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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July Birthdays

Renny Johnson	8
Greg North	11
Megan McCoy	13
Chris Noyes	14
Brian Boos	20
Becky Otter	21
Kathy Bosin	21
Stella Kabler	25
Jim Wilkins	28

If you want to add your name to
the birthday list, please contact
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Spray Free Mosquito Prevention and Control

Are you tired of being bitten up
by mosquitoes but don't like
spraying for them? If you are,
and you're interested in
pursuing alternatives to the

July Fourth Parade this Saturday!



The Claiborne Fourth of July Parade kicks off this Saturday at 2pm at the Village Hall followed by an ice cream social. Thank you to Chris Noyes for arranging the donation of ice cream from Justine's Ice Cream Parlor. Be sure to thank Justine's next time you're in St. Michaels.

The village of Sherwood has extended an invitation for us to join in their festivities. A parade through the village starts at 10:30 and will be followed by a program of music and a potluck lunch at the Hall in Sherwood.

current approach to spraying for mosquito prevention and control, read on.



Spraying for mosquito control kills indiscriminately. It wipes out the natural predators that keep mosquitoes in check, and mosquito populations bounce back quickly. The alternative approach is to work with the ecosystem, not against it. How can we do this? We can be guided by a successful approach that has worked in other neighborhoods in MD and in DC. The [Itty Bitty Mosquito Population Committee](#) is a grassroots neighborhood effort. A recent [Washington Post article](#) describes how this approach has been successful in the Capital Hill area of Washington, DC.

Please contact me if you are interested in exploring a spray free mosquito prevention and control option for Claiborne that we can then share with our community. Thanks!

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What's the Board been up to, you may ask...

A Note from Rob Todd, Claiborne Association President

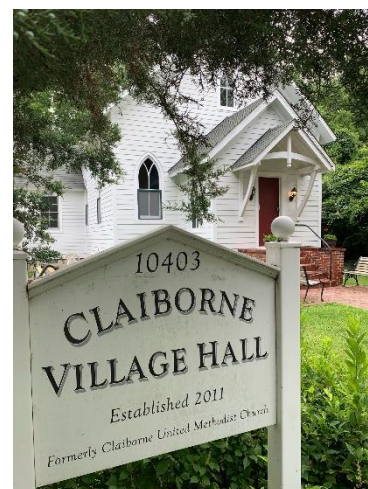
Even though the Board is nearing the end of its term, it is still moving along with enthusiasm. On the digital front, at the June Board meeting, Jennifer Shea reported that interviews for the Claiborne oral history video project are underway. On the everything else front, Maura Bollinger is heading up and coordinating the various projects grouped under the Hall Design effort. She reported increased coordination among the various projects, e.g., annex sound dampening/noise reduction, electrical work, stage lighting, Hall pictorial exhibit, informational signage at the Landing, etc. Most recently, Maura designed and fabricated sound dampening panels which were installed with Marty's assistance in the Annex/post office area of the Hall.

Phil Sayer, Treasurer, stated that the general operating, building reserve, and endowment accounts all have healthy balances, and all tax filings are up to date.

The Board also reviewed the Strategic Plan that was approved in 2024 to see if the Board's current efforts and goals are in line with the Plan. The consensus was that while the Association has been adhering to its overall mission, vision, and values, there is still work to be done on accomplishing some of the priorities and initiatives as spelled out in the Plan, e.g., creating a multi-year budget, based on a needs assessment, develop and plan for sustainable fundraising that matches annual costs, and identify and prioritize building maintenance needs and solutions.

So, while there has been plenty of progress this year, and lots to feel good about, there's still plenty of work to be done.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all at the Fourth of July parade in just a few days.



We're thrilled to announce a new round of our beloved personalized brick program at the Village Hall! Now's your chance to etch your place in Claiborne history. A personalized brick is a lasting way to say "*I belong here*" — right beneath your feet at the heart of our village.

Since our last round, Claiborne has welcomed fresh faces, new neighbors, and, importantly, a crop of brand-new grandchildren who deserve their very own spot in the village story. A brick makes a meaningful keepsake and a surprisingly delightful gift: something solid, permanent, and far more charming than another baby blanket. All proceeds from the program go directly toward supporting Claiborne community activities. Sign up today and reserve your piece of the village! If you're interested, contact John Scott @ jcscott@cpsc.com