



# THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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Claiborne Community

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PAT FLORY AUGUST EDITOR, PHOTO BY MARTHA HAMLYN "PINK AND WHITE SEASON IN THE GARDEN"  
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## Note the Dates:

August 10, 7 p.m.  
Claiborne Association Board  
Meeting at the Village Hall

Sunday, September 10, 4 p.m.  
General Meeting and Annual  
Claiborne Picnic

## August Birthdays

John Scott ..... 1  
Mo McHugh..... 2  
Mike Kuperberg..... 3  
Jim Richardson ..... 4  
Tyler Murphy ..... 10  
Jeanne Kuperberg ..... 13  
Bill Sewell ..... 14  
Jack Harrald ..... 18  
Kirke Harper ..... 27

Please contact Pat Flory at  
[patflory@gmail.com](mailto:patflory@gmail.com) to add your  
name to the birthday list.

Visit the Claiborne website at  
[claibornemd.org/](http://claibornemd.org/). The website  
offers links to the Clarion, bylaws,  
board meetings and other facts  
about Claiborne.

## Claiborne Annual Picnic

August is the traditional month for our annual picnic and the association general meeting, the time when we renew our memberships, elect board members for the coming year, and then adjourn for fine food, conversations with friends by the creek side, and perhaps a dip in the pool. This year we are moving the picnic a little ways into September, and changing it to a Sunday event. You will get another reminder of course, but please mark your calendar now for Sunday, September 10, when we'll gather at Marty and Maura Bollinger's house on Rich Neck. Details in next month's Clarion.

## Claiborne Strategic Planning Committee Report - Mary Gregorio

Hello Claiborne Neighbors and Friends, we hope you are well and that you are staying hydrated! In a recent tome dedicated to providing some information about the Claiborne Association and its origins, I noted a couple of themes: first that the Claiborne Association works to benefit residents of Claiborne and, second, that the work of the Association is done by your neighbors and friends. That theme underpins the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, an ad hoc committee formed by the Board, to create a sustainability plan for the Claiborne Association and for the care and maintenance of the Village Hall.

As the work of the Committee nears completion, what follows is a promised update. Since its inception in April, the Committee has:

- reviewed the Claiborne Association's mission, vision, and values;
- completed a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats);
- held three focus groups with invited participants;
- invited (82) residents to complete an online survey. Of the 82 invitations, we received 41 responses.

## Claiborne 4th



Your input and feedback is essential to this process and we appreciate having the opportunity to hear from you!

The following are summaries of what we learned. You'll note some differences of opinion that might form the basis for further discussion. An example: should we expand membership to a broader community. The question, though broad, gives us an opportunity to think more and talk more about how to enhance financial stability and participation. Ideally, we will have additional opportunities to talk through some of these questions.

Attached below is a summary of the Focus Group feedback and responses from the survey with additional comments. Please take a look. If you'd like to add your thinking, feel free to contact me ([gregorio27@gmail.com](mailto:gregorio27@gmail.com)) or Jennifer Shea ([jhs2@cornell.edu](mailto:jhs2@cornell.edu)). [Click to view the full report.](#)

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Another July 4th Parade has come and gone, this year's with the rousing addition of music! Chris Noyes led patriotic tunes in the Hall, drummers Hannah (the Todd's granddaughter) and her friend Molly kept the parade beat going, and kazoos joined in. Looks like our little village parade gets bigger every year!



**Claiborne Pest Control?**



**Summer Sights**



*Baby Snapping Turtle by Jim Richardson*



*Strawberry Rhubarb Pie by Kirke Harper*



There is always a line for ice cream...



But there were leftovers...  
So we sent the word out, and the people came, and they were happy.

**Claiborne Summer Storm – photos by Sarah Sayre**

