

# Clifton Clatter



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## President's Corner

Ready to run the 5k? Some of our new elementary schools have running clubs that are participating in the Clifton Caboose Twilight Run.

We are excited to have more of the area kids running. Maybe some parents will try it too? I won't be running but admire all the participants!

A new topic for the CBA membership to consider is our boundaries. Our current boundary for membership is the Clifton Elem district. Should we continue to use that map or come up with some other map? If you have an idea to share on this topic, please email me at [michellestein@cox.net](mailto:michellestein@cox.net).

I am looking forward to spring and the upcoming events: 5k, golf tournament, winefest, homes tour....

Michelle Stein is the President  
of the Clifton Betterment  
Association (CBA)

## "All You Can Eat!!!" Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Clifton Presbyterian Church is having its 2012 Annual "All You Can Eat!!!" Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction on Saturday March 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We welcome one and all.

Come enjoy Spaghetti (with your choice of butter, vegetarian or meat sauce, or meatballs and sauce) Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Antipasto Bar ( Caprese salad, Tortellini w/Pesto, Marinated Green Bean & Artichoke Salad ) and Tiramisu/ Cannoli's for dessert – ALL MADE FROM SCRATCH.

Members of our youth group will serve, as you relax with friends and enjoy live entertainment. You will want to come early or stay late for our Silent Auction. If you would like to donate an item or service for the Silent Auction (which funds our local food and clothing initiatives for the year) please contact Gina Cocomello at [gi-na.david@verizon.net](mailto:gi-na.david@verizon.net).

The church is located behind Trummers and have on-site parking and plenty of seating. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6.50 for kids 5-12 (4 and under eat free!) \$4.50 for Scouts & siblings, \$7.50 for parents of scouts All Proceeds DIRECTLY BENEFIT CHARITY.

## Dates for your calendar!

Mar 10	Clifton Presbyterian Spaghetti Dinner
17	Art Guild Sale
22, 23, 24	Clifton Dinner Theater
31	Town Easter Egg Hunt (raindate April 1st)
May 12	Clifton Caboose Run
17	Charity Homes Tour & Silent

## Clifton Dinner Theater

The second annual Clifton Dinner Theater performance will be 7pm. March 22, 23, 24 at the Town Hall. Tickets go on sale March 1st at a Flower Blooms in Clifton, the Clifton Cafe, The Clifton Wine Shoppe, and T&K Treasures. This year's production is *Maid for Dogs*, a mystery/comedy featuring a few returning and some new Clifton Thespians on stage. Volunteers are still needed to help with the production and at the performances. For further information contact Dianne Janczewski at [cliftontheater@gmail.com](mailto:cliftontheater@gmail.com). Visit our facebook page at Clifton Dinner Theater.

## Art Guild of Clifton: Grand Opening Show, Sale & Reception

Great news for area artists and art lovers: the Art Guild of Clifton is taking shape. Many local artists have little or no space in which they can create and limited opportunities to show and sell their art. The Executive Board of Directors, consisting of Merle Engel, Mary Lee Peterson, and Chuck Rusnak, decided to do something about it. They found an important need for an Art Guild of Clifton through which area artists would find support to create. The Guild intends to provide modest studio space, storage for artists' supplies, and a gallery where they can exhibit and sell their work.

The overriding immediate concern is finding an appropriate space that will meet their needs in the central business area of the town. The Guild has about 10-12 artists that have committed to be part of this wonderful project. The Guild will continue promoting and garnering support; finding sponsors and patrons; and applying for federal, state, county, and other grants. These, along with artists' dues and fees, will make the Art Guild of Clifton prosper and grow and provide a haven for our artists and the citizens of Clifton who love art. They hope

eventually to tie in studio artists with performing artists and to produce art festivals, Second Saturdays, *En plein air* (art "in the open air" using natural light) events. All the artists are excited to teach classes and workshops in their particular area of expertise for area

children, senior citizens, and any interested artist "wannabes". The Guild would also provide educational grants to those without resources to seek out opportunities in the arts.

The Art Guild of Clifton will make the Town of Clifton a destination for art lovers and visitors who come to the town for the other reasons—

restaurants, shops, church, clubs, visiting friends, or just passing through—adding a wonderful energy to the already-beautiful ambiance of Clifton.

Art Guild of Clifton Executive Board of Directors:

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-Mary Lee Peterson, Merle Engel, and Chuck Rusnak





# Join us for the Town of Clifton's Easter Egg Hunt

For toddlers through  
fourth graders

**Saturday, March 31st**  
(Begins promptly at noon,  
registration will end at 11:45 a.m.)

(Rain date, Sunday April 1st at 2:00 p.m.  
with registration ending at 1:45 p.m.)

**Participants must use collection bag  
provided, no personal baskets**

Admission is \$3.00 per child

Recycling of eggs is appreciated following the  
hunt. Containers will be provided.



**Separate hunt areas for each of the following age groups with  
adult supervision required for each child in a different area:**

<b>Toddlers - Preschool</b>	<b>K - 2nd Grade</b>	<b>3rd - 4th Grade</b>
The Weaver House Main Street Clifton	Clifton Town Park Main Street Entrance	Clifton Town Park Chapel Street Entrance

## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Clifton Charity Homes Tour Thursday, May 17, 2012

The Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC) proudly presents its **Fortieth Annual Charity Homes Tour and Silent Auction Fundraiser** in the surroundings of historic **Clifton, Virginia**.

The Club's mission is to promote the civic, cultural, social, educational and physical environment of the community. This event draws approximately 600 visitors from all over the area each year and is the Club's primary fund raiser. All net proceeds support the Charitable Trust. Over the past six years, the Trust has distributed over \$120,000 to local charities and student scholarships.

Visitors will enjoy diverse and attractive homes situated around the area. Culminating the event will be the "Wine Down" from 3:00 till 6:00 PM

featuring live music and the Silent Auction Fund-raiser at the Paradise Spring Winery

**Homes Tour – Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Advance Tickets \$25, Day of Tour Tickets \$30, Single Home Admission \$10**

Lunch will be available at Clifton eateries. The Paradise Springs Winery will also be offering box lunches with a prior RSVP.

For location of ticket sales and more information about the individual homes being featured, along with the accompanying photographs, go to the CCWC website: [www.cliftoncwc.org](http://www.cliftoncwc.org).



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## Congratulations to the families of the newest Cliftonites!

**Jacob Terance Harrington**  
born 1/5: Parents Mona and Mark Harrington

**Jane Nora Byrne**  
born 1/7: Parents Monica and Don Byrne



## Republican Women of Clifton

The Republican Women of Clifton's March general meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, featuring a "Meet and Greet" for men and women of the club to interact with local political candidates after brief talks by each. The event will be at the Centreville High School Library. Following refreshments and fellowship at 7:00 p.m., President Marianne Gearhart will call the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m..

With the Fairfax County Republican Committee chairmanship due to be voted on Saturday March 24, candidates Matt Ames and Jay McConville will provide their platforms and interact with members during a question and answer period. Congressman Frank Wolf, running for re-election in November as Congressman for the 10<sup>th</sup> District of Virginia, will engage RWC members with a brief talk and then a question and answer period. Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, Mr. Pat Mullins, has been invited to speak as well.

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## Democratic Women of Clifton

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) will have their next meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> featuring local legislators reporting on activities of the General Assembly in 2012. Guests will include Senators Dave Marsden and George Barker, along with Delegates Eileen Filler-Corn and David Bulova.

The DWC began the year with the election of new officers -- Jane Barker and Marianne Scippa, Co-Chairmen; Debbie Nagy, Secretary; and Barbara Miller, Treasurer—and other new and returning Steering Committee members were introduced: Chris Randon (Membership); Barbara Tuset and Barbara Bennison (Communications/Newsletter); Gretchen Klimoski (Political Action); Doreen Christian (Campaigns and Elections); Larilyn Andre and Gay Shane (Events Management); and Annette Koklauner (Ad Hoc).

In February, the DWC held its 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at the home of member Gretchen Klimoski. In keeping with the copper theme of seven-year anniversaries, members and guests brought donations of pennies (and other change) to benefit Our Daily Bread (ODB), the local nonprofit organization that provides food and other services to our neighbors in need. Honored guests were Lisa Whetzel, Executive Director, and Chris Garri, Food Program Manager of Our Daily Bread.

All Democratic women in the Northern Virginia area are welcomed to attend the monthly meetings, which are held at Clifton Town Hall. For more information go to [www.democraticwomenofclifton.org](http://www.democraticwomenofclifton.org) or write [cliftonwomendems@aol.com](mailto:cliftonwomendems@aol.com).



DWC members and Food Program Manager for Our Daily Bread, Chris Garri, (in the white shirt,) with donation collected at the DWC 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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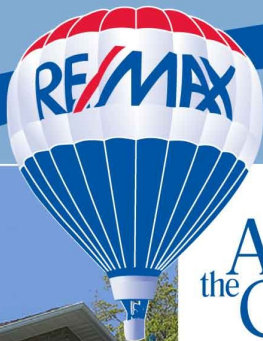
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## Railroad Museum Train Display and Civil War Presentation

The Northern Virginia NTRACK members will have a display and N gauge trains running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 1-4 pm. The museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. Cost is \$3 for adults; \$1 for children. Information on the museum and shows is at [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) phone 703-425-9225.

"Between The Lines - Life in 1862 in Fairfax Station" will be the special Civil War presentation given at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of The Fairfax Station on Monday, March 26, 2012. The meeting is free and open to the public. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. The program will be a series of short first person vignettes from the perspective of locals, politicians, etc. a year into the American Civil War. All presenters are semi-professional living historians. For more information on the Museum events, tours, volunteer opportunities and community room rental, visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or 703-425-9225.

## Clifton Horse Society contributes to many causes every year

By Sally Rood, Director Scholarships Awards & Grants, Clifton Horse Society

You may have seen the Clifton Christmas parade in early December without knowing much about the group that organizes it each year ... that is, if you're not currently a "horse person." It's not a secret, however, that our locally-based Clifton Horse Society (CHS) is an active group – and involved in a surprisingly wide range of causes!

During the past several years, CHS has collaborated with the Virginia Horse Industry Board (VHIB) to promote a new equestrian site at the old Lorton prison site. CHS designed a promotional project to build a user base and wider awareness of the new Laurel Hill Equestrian Center (Center). Together, CHS and VHIB are targeting almost \$9,000 toward this awareness-building effort (you may have seen T-shirts and brochures with the Center's new logo) -- which they hope will ultimately raise a much larger amount to fund Fairfax County Park Authority's building riding paddocks, barns, and hopefully an indoor arena. Currently, there are equestrian trails and trailer parking at the Center. Fairfax4Horses and the Northern Virginia Coalition of Equestrian Organizations are also cooperating in this public-private endeavor.

Clifton Horse Society members also volunteer many community service hours each year toward maintaining the trails in our area. Some trails in our region that have benefitted from CHS maintenance have included, for example, those located in the Balmoral Subdivision, Fountainhead Regional Park, Bull Run Regional Park, and the Manassas National Battlefield. The owners of the trails include the Fairfax County Park Authority, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, National Park Service, and even private homeowner associations.

CHS awards an annual scholarship to a fourth-year Virginia Tech veterinary student in equine science in

hopes that s/he will consider working in a suburban setting such as ours. CHS's efforts have been rewarded during the past couple of years; recent scholarship recipients are currently working for Haymarket Veterinary Service in northern Virginia and a veterinary service in nearby southern Maryland.

CHS, a non-profit 501(c)(3), also contributes financial support to worthy northern Virginia equestrian facilities such as the Marion DuPont Scott Medical Center in Leesburg, which trains veterinary students from Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland. Other worthy causes to which CHS has contributed recently include the therapeutic riding programs in northern Virginia, horse rescue organizations, and training programs at Virginia Tech's extension center in Middleburg known as the MARE Center.

In 2011, CHS sponsored the training of a group of Fairfax County first responders in large-animal emergency management at the MARE Center – 1-day and 3-day classes for which they received continuing education credits from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Fairfax County created an Equestrian Task Force in 2011 and CHS president Jean Voss, a Clifton resident, has been appointed a member of this advisory group. The group hopes that local citizens will provide feedback on their equestrian interests via a short survey form that is available in paper format at the Clifton Saddlery or online at the Fairfax County Park Authority's web site or the CHS web site.

More information about Clifton Horse Society is available at [www.CliftonHorseSociety.org](http://www.CliftonHorseSociety.org). It's not necessary to be a horse owner or live in the town of Clifton to get involved, and all are welcome at social events, meetings, and other events where helpers are always needed!



## Fairfax County Volunteer Needs

Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions needs a **volunteer recruitment assistant** at its Fairfax office to promote volunteering at community events and through web posting. Proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite is required. The commitment is 3-4 hours a week on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov) or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

The **Annandale Adult Day Health Care** at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale seeks a **volunteer musician** (who plays an instrument other than piano) for approximately 45 minutes per month. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov) or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

Share a conversation with an elderly and isolated Hispanic resident in Falls Church as a **volunteer visitor**. This position requires a female with fluency in Spanish. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov), or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

**Meals on Wheels** needs a **group coordinator in Fairfax**. This position accepts new client referrals by phone and coordinates meal preparation with the vendor. Must be available by phone or email during the day. Coordinators average 15 hours per month and one-year commitment is preferred. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov) or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

## Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) Membership Update

By Gary Anderson,  
CBA Membership Chairperson

The new website has finally gone live-- please check it out at <http://www.cliftonva.org/> and give us your feedback! We will continue making updates and add more content, so keep checking in. Also, you can now join the CBA or renew your membership online through the SignMeUp website. Just go to <http://www.cliftonva.org/join> and click on the link posted there. I plan to start sending e-mail reminders to members with expired memberships soon but in the meantime, if you need to check your renewal date just send me an e-mail at [ganderson@privia.com](mailto:ganderson@privia.com)



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Children's Names (or others at home) \_\_\_\_\_

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P. O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Birthday Party

\_\_\_\_ 5K Race

\_\_\_\_ Fourth of July

\_\_\_\_ Clifton Day

\_\_\_\_ Children's Holiday Party

\_\_\_\_ Historic Preservation

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