled with a thousand little "rubber duckies," each with a unique number, racing downstream as they are cheered on to the finish line where winners are plucked from the water...

- Adopt a Duck in the race, or more than one to increase your chance of entering the Grand Prize Race—and winning prizes. Duck Certificates are \$5 each or \$25 for all five heats.
- Buy Duck Certificates for the chance to win one of the many prizes donated by local businesses and sponsors totaling over \$10,000. The Grand Prize for the race is \$1,000 in cash.
- Sponsor the Duck Race to help us raise awareness and funds to battle Hunger in West Chester and serve Children with AIDS.

Donate a Prize ■ Display a Poster and Sell Ducks ■ Become a Sponsor  
Join the special companies, organizations and individuals supporting the Goose Creek Duck Race  
The more you sponsor, the greater the benefits and the more you help!

Duck Certificates	Duck Race Sponsor Opportunities
Contact: Dan Dunn 201.248.2963 dddunn46@gmail.com	Contact: Dennis Wallace or David Moldoff 484.888.2001 or 484.318.7100 x 301 dennis.wallace@tpl.com dmoldoff@academeyone.com

Saturday September 27, 2014  
Rain Date: Sunday September 28, 2014  
Goose Creek at Thornbury Township Park, Rt 926  
Support local community projects and causes while enjoying outdoor family fun!

Hosted by the Westtown-Goshen and West Chester Sunrise Rotary Clubs  
Proceeds benefit West Chester Food Cupboard, Camp Dreamcatcher and other Rotary Projects targeting Hunger, Homeless and Education  
<http://wsgrotary.com/GooseCreekDuckRace2014>



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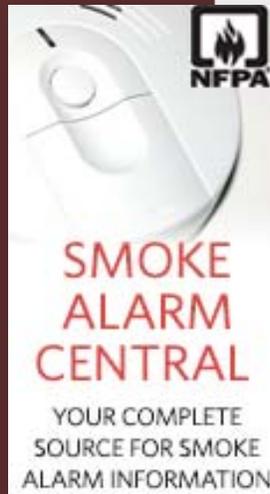
TICKETS

\$8.00 EACH!

Thornbury Township is offering discounted movie tickets available for purchase at the Township Building.

Thornbury Township does not accept credit cards. Check or Cash only.





## Fire Prevention Week: Smoke Detectors

It's Fire Prevention Week—help us sound the alarm that working smoke alarms save lives!

Did you know that many people don't test their smoke alarms as often as they should? When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. You need working smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

**Here's what you need to know:**

- 1) Install smoke alarms in every bedroom,

outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home;

- 2) Test your smoke alarms every month;
- 3) When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside; and
- 4) Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.

For more information go to: [www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week](http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week).

## What Is The Value of Open Space?

How did you come to be a resident of Thornbury Township, Chester County? What drove your decision to come here and why do you remain?

The choices that we make about where to live are driven by many factors – jobs and schools among them. But in a recent economic development survey, a cross-section of Chester County residents were asked what qualities of Chester County they value most. The most resounding and oft-repeated answer was Open Space. Our responding citizens put their finger on the most compelling and distinguishing feature of our county – its beauty, its scenery, its parks, its farms, and its rural character – in short, its open spaces.

Chester County citizens have always demonstrated a strong land ethic. After all, agriculture has long dominated our local economy and continues to be one of our leading industries. But Chester County has also

prioritized the protection of natural lands for the myriad of benefits – filtering our water, controlling flooding, cleansing our air and providing habitat for the diverse array of birds, plants and animals with which we share our home.

Recreational opportunities also feature prominently in the amazing benefits that open spaces provide. Chester County has thousands of acres of parks and nature preserves, as well as a growing network of trails available – for hiking, biking, playing and just getting out-of-doors.

Clearly, open spaces are more than just pretty places. And, they not only enhance our quality of life, they benefit our bottom line. Homes closer to open space enjoy a significant increase in property value, according to a report by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) -- and the closer to parks, trails and scenic areas, the higher a house's value. On average,

all of the homes in our region are worth \$10,000 more because of access to open space. Couple those economic benefits with the cost savings provided by natural systems, the health benefits of outdoor recreation, and the jobs and economic activity generated by farmland and tourism, and you have an economic driver contributing billions of dollars to the regional economy.

Chester County's heritage also celebrates its history and cultural assets as well – another area where open space plays an important role. A historic house or barn needs to retain its setting to truly capture the sense of historic events and persons. Thornbury Township's newest park, The Squire Cheyney Farm Park, will provide that context for the homestead of one of Thornbury's most distinguished citizens.

Article by: Molly Morrison, Historic Preservation Commission



### MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held at the Township Building unless otherwise stated:

**Board of Supervisors Work Session** is held on the first Tuesday of the month @6:30 p.m.

**Board of Supervisors Meeting** is held on the third Tuesday of the month @7:00 p.m.

**Historic Preservation Committee** meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month @7:30 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Committee** meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month @7:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission** meetings are held on the first Monday of the month @7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Hearing Board** meets on an as needed basis.



# Message From Our Manager

Greetings Thornbury Residents! Fall has arrived and Halloween is just around the corner. Parents, please make sure you check the Halloween candy before allowing your children to eat it. Also, I want to remind parents to make certain that your little ghouls and goblins are accompanied by a responsible person while Trick-or-Treating!

The 2014 Road Project on Deer Point Road and William Penn Blvd. is now complete. Work on the Squire Cheyney Farm Park walking trail will be completed by late fall.

We are currently working on

the 2015 Budget. Thornbury Township is sponsoring a Logo contest for the design of the Township Logo. For information on requirements or how to enter go to [www.thornburytwp.com](http://www.thornburytwp.com).

Looking ahead, the Township will launch its newly designed website later this year.

On **Nov. 2, 2014** daylight savings time ends. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour. **November 4, 2014** is Election Day. Please remember to vote!

Have a safe and

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

Jacqui Guenther, Manager



## MS4 TIP: POOL WATER

Chlorinated water discharged to surface waters has an adverse effect on local water quality. Swimming pools are a major source of chlorinated water discharged into sanitary and storm sewer systems. An average swimming pool holds 19,000 gallons of highly chlorinated water, which is toxic to wildlife and fish. Instead of discharging pool water to the storm sewer system or directly into a water body, residents should investigate alternative discharge options such as discharging the chlorinated water to land where it will not drain to local surface waters or de-chlorinate the water before draining the pool.



## WEGO POLICE REPORT PHONE SCAM

**“GRANNY SCAM”:** Victim is contacted via email or telephone call by a subject claiming to be a friend or relative. Most frequently, it is a person claiming to be the grandchild of the victim (thus the name “Granny Scam”). The caller claims that they have an emergency and asks the victim to send money immediately. Frequently the caller will claim that they have been involved in a serious crash or have been arrested and need money to keep from being taken to jail. Most recently, the caller has been claiming to be a po-

lice officer who has arrested the friend/relative and will send them to jail unless the victim posts bail. Once again, the victim is requested to go the nearest store (Walmart, Rite Aid) and purchase Green Dot Money Cards. When the cards are purchased, the person is requested to provide the numbers from the backs of the cards (enabling them to retrieve the money electronically). For more information visit [www.thornburytwp.org](http://www.thornburytwp.org).

## TRAIN RIDE WITH SANTA



All aboard the Thornbury Township Santa Express! **Free to Thornbury Township residents.** The train will depart from the Westtown Train Station located at the Town Center on Street Road (Rt. 926) on Sunday, December 7, 2014. The train leaves promptly

at 5:00 p.m. Please arrive by 4:30. Children will get to visit with Santa. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Gift bags will be provided to all children. This event is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Board.

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# Recycling Corner

## Chester County Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection Schedule

Collection events start at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. This is for Residential waste only. Businesses and contractors will be turned away.

**Saturday, September 6, 2014** at the New Garden Township Maintenance Building, 8934 Gap Newport Road (Route 41), Landenberg, PA 19350.

**Saturday, October 11, 2014** at the Government Services Center, 401 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

For a complete list of acceptable hazardous and e-waste materials contact the Solid Waste Authority of Chester County at 610.273.3771 or visit [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).



### COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT: 842 E. Street Road (Route 926)

Adjacent to 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. The location is easily accessible and is visible from Route 926 (Street Road). 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 Jacqui Guenther, Thornbury Township Manager, at (610) 399-1425.

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