



# THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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## Remember The Date

- August 4:  
Work Day at the Hall.
- August 17:  
Emergency Radio Meeting  
6 PM at the Hall
- August 29:  
Annual Village Picnic  
5 PM at the Snowden's

## August Birthdays

- August 1 John Scott  
August 2 Mo McHugh  
August 4 Jim Richardson  
August 8 Sally Cockey  
August 13 Kari Walker  
August 14 Bill Sewell  
August 18 Jack Harrald  
August 27 Kirke Harper  
August 30 Colby Walker

## CAROL KABLER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

More than 150 people came to Claiborne Hall on Sunday, July 26 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Carol Valentine Kabler. The Claiborne Chorale sang love songs, Anna Kabler and Jim Richardson read poems that celebrated her life and teachings, the assembled group sang Happy Birthday accompanied by a ukulele duo, and, memorably, Carol addressed her many friends and family.



Carol sends this note of thanks:

“It could only happen in Claiborne. Wowzers! What an incredible occasion. The centenarian queen never had it so good. The décor, the tuxedoed choir, the flowers, the goodies, great grand-daughter’s prose/poem, the gem from Claiborne’s very own poet laureate, the ukulele duo, the fantastic tributes. I reel at the memory.

## Thank You

Last month and this we are listing the businesses that have provided support and professional services to the Claiborne Association.

- Covington and Burling, Attorneys
- Julie Lowe Landscaping
- Claiborne Builders
- Glenn Albrecht, Home Inspections
- Claiborne Signs
- Locust Hill Designs, Shirley Cockey
- Bruce Armistead, Attorney
- Sam's Pizza
- JMLandscaping, Jess Murphy
- Gregorio Gallery
- Renny Johnson, Fine Art
- Island Lady Cruises
- Norman Haddaway, Guide

Please consider these businesses for your next job and thank them for their support of Claiborne.

## Claiborne Neighbors Litter Pick-Up Team

A big thanks to our local litter-picker- uppers:

Lida Klunk, Bill and Alice Sewell, Janet and Mike Friedberg, Kirke Harper, Michelle Zachs, John and Susanne Scott, Pat Flory, Martha Hamlyn, Jim Richardson, Abby Cureton and Laura Madere.

We all appreciate the clean roads and byways - thanks so much!

If you're interested in joining the team, please send Abby an email: [awcureton@gmail.com](mailto:awcureton@gmail.com)

To the warm-hearted people of Claiborne (and exurbs) from the bottom of my heart,

A Great Big  
Thank You

Carol K.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**August 4** will be a Work Day at the Hall. The work crew will remove the rest of the Annex siding and install new windows. If the forecast is for temperatures over 90, the workday will be postponed until August 11.

On **Monday, August 17**, at 6:00 PM Bob Luff, Talbot County's RACES & ARES Radio Officer, will present a briefing at the Hall on using inexpensive Family Radio Service radios to establish a backup Village Emergency Radio Network. Bob, along with CERTs (Citizen Emergency Response Teams) and local Amateur Radio Operators have already partnered in starting such a network in Wittman. This network enables individual village people/ families to stay in touch during emergencies when electrical power, telephone, cell phone services may be disrupted. Talbot amateur radio operators can monitor and relay emergency calls to the County's Emergency Management Center (EOC) using their more powerful transmitters and the established RACES & ARES Emergency Over-the-Air Networks staffed at the EOC. As the Wittman trial is showing, it is possible for a village to quickly and inexpensively establish a Village Network that will support comforting and emergency situation communications that is completely independent from relying on power, telephone, or cell service. The partnership with the Amateur Radio community means reliable emergency communications to the 911/ EOC or beyond as necessary.

Saturday, **August 29**, Claiborne Annual Picnic

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## ANNUAL CLAIBORNE PICNIC AND GENERAL MEETING TO BE AUGUST 29

Pack your basket, devil your eggs, find your chair and mosey out to Dick and Katie Snowden's on the Miles River for a picnic on Saturday, August 29 from 5 to 8.

The weather is always great, the women never prettier and the men never as handsome as on the day of Claiborne's summer celebration. Anxiety builds as people wonder who will receive the coveted Claiborne Cup and who will be elected to office for next year. People will start to

## Planning ahead? Here are September's birthdays:

- 13 Tim McHugh
- 16 Nancy Higgins
- 16 Will Murdoch
- 23 Adine Kelly
- 24 Shirley Cockey

## Tilghman Area Youth Association

Don't forget the need to add to the funding of books for the Tilghman Elementary Library following the County Council's decision to reduce funding. If you can help please send a check to:

TAYA, Post Office Box 55,  
Tilghman, Maryland 21617  
and mark your check "For  
Library Books". Thanks

Also remember TAYA's  
charity Kayak Rally on August  
30 starting at 11:00 at  
Tilghman on Chesapeake  
Yacht Club. Paddleboards  
and canoes also welcome.  
Routes for all skill levels.  
Rentals are available. See  
[tilghmantaya.com](http://tilghmantaya.com)

## AUGUST LIVE MUSIC

Tidewater Inn Concert Series:

- 1 Amy Black
- 8 Sunny Isle Blues Band
- 15 Delmarva Big Band
- 29 Mule Train

Muskrat Park:

- 6 Sunny Isle Blues Band
- 13 TBA
- 20 Jeff and Anna
- 27 21 Horses

Avalon:

- 7 Judy Collins
- 14 Kenny Knapp and the  
Miles river Band
- 21 Miss Tess and the  
Talkbacks
- 22 Mary Fahl
- 28 Robbin Thompson

count their pennies in anticipation of paying their dues. And children will be pestering their parents: "Will there be ice cream, boat rides, horseback riding and wagon rides?" At this point in the planning, anything is a possibility. The Program Committee is, as usual, hard at work planning this year's extravaganza.

One thing is sure, though, and that is the picnic is the time for another thrilling General Meeting of the Claiborne Association. Can the President get our attention? Will we have read the agenda, minutes and budget? Will there be nominations for office from the grass?

The meeting always goes faster if you have read the documents in advance, so at great effort and expense we have included them in this Clarion.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Claiborne friends and neighbors!

Yes, it is that time of year when the Claiborne Village Association board plans its presentation for the General Meeting which will be held on 8/29/15 at the annual Claiborne picnic. And there is much to report: we'll have an update on the Village Hall renovation work that's been done this year; we'll hear about plans for making the Hall available, not only for ongoing special events, music, and drama, but for use as a warm and friendly Café through the winter months and a resilience center in the event of emergency as well.

Community, in Claiborne, is defined in large part by your support - in the form of hands-on work, donation of funds and supplies, ideas for programs and events, preparing for and cleaning up after those events, serving on the board, and generally continuing village traditions of watching out for one another and showing up with a tasty casserole when the occasion calls for it.

It is also the time of year when the Village Association calls for nominations to the Association's Board of Directors.

For the past year I have been honored to serve as president; Kirke Harper has served as vice-president, Terry Babb – secretary, Molly Bond – treasurer, and Judy Harrald, Jake Flory and Jess Murphy have been at-large members.

The Nominating Committee: Bill Sewell, Renny Johnson and Will Murdoch, would love to hear from you if you have an interest in serving on the board or you would like to nominate someone to serve. Please do speak to one of the board members if you have any questions at all about how it works.

The short and efficient General Meeting will be held at the Claiborne Annual Picnic. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Mary

## Claiborne 4th of July



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## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order  
Approve Minutes of the April Meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Required Business Items  
    Collect Dues (Ongoing during the Picnic)  
    Elect Officers for 2015-2106  
    Approve Budget  
Old Business/Reports  
    Village Hall  
    Awarding of the Claiborne Cup  
New Business  
    Proposed Change to Bylaws (See proposal below)  
Adjourn

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**APRIL MINUTES AND BUDGET FOR 2015-2016 WILL BE EMAILED TO MEMBERS AND AVAILABLE AT THE HALL**

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## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

Proposed Amendment to Claiborne Association Bylaws:

Prior to issuing a Tax Exempt Card to any non-profit corporation, the State of Maryland requires the organization's Bylaws to include a section describing the organization's process for distributing its assets should it cease to function. The proposed change would enable the Claiborne Association to choose one or more organizations, such as the Mid-Shore Community Foundation or the Bay Hundred Foundation, to receive its assets. The change would appear in Article I. A new Section 5 would be added and the current Section 5 would become Section 6.

Changing the Bylaws requires presenting a proposed amendment at a General Meeting, discussing the motion, and tabling it until the next General Meeting where it would be presented for a vote. This proposal will be presented for a vote in December 2015.

The proposed language is:

Section 5:

"Distribution Upon Dissolution: Upon termination or dissolution of the Claiborne Association, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one or more qualifying



organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the Association. The organization to receive the assets shall be chosen by a majority vote of the membership of the Association.”

You may view the Bylaws on our website – [claibornemd.org](http://claibornemd.org).

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## CLAIBORNE HALL UPDATE

It may not seem like much, but the Tyvek you see on the Annex these days is a sign of great progress at the Hall. Since the last update in the March Clarion Tim and Evan Green have installed a new ductless heating and air conditioning system in the Hall. The volunteer work crew, led by Jake Flory and Jim Richardson, has made significant repairs to the Annex foundation and made preparations for new windows and dry wall.

The Board has selected a layout for the future kitchen and bath. This decision enabled the selection of window sizes and locations. The Board also decided that the disabled access ramp should enter the Annex through the second window opening along the northwest side. The door for that opening was ordered along with the windows. The windows and door arrived this week.

The Board has applied for a \$6,000 grant from Christmas in St Michaels to provide half of the funding for a new bathroom. The funding would be used to purchase and install a septic holding tank, install the plumbing needed for the bath and a kitchen and to tie into the village water supply. The other half of the cost will consist of donated labor and materials. The Kuperberg family has generously volunteered to donate fixtures for the accessible bathroom. We also have a grant request pending with the Mid Shore Community Foundation to fund new insulation for the Hall.

Next steps toward completing the Annex renovation include getting a structural engineer’s report so we can apply for a use permit and developing a coherent written plan so we can apply for the required building and health permits.

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## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

An absolutely “boffo”\* event! Seems to grow in size and imagination each year – kids, dogs, bikes, golf carts, floats! Even a hint that next year’s event may have a marching band. After a turn around the village, all participants, watchers and guests gathered in the cool of the Hall for a pretty fantastic ice cream social. A little sugar high after a stroll in the sun! Claiborne continues to outdo itself!

\* The word “boffo” is courtesy of Carol Kabler. No rights reserved.

