

The Claiborne Clarion

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Priceless!!
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The purpose of this newsletter is to acquaint and inform Claiborne residents.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Scott	August 1st
Jean Higgins	August 4th
Jim Richardson	August 4th
Sally Cockey	August 8th
Jack Harrauld	August 18th
Kirke Harper	August 27th

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This from Dan Higgins:

One bright, beautiful Sunday morning everyone in tiny Jonestown wakes up early and goes to their local church. Before the service starts, the townspeople sit in their pews and talk about their lives and their families.

Suddenly at the alter Satan appears! Everyone starts screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in their determined efforts to get away from Evil Incarnate. Soon everyone is evacuated from the church except for one man, who sits calmly, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy is in his presence. This confuses Stan a bit. Satan walks up to the man and says, "Hey, don't you know who I am?" The man says, "Yep, sure do."

Satan says, "Well, aren't you afraid of me?" The man says, "Nope, sure ain't."

Satan, perturbed says "And why aren't you afraid of me?" The man says "Well, I've been married to your sister for 25 years."

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Celebrate National Left Hander's Day On August 13th!

Cheap Homemade Weedkiller

Dissolve 2 cups of salt in

1 gallon of white vinegar add

1 tablespoon of Dawn dish soap

Apply with a spray bottle.

Caution: Repeated use will sterilize the soil such that eventually nothing will grow.

This mixture is ideal for driveways, paths and walkways.

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Get well wishes go out to

Dan Higgins and Ralph Steinberger.

Each had surgery in July.

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Did you know that Dan has been faithfully cutting the grass at the Community Hall, aka: “The Church” since the 1980’s? While Dan is recuperating Bill Sewell will be taking over that task. Thanks gentlemen for your help.

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Thanks to the “someone” who left the white book shelf at the Hall last month. It’s been filled and we still need more shelves. So, if you have any shelving around the house or garage please bring it to the Hall. We have lots of books.

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Ladies, if you haven’t come to the Monday evening, 5PM, get togethers at the Hall you’ve been missing out on some fun. There is always a lively topic up for discussion and if it’s too hot in the building we either go outside or go to someone’s air conditioned home. Give it a try, you’ll probably like it.

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Village Center Board News

The County Council voted on July 26 to approve a proposal made by the Village Center Board to amend Talbot County’s zoning ordinance for Villages by adding two additional categories to the existing Village Center designation. The legislation will be come effective September 26. The proposal grew out of concerns that the existing zoning designation did not protect village centers from unwanted development. The need for such a change was made clear by a recent case in Royal Oak where the Planning Commission felt it had no choice by to approve a suburban-style development, within the village center, that was opposed by the residents of Royal Oak.

The next step will be for property owners in each of the County’s 22 villages to select one of the three designations for their village. Kirke will keep everyone informed about the issue and when the vote will take place. The Village Center had its quarterly meeting on July 7. In addition the VC zoning change the board discussed the county’s current moratorium on new subdivisions and received updates on the 2013 Comprehensive Plan revision and planning for the James Michener Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway.

The State of Maryland requires each county to review its comprehensive Plan every six years. Talbot County has decided to review, but not re-write, its plan in 2012. When the current plan was written, in 2005, representatives were chosen from districts in the County. Carol Kabler was one of the representatives from Bay Hundred district. This year the review will be done by chapters. Eight chapter communities have been designated by the old plan. The Community Design and Appearance chapter contains the material on village centers. The 2005 plan did not contain any action items on village centers. The VCB’s goal in this review is to include some general information pertaining to all villages taken from existing village center plans. The material contains policy statements on village character and incompatible activities, public facilities, safety and security and strengthening a sense of community. If you would like more information about this process, please contact Kirke or Martin Sokolich, Long Range Planner at 410-8032. You can learn more about this year’s review and see the current plan at:

http://.talbotcountymd.gov/index.php?page=Comprehensive_Plan

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