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Note the Dates:

June 10

Bay Hundred Senior Center opens at the Perkins Family YMCA in St. Michaels. Ribbon Cutting from 4 - 6 PM

June 11 – 7 PM

Claiborne Association Board Meeting – All are welcome to attend

July 4

Claiborne Parade and Ice Cream Social

June Birthdays:

- 2 – Tom Babb
- 16 - Pat Flory
- 22 – Dustin Fellingner

Please let us know if we missed your birthday and we will add you to the official Claiborne B-day List...

One Step Closer



Over the past couple of weeks, Will Murdoch and several other Claiborne volunteers, raised and re-decked the Annex porch and added a new set of steps and handrails.

The bet is whether the entire village can be poised on the steps for a photo. Maybe a reenactment of the original photo below. Any volunteers to make this happen this Fall when folks are back in town?



Construction plans for this summer are building a ramp for wheelchair access and a paved accessibility parking space. Following that, and a few other things the association can apply for a final inspection.



Photo by Barbara Haddaway



Photo by Renny Johnson

Guess Who?

Last month the Clarion showed geese nesting on the bollards at Claiborne Landing. Now a new creature has taken over. Do you know who?



Photo by Phil Sayre

Quatro de Mayo

Since early May seems to be a natural time for a party, our Cinco de Mayo potluck continues to be a hit -- even when it doesn't fall on exactly the right day. Here are the things we've learned from doing this party for a few years:

1. Nobody doesn't love a burrito if they get to construct it just the way they want it.
2. We miss the Kuperbergs less if they lend us their margarita machine before they leave town. (Thanks, Mike & Jeanne!)
3. Our new kitchen makes everything so much better!
4. Claibornites can always be depended upon to contribute whatever is called for.
5. Kim Titus should definitely start a catering business. Yes, we know that's selfish, but still.....



Boat on a Barge

If you have been down to the Claiborne Landing lately you may have noticed the abandoned boat in the cove. Through the persistence of Katie Snowden's contact with the DNR, the boat is gone!



Photo by David Crenshaw

Guest Editors Needed

The Clarion needs guest editors for 2019. If you are interested, please contact Pat Flory at patflory@gmail.com or [443-472-6800](tel:443-472-6800).

Water Quality Testing in Claiborne - Mike Kuperberg and John Scott

Many of you attended the presentation of Elle Bassett, Miles/Wye RiverKeeper at the Village Hall early this year and perhaps attended the wonderful presentation by ShoreRivers (given by Elle and the Choptank RiverKeeper) last week at the Maritime Museum.

ShoreRivers is a science-based non-profit <https://www.shorerivers.org/> committed to “protect and restore Eastern Shore waterways through science-based advocacy, restoration, and education.” Many of you may have heard “our” riverkeeper, Elle Bassett. ShoreRivers is expanding its water quality testing program to evaluate the waters where people frequently swim and wade.

They are testing for enterococci, which is related to *E coli*, sampling every Thursday from Memorial Day to Labor Day and posting results on their social media pages (Miles-Wye Riverkeeper Facebook and Instagram) as well as SwimGuide.org every Friday afternoon. If a site comes back with failing levels, they will advise people not to swim. High levels of this bacteria can cause gastrointestinal issues, infect wounds, or cause ear or urinary tract infections. Their goal is to promote healthy swimming conditions while also establishing a baseline of data to use for future projects.

The first week’s results came back with good news - all of the sites passed, but Claiborne Beach and MRYC were close. The threshold used by ShoreRivers is 104 MPN (MPN is short for “most probable number, a measure of the estimated number of bacteria in a water sample).

CB - Claiborne Beach - 97 MPN
CC - Claiborne Cove - 41 MPN
MRYC - Miles R Yacht Club - 85 MPN
Bellevue Beach - 63 MPN
DPB - Drum Point Beach - 41 MPN
TML - Tunis Mills Landing - 63 MPN

The Claiborne community is supporting the analysis for our two sites – at a cost of \$1050 to analyze our two sites for the full summer. The Scotts and Kuperbergs are organizing this effort and Jeanne Kuperberg will be collecting the samples each week and transporting them to ShoreRivers for analysis. As of press-time, we had commitments from five families, totaling \$700.

If you have not contributed, and would like to please send your contribution directly to ShoreRivers (114 South Washington Street, Suite 301, Easton, Maryland 21601) and write, "Claiborne Water Quality Sampling" on your check’s “subject” line.

Press Release - Bay Hundred Senior Center to Open in St. Michaels!

The Bay Hundred Senior Center will open June 10, 2019 in the new Perkins Family YMCA in St. Michaels, Maryland. Based on the model of Brookletts Place, Talbot Senior Center in Easton, the Bay Hundred Senior Center will offer active seniors age 60 or more opportunities for socializing, exercising, recreational fun, lifelong learning and community engagement. The Center is not an adult daycare center or a nursing home.

The Center, which will be open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8 am to 3 pm, is free to eligible individuals who register for membership. Members' spouses who are under the age of 60 are also eligible. Bay Hundred members may also decide to join the YMCA to access all its programs and equipment.

The Perkins Family YMCA is the first facility to bring together the YMCA, Talbot County Public Schools, Talbot County Government, and Upper Shore Aging to provide expanded programs and services to residents of all ages throughout the communities in the Bay Hundred area.

The public is invited to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Bay Hundred Senior Center and the Perkins Family YMCA, Monday, June 10 from 4-6 pm. The event will offer musical entertainment, refreshments, group tours, guest speakers, appearances by elected officials, and more.

For information on the Bay Hundred Senior Center and to register for membership, please visit brooklettsplace.org, or call 410-822-2869. The Bay Hundred Senior Center website will be available soon.