

The Claiborne Clarion

A Newsletter For The
Claiborne Community

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Summer Solstice 2020
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Note the Dates

July Birthdays

Renny Johnson	July 8
Greg North	July 11
Megan McCoy	July 13
Chris Noyes	July 14
Brian Boos	July 20
Becky Otter	July 21
Kathy Bosin	July 21
Stella Kabler	July 25

Please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com if you want to add your name and birthday to the Claiborne Birthday List.

Claiborne Website

Please visit the redesigned and up-to-date Claiborne website at claibornemd.org/. The website offers links to the Clarion, bylaws, board meetings and other facts about Claiborne.

You can download the Clarion <https://www.claibornemd.org/2020>

Please send pictures you want to share in the Clarion or on the website to patflory@gmail.com

July 4th Celebration and Social Distancing (even the Flags)



The Program Committee (Programs? Remember those? Concerts, dances, potlucks?) has decided to cancel this year's Fourth of July Parade and Ice Cream Social.

We felt it would be irresponsible of us to sponsor an event with so many potential pitfalls. Beyond the undeniable fact of potential coronavirus transmission, there was the additional hazard of our new weekend traffic overloads being multiplied on a holiday Saturday.

We hope you find a happy and healthy way to celebrate the holiday. Maybe you could spend the time designing a show-stopper of a float for next year!

President's Message...

Association Update

We held a virtual Spring General Meeting last month. Members voted to accept the minutes of the December meeting and to appoint the proposed Nominating Committee. While the virtual meeting wasn't as satisfying as a real meeting, it enabled us to conduct our required business.

The Association has received a \$500 grant from Choptank Electric Trust for electrical work planned for the Hall. Funds for this grant program come from Choptank's "Round-Up" program. Your monthly donations, rounding up your monthly bill to an even dollar amount, pay for the program.

Claiborne - June 2020



"Summer"



"Up a creek with a paddle?"



"Sunset the day after solstice celebration"



"Summer afternoon sky"

Our grant will partially fund ceiling fans in the big room and wiring for future lighting improvements. We are also having smoke and heat detectors installed in the Hall by Bay Country Security. We expect the cost of monthly monitoring to be offset by a reduction in our insurance.

There's a new "Dues and Donations" dropbox on the right just inside the Hall's swinging doors. In addition to collecting donations and dues we plan to use the box in the future for voting and messages.

This Fall the Orchard and Landscaping Committees will surge into action, planting trees, shrubs and perennials. We're counting on Choptank Electric Cooperative to provide the trees and shrubs as part of its "Give Back" program, a way of offsetting trees Choptank removes in line maintenance activities. The Orchard will have a path, one or more benches and some lighting as well as a sign in memory of Patti Cruickshank Schott.

Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Pat Flory, Barbara Haddaway, Carrie Gould-Kabler and Mike Kuperberg) if you are interested in serving on the board or a board committee or if you have a suggestions or comment.

Beach Update and Parking Survey

As you have undoubtedly noticed, this summer has brought many more visitors to the beach, causeway and jetty than in previous years. Up to 200 people have been counted on the beach on weekend afternoons. There have been a number of incidents - human waste along Dawn and Mimi's driveway, confrontations over unauthorized use of private property and strewn trash, bullying, alcohol-fueled anger, overnight camping, open fires and use of the area after its posted closing at dusk.

Over the years we have asked the county to manage the situation better. This year they finally installed a portable toilet on the causeway plus 2 trash cans and are doing a better job of picking up trash along Claiborne Landing Road.

Starting July 3, there will be more law enforcement presence in the area on weekends. The County Manager has allocated more overtime resources which will enable the Sheriff to have an officer patrol Claiborne and Black Walnut Point during the day. Then from 4 pm to 10 pm an officer will be in Claiborne to enforce Park rules on alcohol use, private property limits, open fires, and hours of operation. Signs will be installed showing where the County's property ends and private property begins, plus a sign indicating no alcohol use. DNR Police will continue to issue tickets and confiscate undersized fish.

Parking along both sides of Claiborne Landing Road has created ruts in the delicate marsh and resulted in cars getting stuck. We have concerns about

Luna Moth



Found during a morning walk on Old Claiborne Road. Martha Hamlyn's hands serve as a reference to size of moth.

What does it mean when you see a **LUNA MOTH** ?

Change. Most common is an anticipation of change - either change your life, or your life will be changed - active or passive. Change.

The Luna moth appeared on a first-class United States postage stamp issued in June 1987. Although more than two dozen butterflies have been so honored, as of 2019 this is the only moth to be honored.

To learn more, click on this link

<https://www.filt.org/goddess-of-the-moon-the-life-history-of-the-luna-moth/>

the safety of small children wandering unattended in the narrowed roadway, and the trash people leave along the road and in the marsh.

County staff have proposed to limit parking to one side of Landing Road to resolve the safety problem. However, they recognize that people will park other places in the Village.

To get a better idea of how we would like to resolve the parking problem the County has asked us to survey residents about the issue of parking. Residents should look for an email with survey questions. Please respond with your honest opinion.

Meanwhile, if you see any parking or other violations, don't hesitate to call the Sheriff's office and ask for help. They want to hear from us. The number is 410-822-1020.

Please Welcome ...



Our new Rich Neck Road neighbors, Jennifer Dever and daughter Kaleigh Buxton!

Originally from South Jersey, Jennifer came to the Eastern Shore to attend Salisbury University and then moved to Annapolis where she founded a web development business.

Currently a social worker, she is also working on her master's degree through Salisbury. Jen is an avid photographer and a self-declared "new gardener."

Kaleigh, a keen artist, graduated from the Country School and will enroll in George Washington University's Online School this fall.

We are delighted to have you both in the Village!

Free the Grasses! ... by John Scott

Due in equal measure to the persistence of Claiborne residents, support from ShoreRivers and responsiveness of the State, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) in Broad Cove can now thrive. These "Bay Grasses" have been vulnerable to the hydraulic escalator clam dredge, which uses hydraulic jets to cut into the bottom sediment and access buried clam and in the process

Miles-Wye Riverkeeper Bacteria Monitoring Program
(red = failing result)

Location	6/19	6/25	7/2
Drum Point Beach	3076	20	246
Claiborne Cove	880	10	41
Claiborne Beach	331	41	0
Tunis Mills Landing	31	74	74
Miles River Yacht Club	52	110	20

<https://www.shorerivers.org/swim>

Tilghman Island Youth Association



Win a Paddleboard!

Slingshot Crossbreed Airtech Inflatable Paddleboard
Includes 11' paddleboard, adjustable paddle, fin, pump, backpack, storage bougies, repair kit.

Tickets:
1 for \$10
3 for \$20
10 for \$50

Raffle drawing:
Saturday, July 4
Winner will be notified

To purchase tickets,
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If you would like to support this program and buy tickets, please contact Leigh Ann Schaefer at 10531 Miracle House Circle or at 410-714-1402

scours trenches along the cove bottom, kicks up sediment plumes that cloud the water and tears up our essential grass beds.

These underwater grasses are a critical part of the Bay ecosystem: they provide wildlife with food and habitat, add oxygen to the water, absorb nutrient pollution, trap sediment and reduce erosion. For more information about SAV refer to:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/content/why-submerged-aquatic-vegetation-designated-essential-fish-habitat>

and https://www.chesapeakebay.net/issues/bay_grasses.

After regular phone calls and other correspondence between Claiborne residents and the State of Maryland over the past few years, in mid-June permanent buoys, similar but smaller than clam markers, were set in the cove and marked "SAV".



On July 1, Maryland Natural Resources Officer Kristen Clagett gave Claiborne residents Suzanne Todd, Jeanne Kuperberg and John Scott a tour of the Zone that is described by posted signs at the Claiborne Jetty and at Wades Point and three buoys in between.

Hard copies of the zone have been sent by DNR to all registered clambers.

And for a musical treat, click on the link and listen to the SAV Tango (Jeff Holland and Kevin Brooks - 1995)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8e-tUiXVtBY>

FYI – Kevin Brooks is your editor’s younger brother...

Be safe, wash your hands, and have a great July!