



A Newsletter for Residents & Friends of Thornhurst, Pennsylvania

March 2018

The Lehigh River - Our Local Treasure

When we think about the Lehigh River, our first impressions are personal. Perhaps we swam or tubed in the River as kids. Fishing has always been a favorite pastime, and boating of all sorts is great. When the River is frozen, there is ice skating on shallow sections. Then there are the streams that feed the Lehigh River in Thornhurst - Spruce Run, Buckey Run, Pond Creek, Hagen Run, Spring Run, Sand Spring Creek, and Choke Creek. Perhaps you hiked up to Choke Creek Falls or dipped your feet into the icy waters of Sand Spring. Or maybe you found lizards or frogs along Pond Creek or eggs in its many vernal ponds.

Do you know how important the Lehigh River is on a larger scale? The Lehigh is 103 miles in length, starting in the glacial bogs north of Gouldsboro and connecting with the Delaware River in the city of Easton, PA. It provides drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people, and excellent fishing and whitewater rafting for locals and visitors alike. It is the second largest tributary to the Delaware River, which is the drinking water source for 15 million people - more than 5% of the U.S. population. So, a drop of water here may end up in someone's drinking cup in Philadelphia!

Pinchot State Forest Update

What a beautiful forest you have in your backyard! There were some changes made in the Pinchot State Forest in 2017. First, the Manny Gordon Picnic Area name was changed to the Manny Gordon State Forest Recreation Area. Second, while we certainly allow, and encourage picnicking, we have now also afforded our forest users the opportunity to camp on the back side of the original picnic area. There are three campsites built to accommodate small pop up style campers as well as tag-alongs. The sites are located on Fireline Road as well as off of Sassafras and Pittston Roads. Use of any one of these sites is by reservation only. For more information and reservations call 570.945.7133. Hours are Monday through Friday 8am - 4pm.

The forest is open for many outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, bird watching, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. During the hunting seasons all rules established by the Pennsylvania Game Commission are applicable on State Forest land.

As a reminder, open fires are not permitted from March 1st through May 25th. Also, the District Forester can declare a restriction on open fires when danger is determined by the Department to be high, very high or extreme. Please visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us to look at our Calendar of Events for upcoming interpretive programs in the District. To register as a conservation volunteer, visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

We are proud to have you as neighbors and we wish to continue to foster good relationships.

"Remember, only you can prevent forest fires." ~ Smokey the Bear

Take Pride in Our Community

Take advantage of these opportunities to help keep our town free and clear of clutter!

Road Clean-up April 16 & 17

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering for the road clean-up in the community. Meet at the Township Building at 5 PM and later enjoy pizza at the Fire House. Rain date is April 18. Call Joe Kasulaitis at 570.842.6524 for more information.

Dumpsters Available to Residents May 3 - 5

Dumpsters will be located at the Fire House from Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5, from 8 AM - 8 PM daily. The site will close on Saturday when the dumpsters are filled to capacity. Proof of residency may be required.

Each household is limited to four free car tires. Extra car tires are \$2.00 and tractor trailer tires are \$6.75. Prices are the same for tires on or off rims. No machine tires larger than tractor trailer tires will be accepted.

Electronic items will be accepted this year. TVs must be whole. No building/construction waste will be accepted. The fee for disposing of items containing freon is \$20.00.

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Submit items to: Thornhurst356@gmail.com

A Message from the Thornhurst Township Board of Supervisors

One constant goal of the Board of Supervisors for the past 25 years has been to take actions which preserve our history, and to support actions to protect our natural surroundings. We are extremely fortunate with assistance in supporting these goals from an involved citizenship, supportive state representation, and the tireless efforts of Bonnie Smith, and members of the North Pocono CARE organization.

With this mind set, several years ago the Township purchased a historic building previously occupied by St. Mark's Catholic Church. The structure along River Road next to the Thornhurst Fire Company building was built in 1870. The plan to convert this structure to a Community Building has received community support and is now about to become a reality.

In cooperation with the Fire Company, a request for funding was submitted for Local Share Account funds. We have been very fortunate to secure a grant to assist in this project. The Board has preliminary drawings and cost estimates. Refining the project to final plans and steps will begin immediately. Residents interested in participating in any stage of the project should contact the Board of Supervisors.

Upon acceptance of the architect's final drawings, specifications will be drawn and bid requests will be advertised. There will be tasks which will require volunteer assistance. As the project moves forward, we will keep you informed through our website and our meetings.

On Friday, February 16, Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and our State Representative, Michael Carroll, traveled to Pinchot State Forest District in Thornhurst. The purpose of their visit was to announce state funding for improvement to the 26-mile snowmobile trail in the Park. The gathering took place in the Manny Gordon Recreation Area, the trail head of the snowmobile trail. DCNR is the largest land holder in Thornhurst Township, and their attention to maintaining and improving this holding is beneficial to Thornhurst and our surrounding areas. Maps of the snowmobile trail and one of other DCNR recreation areas in the region are available at the Township building or Pinchot State Forest District building. We are very fortunate to have the Pinchot State Forest as our neighbor, an involved State Representative, and residents who recognize their own responsibility to protecting the environment.

The Township wishes to thank the Thornhurst Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Squad and Auxiliary for their continued service to the community.

Township Meeting Dates & Times

The Planning Commission meets at 7 PM on the first Tuesday of March, May, September and November, with additional meetings as needed. The Board of Supervisors meets at 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Township Building on Old River Road.

Public notices and meeting changes are published in *The Moscow Villager*. Information about local events and other township news or activities is posted on the bulletin board outside of the building.

North Pocono Food Pantry

The NP Food Pantry and Dry Goods Pantry are located in the Shop-Rite Plaza in Daleville behind the ice cream shop. They are both open every Thursday from 11:30-1 PM. They are also open the first Wednesday of each month from 5-7 PM. This time is only for the working poor, who must show proof of employment. For more info, or to determine eligibility for these services, call 570.842.4741.

Annual Redneck 4th of July Parade

The 11th Annual Redneck 4th of July Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4 at 2 PM, beginning at the corner of Pine Grove and Bear Lake Roads, and will continue on River Road back to Pine Grove Road. Line up for participants will begin at 1 PM on Pine Grove Road. Any reliable mode of transportation is allowable. Floats and costumes are highly encouraged. Show your community spirit. Township residents and friends have enjoyed participating in and watching such a great community event. In order for this event to continue being held, participants must stay in line at all times. Misbehavior will not be tolerated and offenders will be removed from the parade line. Call Scott Jordan for details at 570.983.8682.

Thornhurst Historical Committee

The Thornhurst Historical Committee is interested in collecting old photos, postcards, and memorabilia about the community. Call Pat Wincek at 570.842.3353 if you have items or information to share.

Pine Grove Cemetery News

All residents are invited to attend the 11th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the cemetery on Monday, May 28 at 11 AM, weather permitting. Refreshments will be served outdoors immediately following the ceremony. Cookie donations are welcome. Memorabilia relating to Thornhurst is also available for viewing at this event. In preparation for the ceremony, a clean-up will be held on May 19 at 10 AM (raindate is May 26). Please remove all seasonal decorations. Anyone interested in helping with the clean-up or ceremony, call Pat Wincek at 570.842.3353.

History of Thornhurst Published

Long-time resident Jim Howley is the author of *Thornhurst and the Upper Lehigh River*, a compilation of stories about early industry in Thornhurst and the surrounding communities along the river. Originally published in 2001, the book is on its third printing and contains additional content, including photos. To purchase the book, contact Jim at 570.842.9412. The cost is \$30.00.

Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging

The Area Agency on Aging is an advocate for the rights of older adults and adults with disabilities. The following services are available: Home-delivered Meals, Adult Day Care, In-home Personal Care, Personal Emergency Response Systems, and Chore Services (includes minor renovations to help safeguard people inside their homes). To qualify for In-home Care options, residents must present a need and be financially eligible. Some cases may qualify for partial eligibility. For more information, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 570.963.6740.

Transportation for Residents with Disabilities

Reduced fare transportation may be available for persons with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, if aged 18-64, and a resident of Lackawanna County. Fare is free for those age 65 and over; ages 18-64 are reduced fare. Applications are available by mail from Lackawanna County Coordinated Transportation System, 800 North/South Road, Scranton, PA 18504, or by calling the office at 570.963.6795.

Library Bookmobile Service

The Lackawanna County Library System's Bookmobile will visit Thornhurst every fourth Thursday in 2018 beginning on March 8 at the Thornhurst Fire House from approximately 2-3 PM. Call 570.348.3000 ext. 3000 to request or renew materials and include your phone number and your Bookmobile stop in the message. You may also request or renew materials online at www.lclshome.org/bookmobile.

St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church News

Mass is celebrated Saturdays at 4:00 PM with confessions heard at 3:30 PM or upon request. The Mass schedule changes to Saturdays at 4:00 PM and Sundays at 8:30 AM from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Concert/Evening of Reflection Friday June 15: Steve Angrisano will be at St. Mark's on Friday, June 15 at 7 PM. Steve is one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music and storytelling. His unique blend of humor, song, story and interaction engage audiences of all ages. Join us! A free-will offering will be accepted.

For more information about events or schedules, call 570.472.3061 or email stelimar@ptd.net. Visit www.churchofstelizabethstmark.org.

Thornhurst United Methodist Church News

Worship Service & Meeting Schedule

Sundays at 9 AM: Worship Service

UMW (no meetings Jan., Feb. or March)
2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM

Food & Faith
3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 PM

Sunday Fellowship, Food & Fun
4th Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM

2018 Calendar of Events

March	Easter Eggs (while supplies last) Cost: \$5.00/Box of 6 eggs Peanut Butter, Butter Cream or Coconut Cream	
April 28 & Oct. 13	Pork 'N' Kraut Dinner Cost: \$10.00	4-7 PM
May 20	Kennedy Street Strummers Ukulele Concert (donation requested)	2 PM
July 28	Blueberry Festival	9 AM-3 PM
Nov. 24	Christmas Bazaar	9 AM-3 PM

Call 570.842.1434 or 570.842.9350 for info.
Email: ThornhurstUMC@gmail.com

North Pocono CARE - Protecting the Lehigh River Headwaters

North Pocono CARE was formed more than 20 years ago to address threats to the pristine water quality of the Lehigh River. It has worked successfully to combat pollution from sewage plants, industrial parks, and other sources, and it has put in place the highest level of protection for the Lehigh River and its tributaries, as Exceptional Value waters.

It is an all-volunteer organization, with teams testing water quality, addressing threats to clean water, working on grants, and planning programs. Dave Smith was honored recently as a founding member of this nonprofit organization and a tireless volunteer. Dave is quick to point out that his efforts to protect the River predate North Pocono CARE, and we agree. Thank him for his efforts!

This year NPC has scheduled its first tree planting, to address increased water temperature in Ash Creek from the clearing of the PPL transmission line. Join your neighbors for this fun and fruitful event! See details below.

Programs and meetings are open to the public and are free of charge. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of March, May, September and November in the Township Building at 7:30 PM. Most programs are also held at the Township Building and the dates and times are set out below. Check the Thornhurst Bulletin Board for updates. For more information, please call Bonnie Smith at 570-472-3274 or e-mail NPCARE@att.net. New members are always welcome. For membership information go to www.northpoconocare.org. NPC needs your support!

2018 Program Schedule

April 21 - Plant a Tree for the Earth and Me! Join with others in planting a streamside buffer along beautiful Ash Creek, in State Game Lands 135, Clifton Township. Meet at the Game Lands parking lot on Clifton Beach Road across from Plank Road West at 12 PM. Rain date is April 28. Bring gloves and a shovel. Lunch and water provided. Great program for kids!

June 11 - What's Invading Our Woods? A close look at invasive plants around us, presented by Tim Latz, Service Forester, DCNR Bureau of Forestry, at the Township Building, 7 PM.

July 16 - Marvelous Macroinvertebrates (Bugs!) in the Lehigh River w/ Biologist Joseph Kasulaitis, at the Wincek Residence, 610 Old River Road, 6 PM. Bring wading shoes and a towel. Great program for kids!

August 20 - Birds of the Pocono Plateau. The return of Birdman Darryl Speicher, and his lively program from the Pocono Avian Research Center, at the Township Building, 7 PM.

October 8 - Close Encounters with Birds of Prey. Delaware Valley Raptor Center will bring live owls, eagles and other raptors for you to experience up close, at the Thornhurst Fire House, 7 PM. Great program for kids!

North Pocono Cultural Society

NPCS's mission is providing educational, cultural and artistic events in the North Pocono Community. For more info contact Frank Goryl, President, at 570.357.1627 or moscowarts2@yahoo.com. Facebook: North Pocono Cultural Society.

MONDAYS IN MOSCOW SPRING SERIES

MAY 7 - Maple Lake United Methodist Church

Frank Sinatra Special with The Arcadia Chorale and the Doug Smith Jazz Trio.

JUNE 11 - Moscow Methodist Church

Simple Gifts Concert featuring fine Music & unique instruments.

MOSCOW COUNTRY STREET FAIR - AUGUST 3, 4 & 5

Great Entertainment, Quilt Show, Food, Vendors, Car Show, Parade

MUNICIPAL EVENTS - TBD

Annual Thornhurst/Clifton Summer Special

We welcome new members and their ideas at our regular monthly meetings at 7 PM on the second Monday of each month at the Moscow Borough Building.

Thornhurst Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co.

2018 Calendar of Events

The following events are organized by members of the Thornhurst Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co., Ambulance Squad, and Auxiliary.

Please help support the community through these fundraising efforts:

MARCH

25 Kids Easter Party (AUX) 12-2PM

APRIL

14 Hoagie Sale (FIRE) 6AM-2PM

MAY

5 Night @ the Races (AUX) 6-10PM
BYOB & Free Snacks (Kitchen Open)

JUNE

16 Tech & Tools BINGO (FIRE) 6-10PM

JULY

14 Designer Purse BINGO (AUX) 6-10PM

AUGUST

10 Kids Back to School BINGO (AUX) 6-8PM

OCTOBER

27 Kids Halloween Party (AUX) 6-8PM

NOVEMBER

10 Night @ the Races (FIRE) 6-10PM
BYOB & Free Snacks (Kitchen Open)

16 Paint & Chat (AUX) 7-9PM

24 Santa Run (FIRE) 10AM-2PM

DECEMBER

8 Kids Christmas Party (AUX) 10AM-12PM

The Fire Company will host
American Red Cross Blood Drives:
May 4 & November 27 from 2-7 PM.

Contact: Holly Stangline

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