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Mark your calendars!

March

- 1 Soup and Movie
- 15 Pi(e) and Movie
- 16 Tim Mooney

April 8th Spring Pot Luck
and brief Claiborne
Association General Meeting

Birthdays

March

- 1st Elva Gerlach
- 9th Ted Jones
- 9th Suzanne Todd
- 12th Kevin Garber
- 13th Mike Kabler
- 14th Rebecca Cockey
Parks
- 14th Penny Rhine
- 15th Baba Groom
- 21st Bea Wharton

April

- 10th Martha Hamlyn
- 12th Joshua Mills
- 23rd Linda Harper
- 30th Terry Babb

WINTER 2017

January and February are now a memory, and not a bad one. We had no freezing days between January 11 and February 4; and only a handful of freezing days since then, with several 60-degree days thrown in. That must be a record. The jingling in your pocket is the money you didn't spend on heating. The few moments of freezing weather were eased by the thrill of seeing a little more light each day.

CLAIBORNE HALL UPDATE

Zoning for the Hall has been changed from "Church" to "Community and Cultural Facility". That means we can finally apply for a building permit. In one significant change, the County is requiring an ADA-approved paved pull-off parking space.

The Health Department is about to issue a Septic Construction Permit allowing us to install two holding tanks rather than a complete septic system. The Board has awarded the installation contract to Bridges Land Management; the work will begin when the ground can be worked safely. The pumping contract has been given to Tyler Construction. The State Water Supply Program has told us they have no objection to installing an emergency generator at the water supply well.

It's been a substantial effort getting these changes. You will see a lot of action inside and out at the Hall as soon as we get the building permit.

MARCH LIVE MUSIC

Avalon:

- 3 Ladysmith Black Mambazo
- 10 Pony Bones
- 11 The MET Live 1 PM
- 11 Schubert in Spring 3 PM
- 14 Tony Furtado
- 15 Matt Nakoa
- 25 The MET Live 1 PM

WHO'S NEW IN THE VILLAGE?

Josh Mills is living in the cottage behind the Effinger house (Alice Laughland's). Josh works at the Maritime Museum as the new Charity Boat Donation Program Associate.

Iona Costello and her daughter Emily are renting the house with blue shutters that belongs to Beth Lindsay. You know - Arnold and Karen Smith's old house.

VILLAGE NEWS

While their house is being worked on, Nancy Higgins and Beth Ellen Dawson are living in St Michaels. Jake Flory has recovered nicely from his hip replacement surgery. Don't forget to drop by and say hello to Carol Kabler. Anna Kabler turned 13 on February 13 - big milestone. Congratulations, Anna. (Please send your news items to Rob Todd by March 25 for the April issue.)

Last fall we finished installing the new siding and had a concrete block skirting installed around the Annex. We installed a pull-down stairs in preparation for installing a new heating and air conditioning unit for the Annex.

TRAFFIC CALMING

One of the goals expressed in Claiborne's village plan was reducing the speed limit in the village to 25 mph. Last April the Association requested this change as well a reduction to 40 mph on Claiborne Road starting at Route 33. At the summer picnic 35 people signed a petition reinforcing the request. The County has now agreed to reduce the speed limit in Claiborne village to 25 mph, starting at Maple Hall Lane. The limit will be reduced to 40 mph from Cockey Road to Maple Hall Road, leaving the rest of Claiborne Road at 50 mph.

Of course there will be no additional resources for enforcement of the new speed limits. The Sheriff monitors the County with two patrol cars. However, the Roads Department is open to the idea of traffic calming. Traffic calming is a collection of design ideas used to bring attention to changes in speed limits or usage. It is used extensively across the US and Europe and can include street trees, village gateways, devices to narrow or appear to narrow the roadway, painted areas, etc. The list also includes more intrusive devices such as rumble strips, speed tables and bumps. The Roads Department is testing rumble strips in Bellevue. We are exploring with the Roads staff some low cost ideas to signal the new speed limit changes and welcome your suggestions.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HALL

Wednesday, March 1st: Soup & Movie Night.

It's a classic - The Philadelphia Story. Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant and Jimmy Stewart show off in the 1940 romantic comedy of quick wits and fast talking. A simple soup supper begins at 6:30, and the movie rolls at 7:00. (Got a soup recipe for which you need 20 guinea pigs?

Call Martha at 410-310-5845.)

Bonus: the first 6 lucky people get pew pillows!

Wednesday, March 15: Pi(e) & Movie Night

Yes, we know our math, and Pi Day is correctly celebrated on 3/14, but we couldn't pass up the excuse to eat pie. Show off your own best effort, or just come, eat and make appreciative murmuring mouthful noises. The math problem of the evening: how many slivers make a pie?

Pie Potluck at 6:30, movie at 7:00.

Clarion Editors

Your 'umble Board is always looking for new volunteer editors for the Clarion. Rob Todd manages the overall communications strategy; Mary and Pete Gregorio do the dirty work of publishing, both print and electronic. Left to the volunteer editor is the extremely fun part - a few moments of interviewing people and writing stories. The format is pretty much set. You add the color. Exercise your creative side. Let Rob know if you want to give it a try. He can arrange for someone to help you. Act now, space is limited.

Thank You

Once again 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.

SHAKESPEARE AT THE HALL - MARCH 18

Claiborne's favorite thespian, Timothy Mooney, brings to us the latest in his series of one-man whiz-bang, super-fun, don't-blink shows. The buzz: "For everyone who has ever struggled to "get" Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," Tim Mooney removes about two hours of "trees," to clarify the vivid "forest" of Shakespeare's original vision.

Cutting the play down to a single taut hour of Shakespearean verse and



witty narration, while deftly engaging the audience as fellow conspirators, mutineers and armies, Mooney's "Breakneck Julius Caesar" reveals an unexpected tone to the work as a whole, and even throws in a surprise ending, which, no matter how many times you've seen the play before, you probably won't see coming!

POT LUCK DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 8

The Annual End-Of-Winter Pot Luck Dinner and General Meeting will be held on April 8 at the Hall. Pull out your favorite winter recipe and prepare to dazzle the crowd with your culinary mastery. Or not. Just plan to visit with your neighbors, share winter horror stories and anticipate summer fun.

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.

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, Rob and Suzanne Todd, 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

Tilghman Area Youth Association

Don't forget the need to add to the funding of books for the Tilghman Elementary Library. 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

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 for Association members which will be held on April 8 at the annual end-of-winter pot luck dinner. 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 have a status update on holding tanks and building permits.

If you are not yet a member

Mary

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order
Approve Minutes of the December Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Required Business Items
 Nominating Committee Membership
 Vote on Bylaws Changes
Old Business/Reports
 Village Hall
New Business
Adjourn

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING WILL BE EMAILED TO MEMBERS AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE HALL

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The Board of Directors is recommending 5 changes in the Association's Bylaws for 2017. The changes are necessary to provide for more streamlined operations, to ensure more participation in the Association's governance and for better management of our assets. The proposed amendments would:

- 1) Increase the dollar amount of checks that require 2 signatures from the current \$100 to \$1000;
- 2) Provide Term Limits for Officers and At Large Board Members;
- 3) Abolish the Post Office and Community Center Committees;
- 4) Authorize an Investment Advisory Committee; and
- 5) Authorize an Audit Committee:

The Section and text changes are:

1. Article IV. Fiscal Procedures. Section 2 Execution of checks, Notes and Contracts: Change "\$100.00" to "\$1000.00".
2. Article VIII. Committees. Section 1 Standing Committees: Following the term "Nominating Committee", delete "Post Office Committee and a Community Center Committee" and insert: "Program Committee, Investment Advisory Committee, and Audit Committee".
3. Article IX. Elections. Section 3 Terms of Office: Following the first sentence, insert the following sentences: "Officers may not serve for more than three consecutive one-year terms in each office. After a one-year waiting out period they may be elected to the office for an additional three one-year terms. Delegates may not serve more than three consecutive one-year terms. After a one-year waiting out period a Delegate may serve an additional three one-year terms. The Board may establish procedures to ensure overlapping terms and provide continuity in the absence of replacements.

Operation of the Investment Advisory Board:

An Investment Advisory Committee of three people shall be appointed by the Board to serve for three-year overlapping terms. The initial appointments shall be one one-year term, one two-year term and one-three year term. Following the initial term of one year the Board will appoint a new member for a three-year term. Following the second year the Board will appoint a new member for a three-year term.

The Investment Advisory Committee shall monitor the Association's investment portfolio and present a written report in July each year describing the portfolio's performance for the previous year and advising the Board of any changes the Committee recommends.

The Committee shall meet at least two times per year.

Operations of the Audit Committee:

The Board shall appoint one or more people to serve as a Audit Committee for a three-year term. After a one-year waiting period a person may be appointed to an additional three-year term.

The Audit Committee shall advise the Association's Treasurer in assuring adherence with financial procedures. The Committee shall follow guidance and questions prepared by the Treasurer from time to time and may develop additional questions as needed.

The Audit Committee shall prepare and present a written report of its procedural findings and recommendations to the Board in July each year.

You may view the Bylaws on our website – claibornemd.org.

WHOSE HOUSE WAS IT, ANYWAY?

It's always a challenge deciding what to call Claiborne's houses. Has Mike Pisano been renovating the Gray house at the corner of Rich Neck Road and Miracle House Circle? What name do you give that house? Rob and Suzanne Todd live in Cap't Shore's house. No one can remember who lived there before the Shores. What about Buddy and Bea's house? Is it the old Sewell house, or just Buddy and Bea's? And the Kuperberg's? Nancy and Buddy Clark lived there a long time; is it the Clark house or something else? If you're moved to help with this mystery, send your thoughts to: Old House Department, Claiborne Association, 10403 Claiborne.... You know the rest.
