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October Birthdays

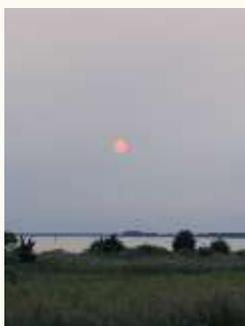
Sarah Sayre	Oct. 2
Lexi Lednum	Oct. 7
Susanne Scott	Oct. 12
Ed Schaefer	Oct. 16
Mike McCaughey	Oct. 19
Mary Gregorio	Oct. 23
Dawn Lednum	Oct. 31



More groundwork!

Jim Richardson tests the soil behind the Village Hall in preparation for the planting of the orchard of fruit trees, part of the legacy of Patti Cruikshank-Schott.

The Claiborne sky was treated to the smoke from the fires in the Northwest U.S. One afternoon sun looked like this:



Message from the President:

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you are well and that you are taking really good care of yourselves!

I was looking over some recent emails to gather up information to share updates about the Village Hall and the Association. As I'm sure you know, we are not yet able to hold any in-person events. Well, except for the valiant Monday Ladies' Night group that continues to meet at the landing when weather permits! The planned work, (fans, electric, railing repair) on the Hall proceeds. And Rob Todd has been managing a search for the best property insurance. As you see above we look forward to the new Memorial Orchard out back of the Hall. We continue to seek donations for the annual operating expenses.

In my search of the email exchange was also a post, written by Dr Aisha Ahmad, about hitting the disaster wall. In it, Dr. Ahmad who works in crisis and disaster

Signs of fall:

The beach is empty except for sand, shells, driftwood...



A Monarch's jeweled pupa



A basking box turtle



recovery, talks about her experience of a very predictable six-month wall. People hit this wall in disaster recovery like clockwork at the 6-month point. It's a time when we've adjusted to the "new normal" to one degree or another, but we feel like we're running out of steam. We'd like to "get away." We're done with it. We want it to stop. But there's no stopping it and there's nowhere to go. The problem she says is that we're only about a third of the way through.

So, what does she recommend? Well, first of all, she suggests that it's not productive to try to ram your head through the wall. The wall, she says, will break naturally in about 4-6 weeks if we ride it out. In the meantime, do what you do to take care of yourselves and your families and don't be too hard on yourselves if you're not always meeting your usual expectations – if for example like me, you sometimes have to check your phone to see what day it is.

Dr. Ahmad suggests that we be kind to ourselves and to one another. She assures us that we haven't lost our happiness and creativity forever, but we might not feel wildly creative and sparkingly happy in the middle of this wall. It's okay; it's to be expected. Dr. Ahmad points out that we are navigating some pretty rough conditions. She assures us that the wall both arrives and dissipates like clockwork. She encourages us to "trust that the magic that helped you through the first phase is still there."

I found her words and her perspective to be helpful.

That said, I'd like to suggest that you: get a flu shot, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, don't lick any doorknobs or kiss any strangers, and, please, reach out if you feel at all overwhelmed.

Mary

MD 2020 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION – ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

*Early in-person voting Oct. 26 – Nov. 2 at Easton Fire House, 7AM-8PM

*Election Day voting Nov. 3, 7AM-8PM at any of these polling places:

- Easton Fire House
- Easton High School
- St. Michaels Middle/High School
- Tilghman Fire House

*Registering to vote. Registration must be received by Oct. 13 **OR** register to vote on Election Day by provisional ballot. Bring one of these – MD drivers license or paycheck or bank statement or utility bill

Help our Neighbors who Help in this Covid-Time!
Please support the Saint Michaels Community Center. They are providing hundreds of meals each week to the Bay Hundred area.

GO FUND ME is a way to donate money to SMCC. Click on this link:

https://www.gofundme.com/support-st-michaels-community-center?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

The threat of the virus
Is enough to inspire us
To wear masks every day
To stay six feet away
Cuz we don't want the virus
To expire us.

(Sarah Sayre)

or other government document with name and current address. You must reregister if you have a change in your name, address, or want to change party affiliation.

Contact Suzanne Todd at suzannetodd@outlook.com if you need to do this.

*Voting by mail-in ballot (same as absentee ballot)

To request a ballot

– <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html> Requests must be received by Oct. 20.

Mail-in ballots may be put in drop boxes located at the Easton Fire House or Talbot County Board of Elections at 215 Bay Dr., Easton.

QUESTIONS ???? – call the Talbot County Board of Elections at 410-770-8099.

“It’s done with a flick of the wrist”

(With apologies to Bob Dylan, who wrote, “What’s a sweetheart like you doing in a dump like this?”)

Of course, you need a couple of things
You need a willing attitude
You have to own the poop
Make it yours

Once it’s yours
You’re halfway there
You need a bag and a technique
Always, always carry a bag

Slip the bag over your hand
Bend over to assess the situation-
Is it in the open? In tall grass?
Worst, in a bed of ivy?

You surround the objective with your bagged hand
Then just flick your wrist
And it’s yours

Close up the bag
With a little knot
Another flick of the wrist
Into the nearest trash can
(Kirke Harper)