

The Claiborne Clarion

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May Birthdays!

- 2 - Abby West
- 5 - Tom Beaver
- 7 - Lynn Marr
- 9 - Jane Nigra
- 11 - Alice Sewell
- 13 - Beth Ellen Dawson
- 14 - Barbara Reisert
- 17 - John Fellingner
- 22 - Lyn Lansdale
- 26 - Carrie Gould-Kabler
- 28 - Jesse Greenspan

Happy Mother's
Day!
May 14th



Friday, May 5th

Cinco de Mayo
lands on a Friday
this year.

What luck!

Join us for taco night this Friday at the Village Hall. It will be sort of a hybrid potluck. The Program Committee and some fine Claiborne chefs will prepare and provide the tacos, the meaty and beany fillings, and.... margaritas! (thank you Kuperbergs)

Your contribution will be taco toppings and dessert! You can sign up to bring salsa, guacamole, cheese...or delight the crowds with a dessert!

6:00pm - and bring the children - there will be a piñata!

Sherwood Seminar! TUESDAY, MAY 16 -

From attracting osprey, bluebirds and monarchs to getting rid of what we don't want (phragmites) Andi Pupke, Education/Outreach Director of the Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage (CWH) will tell us how it's done.

CWH is dedicated to restoring, managing, and protecting wildlife habitat and providing homeowners one-to-one consultations. CWH is the only nonprofit in the area taking habitat projects from conception to fruition by designing, building and managing habitat for the dual purpose of improving water quality and diversity of habitat in our region.

Planning ahead? June Birthdays...

- 2 Tom Babb
- 12 Landon Walker
- 16 Pat Flory
- 16 Dustin Fellingner

EARTH DAY is also Claiborne Cleanup Day!

Claibornites tackled the job of sprucing up the Village Hall, inside and out, on Earth Day weekend. Yes, that's Bob Todd pitching in to clean up the anchor garden.



Saturday Chores	done by
Clean/Polish Pews	Flo, Terry
Floor - sweep, vacuum, swiffer + entry rug	Katie, Suzanne, Flo
Foyer kiosk - tidy up, clean	Pat
Reorganize kitchen supplies	Linda
Clean + organize old Postal unit	Linda
Clean + replant anchor flowerbed	Mike Grosch
Clean + plant sign flowerbed	Mike G.
Plant parking barrier flower box	Kirke
Belfry cleanout	TBD Jake+Jim
Belfry window caulking	TBD Jake+Jim

Thanks to all the folks who pitched in and handled the clean-up chores!

And thank you to the Claiborne Association for arranging the Second Annual Spring Clean-up Dumpster Event!

CALLING ALL EDITORS!

The Clarion is in need of volunteer editors for upcoming issues. If you are interested, please contact Rob Todd at robert10431@outlook.com

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBERS!

Consider the perks of becoming a Claiborne Village Association Board Member:

- 1/ endless opportunities to connect with your neighbors;
- 2/ a chance to influence the future direction and sustainability of the Association;
- 3/ an abundance of gratitude coming your way.

Contact a member of the Nominating Committee to let them know you are interested.

Thanks to Kirke Harper, esteemed vice president of the Claiborne Village Association, for deftly facilitating the General Meeting.

On the agenda, updates on the zoning change and on the permit for a holding tank. Bridges Land Management was awarded the contract to install the tanks. The Association has engaged the services of an architect to assist with the building permit application. Judy Harrald reported on the Association's finances and on the current list of project priorities.

The membership approved the appointment of a Nominating Committee chaired by Bill Sewell, with Renny Johnson and Sarah Sayre.

Coming Home

Tomorrow, May 2nd, I'll be coming home. Up until recently that would have meant Philly to me. You can't spend 65 years of your life in one area, one culture without drilling roots so deep that you wonder if you'll ever be able to call some other place "home" and some other group of people "family." But the answer is yes, you can, and collectively you have shown me how.

Length of life is promised to no one; quality of life is promised in Claiborne.

Tomorrow is my father's one hundred and tenth birthday and it is a birthday of sorts for me as well.

Tomorrow I will be coming home.

Thanks,
Pete