



# THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Hello Claiborne Friends & Neighbors!** Mary Gregorio

The tanks are coming! the tanks are coming! That Tonka toy sitting behind the Village Hall is waiting for the holding tanks to arrive and then we are one step closer to.... that's right... a bathroom! We anticipate that the tanks will be ready to install in the next week or two.



## **July 4th Festivities**

### **Annual Claiborne Parade and Ice Cream Social**

**1:30 p.m. - Meet at the hall  
to get ready**

**2:00 p.m. - Parade**

**The ice cream social will  
follow immediately after  
the parade.**

The Public Health Department will inspect at each step along the way to be sure that we are meeting all requirements. Jake and Will have been hard at work with draft plans, architect's input and signatures and, at the end of May, Will was able to finally apply for a Building Permit. That was the last step in a long series of "fill out this form", "go ask that person", submit this drawing", "no, change the drawing" events as I'm sure many of you can appreciate. The County has 30 days to respond, then we discuss, and then we start to install HVAC, do wiring, install a warming kitchen, finish the bathroom. Very exciting!

## July Birthdays

Renny Johnson July 8  
Chris Noyes July 14  
Pamela Marsh July 15  
Brian Boos July 20  
Carol Kabler July 21  
Becky Otter July 21  
Kathy Bosin July 21  
Stella Kabler July 25  
Pete Gregorio July 27

## Get involved, stay informed

Lots of things are happening for the Claiborne Association and you are always invited to hear first-hand what is being planned and to express your ideas. All are welcome when the Association Board meets; usually on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. **Association Board minutes are available at [www.claibornemd.org/clai-board.php](http://www.claibornemd.org/clai-board.php).**

COMING SOON: the Annual Claiborne picnic and, as is our custom, the General Membership meeting will be held at the beginning of the picnic. Along with the usual updates on the health and wellbeing of the Community Association, the Nominating Committee will present the candidates for the Board. Don't be shy. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Bill Sewell and let him know. If you'd like more information on what's involved in being a board member, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other board member. Only paid members can vote, so make sure that you are a member in good standing... well in reasonable standing, "good" might be asking a lot.

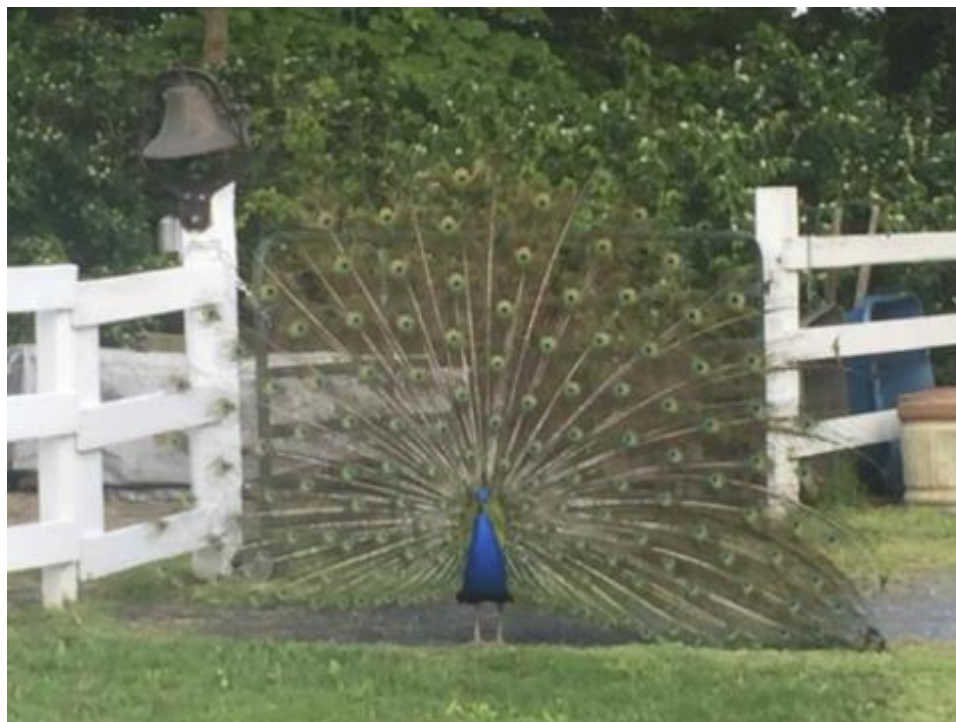
Everyone is welcome to join!

Wishing you a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Hope to see you at the parade.

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## GREETINGS FROM MINERAL SPRING FARM

Ruth Noble Groom



Greetings from Mineral Spring Farm on the outskirts of Claiborne. You have probably seen some of our peafowl drifting toward the village. They always seem to wander back but it can take a day or so ... and I'm sure you've heard their calls. They cry "Leeee Yon" "Leeee Yon"!

John Scott, your July editor, asked me, Ruth Noble Groom AKA "Baba", to tell you a little about our avian friends. Actually, there is more to tell than one might think.

Peacocks and peahens can and do fly – I have seen our birds fly across Hemmersley Cove, over 200 feet. They go to bed at night high up in trees summer or winter and fly down well after dawn.

## Planning ahead?

### Here are August's birthdays:

- 1 John Scott
- 2 Mo McHugh
- 3 Jim Richardson
- 8 Sally Cockey
- 9 Tyler Murphy
- 13 Kari Walker
- 14 Bill Sewell
- 18 Jack Harrald
- 27 Kirke Harper
- 30 Colby Walker

We celebrate the evening hours with the "Peacock Ascension". We mix a cold drink and watch the processional as one by one they fly high to the first limb of the old maple tree off the back porch then climb or flutter up limb by limb.

Our birds are not afraid of Baby Roscoe, the English Mastiff, nor the cats and horses. Everybody strolls around and shares the territory. It is not unusual to encounter exploring birds in the stable or on the house roof. We have opened morning blinds on the second floor and encountered a big peacock peering in the window.

This is breeding season. We have five new birds and more on the way. Mothers nest on eggs for 28 days. They have nested on our second floor porch on a daybed, behind a sofa on the downstairs back porch, beside the house in hedges, at the stable, anywhere they feel relatively safe and hidden. Obviously, raccoons, owls, foxes, snakes, osprey and eagles are their nemeses, and some don't survive. Babies can't fly for six weeks. Very often mothers bring their babies to the porches at night and settle behind furniture or on top of it.

Life with these beautiful creatures is a delight – as is living (almost) in Claiborne.

Ruth Noble Groom  
June 2017





Missing Michelle and Eric

## **GREETINGS FROM NEW HAVEN FROM THE APPLEZACKS!**

Michelle Zacks and Eric Applegarth

Hey you guys! We are alive and kicking up here in Connecticut Yankee land. We miss you all and our house and the Eastern Shore landscape very much but we are enjoying ourselves up here. Eric is loving being retired and doesn't spend even a second missing his job. He is doing some of his own artwork, and enjoys biking around the neighborhood, gardening and yard work, and getting to know New Haven's urban scene as well as the woods, rocky outcrops, creeks and rivers, and shoreline of Long Island Sound. I am enjoying all of that too, but in somewhat smaller doses due to that pesky 8:30 to 5 thing. I am a busy bee and sometimes more than a little stressed out, but all the same I am really loving the job and am very proud of the work of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition. I am the Associate Director, working very closely for and with Yale History professor and renown Frederick Douglass scholar David Blight. Mom and Dad are over the moon that we are up here and both are doing very well right now; knock on wood! It is a trip for me to be back in my old home town, but Eric and I both are settling in, notwithstanding a few hiccups. We recently bought kayaks! Paddling around the tidal creeks and urban rivers is an absolutely thrilling way to rediscover this coastal place where I grew up. I guess it just ain't true that you can't go home again. Lots of love to everyone; it pains our hearts to look at photos and not be able to easily zip back and forth. Look us up if you are passing through! Same email & phone #s...

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## **THE ORIGINS OF RENNY'S TAVERN**

by Renny Johnson



This picture was taken in 1980. The large silver maple on the right continued to live for another 25 years before I had to have it removed. Notice the outhouse/chicken coop on the right. My little red roof building that you now see was directly behind the house.



**Claiborne's Own:  
Tyler Murphy**

Tyler made the All-Star team! Next time you see him give him a pat on the pack!

If his team wins one more game (Sunday) they move on to the state championship!

It is very unnerving when someone approaches you and wants to buy your Tilghman home for twice as much as you paid for it three years before. This is the situation I found myself in spring of 1979 when I was 31 years old. Mindy my, girlfriend, and we decided to take the money and run..... But to where... now that we were homeless, slightly panicked but with cash in hand?

Great friends, Carl, Lee and Webb Griebel moved to Claiborne in 1976 the same year we moved to Tilghman. I became well aware of the wonderful attributes of the village running to and fro to the Griebel's as we shared in their fun and gracious hospitality.

Then I got the call...."Ren, It's Carl. I just got the word the yellow house in Claiborne that you like, that was under contract to sell.....well the contract fell through and the property is now available....You better jump on it".....And that is what I did.

On a hot late July summer day Randy Spencer and I emptied the Tilghman's house contents onto Big Green (Severn Marine's so named big truck) and made the move. By 7:pm we had plied everything into the house.... Shut the front door and headed north for a 9 hour drive to Connecticut on our way to Maine for a 3 week stay.

If hindsight is 20/20 vision then this was the best MOVE of my life. I live in Paradise....actually we all do....

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**Call Your Friends! There's room in Claiborne!**

Claiborne Village is ready to welcome a few (more) good neighbors! There's a great opportunity, now, with so many places for sale. Call your friends and let them know their dream houses are waiting for them.



## 2BoomerBabes Radio Hour

Join Kathy Bernard, co-host of 2Boomer Babes for a light-hearted evening. The 2Boomer Babes, an award winning nationally syndicated radio program, features chats with a broad spectrum of guests, including authorities on finance, health care, relationships, travel, technology and everyday people with a story to tell. Kathy will discuss a few of her favorite interviews, tales from their adventures and their first, recently-published, novel - Perfectly Seasoned - about four seasons, five women, and the enduring power of friendship and the human spirit.

Join us at 6:30 pm at the Sherwood Church Hall for social time; the Program begins at 7:00 pm.

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## Be a Claiborne Clarion Guest Editor

Join the distinguished team of guest editors to author a month or two of the *Claiborne Clarion*. Please contact Rob Todd at: [robert10431@outlook.com](mailto:robert10431@outlook.com).

If you can't edit an entire issue of the Clarion, you can still contribute a story, interview, or article. Send it to Rob and it will be forwarded to the guest editor for that month.





## **Safety tips and rules for open air burning**

Maryland Department of Natural Resources reports that “Wildfires are a common occurrence in Maryland. In an average year, the Maryland Forest Service responds to 500 wildfires, which burn more than 4,000 acres of land. Fire departments respond to over 5,000 wildfire incidents per year.”

Also, please be extra careful and considerate of your neighbors on breezy days as some Claiborne residents may have respiratory issues.

## **From the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal**

### **MARYLAND OPEN AIR BURNING AND BURN BAN QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

Marylanders are reminded of safety and jurisdictional requirements when burning outdoors. Open air burning is defined as a fire where any material is burned in the open or in a receptacle other than a furnace, incinerator, or other equipment connected to a stack or chimney. It also includes other fires such as campfires.

Alternatives to open air burning include: composting, disposal at a local landfill where the yard debris can be turned into mulch or periodic curb-side pick-up by your regular trash collector (where available).

If you must burn, take the time to ensure that all safety and regulatory precautions have been taken. Permits may be required for all open air burning except for small recreational fires such as campfires. The permit from the Department of Natural Resources is in addition to and does not substitute for a permit from the local health department. For permit information, please call your local health department, fire department or contact the Department of Natural Resources

Forest Service Office at (410) 260-8531 or go online at:<http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/forests/wfm.asp>

Tips for open air burning:

- Don't burn on windy days.
- Have hand tools and a ready water supply on site.
- Never leave the fire unattended.
- Clear the area around the site for a minimum of ten feet.
- Burn at a safe distance from your home, shed or other structures.
- Never use gasoline! Gasoline fumes can ignite and cause serious injury and possible death.
- Check your local and state regulations before burning.

Hazardous items are never allowed to be burned. Proper disposal of hazardous items such as tires, plastics, aerosol cans, oil, etc., can be disposed of through means provided by your local government.



The Maryland State Fire Marshal, William E. Barnard states, "Marylanders need to use caution when burning outdoors. The expense associated with extinguishment of out of control fires can be easily controlled by being attentive and following established guidelines provided by local authorities."

The MDE open burning ban is in effect annually between June 1 and September 1. This burn ban involves the following counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and Baltimore City. The ban does not affect backyard barbecue grilling or open fires for recreational purposes, such as campfires. For more information on the burn ban contact Maryland Department of the Environment Office of Air Quality at (410) 537-3231 or go online at:

<http://www.mde.maryland.gov/.../publications/general/emde/vol...>

Due to the drought conditions, local jurisdictions have also enacted open air burning bans in Dorchester, Talbot, Somerset, and Wicomico counties. These bans are enforced by the local authority having jurisdiction in that county.

Open Air Burning regulations are enforced by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Violations carry fines up to \$1000 and/or one year in prison. The landowner can be charged with all of the costs associated with extinguishing the fire. Even small campfires can cause wildfires if they are not fully extinguished. Soak the coals with lots of water and make sure they are out cold!