



The Claiborne Clarion

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Note the Dates:

August 7, 14, 21, 28
Monday Ladies Night at the Claiborne Village Hall 5PM

August 26
Claiborne Picnic and General Board Meeting— 5PM

September 12
Association Board Meeting 7 p.m. at the Hall
All are welcome

August Birthdays

- 1 - John Scott
- 2 - Mo McHugh
- 4 - Jim Richardson
- 8 - Sally Cockey
- 10 - Tyler Murphy
- 14 - Bill Sewell
- 18 - Jack Harrald
- 27 - Kirke Harper
- 30 - Grace Savaria

September Birthdays

- 3 - Ralph Steinberger
- 6 - Steve Friedberg
- 6 - Mike Friedberg
- 13 - Tim McHugh
- 16 - Nancy Higgins
- 16 - Will Murdoch
- 23 - Adine Kelly
- 24 - Shirley Cockey
- 24 - Karen Wright

Claiborne 4th of July



The Librarian – by Kirke Harper

A short story in an occasional series, "A Story in Six Sentences"

I grew up on the Maine Coast but went to college in Ohio. After I finished at Oberlin College I stayed there and worked as a librarian. I look for a library job. I volunteer at the Maine State Library just to keep my hand in while I look for a job.

Based on a conversation with Katherine at a restaurant in Boothbay Harbor.

Guest Editors Needed

The Clarion needs guest editors for 2017. If you are interested, please contact Rob Todd at robert10431@outlook.com or 240-285-2309.

Get involved

Express your ideas and learn what is being planned. Everyone is welcome when the Association Board meets. Association Board minutes are available at www.claibornemd.org/ciaiboard.php.

Claiborne Village Association Annual Claiborne Summer Picnic!!!

When and where: Join us on Saturday, August 26, 5:00 PM At the home of Jeanne and Mike Kuperberg – 23014 Claiborne Landing Road.

What to bring: a dish to share with neighbors or something to put on the grill, a beverage of your choice, and lawn chairs if you like. All are welcome!

The Claiborne Village Association will hold a General Meeting at the start of the Annual Claiborne Picnic. As is our usual practice the Treasurer will give a report on the state of the finances including an update on the Endowment Fund. The Building Committee will report on the status of repairs and renovations going on. If you haven't noticed, there are holding tanks in place and that means we are one step closer to having a bathroom in the hall!! The Program Committee will give an update on the planned activities and will solicit suggestions for activities that you'd like to see in the coming year.

Association members in good standing will also **vote for a new Board**. Bill Sewell is heading up the Nominating Committee and has been busy talking with folks about nominating themselves or nominating someone else to serve. It is time for some board members to step off and make way for fresh perspectives. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please contact Bill.

If you are already a member of the Association, you can renew your membership at the picnic, or you can send a check to the Claiborne Association, 10403 Claiborne Rd., Claiborne MD 21624. The fee is nominal: \$5/adult; there is no charge for children. **If you are not yet a member, please consider joining the Association.** And, as always, if you'd like to make an additional donation, we won't turn you down.

Phil Sayre mused recently that the Claiborne Village Association has come a long way since its initial seedling of an idea. What started out as a conversation about maintaining a post office in Claiborne after the Richardson's retired has blossomed into "post office deluxe" with a place to gather for music and dance, wintertime movie nights, poetry readings, theater, and fabulous potluck suppers that are open to all of our neighbors. And as the "post office" seedling has blossomed, so too the idea of restoring and renovating the Village Hall to support community resilience – a place where neighbors can gather in the event of an emergency or damage to a home or any number of other needs.

Your contributions of time, money, planning, researching and following through are the fertilizers for this community blossom and everyone benefits from its beauty.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic!
Mary Gregorio, President

What's going on at the Village Hall?

The Village Hall holding tanks are installed at last! This milestone for the Village Hall represents 2 years of determination and perseverance by Kirke Harper. Three cheers for Kirke!!! The building permit was submitted on June 9th. Once approved, we will move forward to the completion of the Village Hall Project.



It's a Claiborne Cover Up!

Cover up those sensitive areas with a fashionable Claiborne ball cap or t-shirt. Caps and shirts will be on sale at the upcoming Claiborne picnic. Cash and personal checks gladly accepted. Proceeds go to the Claiborne general fund. Price is \$20 per item.



A Claiborne Fourth of July

Another successful parade and ice cream social! Hard to believe that this is the **6th year** for our community event. Sarah and Phil Sayre served as "Grand Marshals" and led the parade.



Traffic Calming Project

Some of us have noticed a difference since the County reduced the speed limits into Claiborne, from 50 to 40, and from 30 to 25. We're more conscious of our own speed and slow down when we see the 25 sign. And it feels like others are doing the same.

The speed limit was reduced by the County following a request from Claiborne, including a petition many of you signed at the Hall and at last year's picnic.

I would like to continue working with the Roads Superintendent and his staff on traffic issues, first to resolve confusion over the 40 versus 50 limit leaving town, then to explore more ways to calm traffic.

A couple of suggestions made recently by Mike Mertaugh, Roads Engineer, are to plant more street trees approaching the village and to install a village gateway. The result, and Mike, would be to remind drivers they are leaving open farmland and approaching a place where more careful driving is required. Painted lines can also create that feeling. Rumble strips, while more aggressive, can do the same thing. The Roads department is experimenting with rumble strips at Belleview to see how they hold up in tar and chip roads. They are also interested in implementing other low-cost traffic calming ideas in villages.

At the Village Picnic on August 26 I plan to ask for a show of hands about whether the Association should continue working on traffic calming solutions. If you won't be at the picnic, please let me know if you have strong feelings one way or the other. Call me on 410-829-6538 or email kirke.harper@gmail.com. I'll also put a questionnaire and comment sheet in the Hall.

Here's a sketch made by Jim Richardson that illustrates how a village gateway might look. It would be just before Maple Hall Road where there is already a clump of large trees on the southwest (left) side of the road.

