

# Clifton Clatter

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## President's Corner



4<sup>th</sup> of July was wonderful! The parade wrapped around the block with lots of kids following closely behind the fire truck. There was even a pony! Sack races and tug of war brought so many smiles. The egg toss lasted soooo long and I need to remember to take my rings off before the event. You all stepped up for a bountiful potluck. Please give us feedback on the event – is there any way to improve for 2024? We are having our first National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Just come to Harris Park and meet by the gazebo starting at 6pm. “National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.” See you then!

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

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

August 1	National Night Out
September 23	Great American Campout at the barn
October 8	Clifton Day
October 14	Barn Dance
October 28	Clifton Haunted Trail
November 7	Town Election





My name is Julia Byrne and I am coordinating a fundraiser with the Lamb Center for my brother Joel who sadly passed away at the age of 15 five months ago. Joel was always giving back and contributing to the community, so in honor of him I wanted to organize a drive for the Lamb Center in his honor. Details and more information are posted on <https://letgoodnessshine.com/the-joel-byrne-memorial-lamb-center-donation-drive/>

# Historic Clifton

*In the summer of 1917, while the Suffragists were silently protesting in front of the White House (Silent Sentinels, as they were called in the media) and being incarcerated up the road at the Occoquan Workhouse, much of the rest of the country was going about their daily lives with a focus on their families and their community. Clifton was no different.*

*The 24th of June was celebrated as Children's Day! (this year, 2023, it was June 9th!) The town put a lot of energy and intentionality into their celebration of same – clearly making a statement that Children were important and that Families were important! Perhaps we should resurrect such a celebration again!*

*Note how education and the proud telling of children receiving degrees played a prominent role in the communications family members shared! Marriages happened, people recovered from illnesses (perhaps this was the infamous Spanish Flu – the likes of which were recently referenced during our Covidian era??) and the discussion of “too much drinking in the midst” was certainly a reflection of the nation's Temperance spirit at the time. Finally, the loss of a horse was as devastating as the loss of a car today!*

*Please travel on this trip back in time to Friday, June 29, 1917 as you read “The Clifton” column from the Fairfax Herald.*

*Enjoy!*

*Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commission, Chairperson*

Children's Day was observed in both the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches Sunday night. The Baptist program consisted of songs, drills and recitation of a patriotic nature, and the address was made by Dr. Fristoe, a Baptist evangelist from Maryland. The Presbyterian Sunday School rendered the following program: “Star Spangled Banner”, prayer by Rev. Alford Kelley, pastor; song “Holy Twilight Hour” by choir; playlette, “A Tale of Three Boxes” by three young ladies; song, “Marching in His Name” by choir; a missionary exercise consisting of recitations and song, entitled “Flowers” by a number of boys and girls; pastors address by Rev. Alford Kelley; offering for Sunday School missions; song, “America” by congregation; Rev. Alford Kelley then closed with the benediction.

Mrs. John Detwiler and little daughter who have been quite ill for some time, are both much improved in health.

Mrs. C. L. Fowler continues to be sick. Her sister Miss Atonia Willard Ford is with her now.

Mr. Joseph Lewis is ill at his mother-in-law's, Mrs. Susie Pitts.

Mrs. R.L. Poindexter has returned home from North Carolina, where she has been visiting for some time.

Miss Mary Quigg is home from her vacation, having finished her school term in Richmond. Miss Quigg has been appointed to the same school for next term.

Miss Esther Buckley has been fortunate enough to receive a scholarship to the post graduate course in the Harrisonburg Normal School, and she will enter in September to work for a B.S. degree.

The Misses Fristoe are here for the summer. Dr. Fristoe was fortunate enough to have three graduates in his family this spring. Miss Sadie received her degree from Greensboro, N.C. in domestic science; Miss Mary graduated in Baltimore, Md. From High School and his son, Mr. Harry, graduated from the Maryland State Agricultural College.

Mr. C.H. Kemper, Jr. is spending his vacation at his home here.

# Historic Clifton

Miss Sallie Swart is stopping at Mrs. Lucy Payne's for the summer.

Wednesday night of last week, the Anti-Saloon League held a meeting in the Baptist Church in the interest of the cause of wiping out the drink traffic from our midst.

Miss McMullen and Mr. Edgar Mayhugh were married last Thursday at the home of Rev. W.F. Naff, the latter performing the ceremony.

The Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at Mrs. M. E Quigg's Monday, July 2nd at 8 p.m.

The School and Civic League will meet at Mrs. Quigg's, July 6th at 3 p.m.

Mr. J.M. Fulmer was unfortunate enough to lose one of his horses, Saturday night. He had been plowing during the day and it is supposed that the horse drank too much water while warm.

Mrs. W.H. Doak and daughter, Miss Hazel are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauerman are entertaining their cousin, Miss Doll.

Rev. W. F. Naff will preach Sunday July 1st, at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Baptist Church.



# Clifton Celebrates!

HAPPY  
4th of July



Photos by Carol Hermandorfer





Save the date: Clifton's Haunted Trail will be back on Sat., Oct. 28th! Interested in joining the CHT committee? Contact Sydney & Amanda at [cliftonhauntedtrail@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonhauntedtrail@gmail.com) to learn more.



Interested in joining a great group of women (and a few good men)? The Democratic Women of Clifton and Northern Virginia (DWCNV) might be your answer! Over 18 years, we've remained committed to our mission of "providing a friendly forum in which Democratic women and men educate themselves, discuss important issues of the day, and work together to help elect Democrats to local, state, and national offices. We strive to build political awareness among members of our community, influence public policy, promote participation in political processes, and encourage connections between regional leaders and the local community."

Joining the DWCNV is easy. All Democratic women from Northern Virginia are welcome to become members, and Democratic men and women living outside of Northern Virginia may also join us as subscribers in order to receive our mailings. Member benefits include informative newsletters, campaign and election information, political action alerts, and participation in events like Clifton Day, the Adopt-a-Highway program, and special events. Through these activities and others, we offer members many opportunities to learn about important issues, meet other Democrats, and enjoy a variety of social interactions.

In May we hosted a candidate forum at the Clifton Town Hall that was attended by many local Democratic candidates. DWCNV members participated by working for candidates in the June primaries. Our members will attend Clifton Day on October 8<sup>th</sup>, staffing our booth and working for Democratic nominees. In addition to our political activities, we also enjoy getting together in social settings. In August members will gather for a weeknight dinner at a local restaurant. (Members: Watch for the invitation and details in your emails.) In-person meetings will resume in the fall.

For more information about our organization and activities, visit our website <http://www.democraticwomenofclifton.org/> and our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/DWCNV>. Also feel free to email any questions to [cliftonwomendems@aol.com](mailto:cliftonwomendems@aol.com). We hope to hear from you.



DWCNV Democratic Candidate Forum May, 2023



# Around Clifton

Looking for sponsors for the event below



The poster for the FrogHair Golf Classic features a green cartoon frog head in the top left corner. To its right, the text "FROGHAIR GOLF CLASSIC" is displayed in green, with a golf ball icon. A green banner in the top right corner reads "NEW FOR 2023 FAST PLAY FORMAT!". The date and time "FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023 9AM" are prominently displayed in yellow. Below this, the location "Twin Lakes Oaks Golf Course 6201 Union Mill Rd Clifton, VA 20124" is listed. The central image shows a golf club head and a golf ball on a grassy field. At the bottom, the word "BENEFITS:" is followed by logos for the "SYA" (South York Area) and "WESTERN FAIRFAX CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. The registration URL "HTTP://WWW.FROGHAIRGOLFCLASSIC.COM/" is at the bottom center. Silhouettes of golfers are visible on the left and right sides of the bottom section.

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QR CODE



Looking for an editor for the Clifton Clatter. A new energetic editor with some fresh ideas and vision. Please contact Ann O'Dea at [cliftonclatter@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonclatter@gmail.com).



# Improving Clifton

To the Clifton Community:

All are invited to this important event. Please help us spread the word to the greater Clifton community and beyond.

**Main Street Enhancement Project Phase 2a in Downtown Historic Clifton Open Forum Public Hearing  
Thu., Aug. 17, 2023, 7:30–9PM, 12641 Chapel Rd, Clifton, VA 20124 (Wayne H. Nickum Community Meeting Hall)**

Find out about proposed street and sidewalk improvements and utility undergrounding on Main St. (Rte. 645) from Ford Ln. to Chapel St. in the Town of Clifton. Proposed project is to improve safety and ADA accessibility for pedestrians and enhance the beautification and function of Main St. as a scenic and historic byway with landscaping and amenities.

Come see the proposed plans and learn about the project timeline and cost estimate. The Hearing will be held in an open format with doors open at 7PM and will begin with a presentation at 7:30PM followed by a question-and-answer session and the opportunity to provide public comments and discuss individually with project team members until 9 PM.

Project information, including the approved National Environmental Policy Act document, is available on the project website at <http://cliftonva.gov/committees/specialprojects/>. Property impact information and tentative construction schedules are available for review at the above address and will be available at the Public Hearing.

Give your written or oral comments at the meeting or submit them no later than Aug. 23, 2023 to Amanda Christman, Town Clerk, Town of Clifton, P.O. Box 309, Clifton, VA 20124. You may also email your comments to [clerk@cliftonva.gov](mailto:clerk@cliftonva.gov). Please include “UPC 109949 Clifton Main Street Streetscape – Phase 2a” in the email subject line.

The Town of Clifton ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the Town Clerk at the email or mailing address listed above no later than Aug. 9, 2023. State Project: CLFT-029-101, P102, R201, C502 Federal Project: 5B01094; UPC: 109949 FROM: Ford Ln. TO: 50 ft. east of Chapel St.

Sincerely,

Amanda Christman (she/her)  
Town Clerk, Clifton, VA

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# Clifton Cares!



## **Resource Recovery Tip**

You probably know that most big retailers will take back plastic bags. But did you know that they also take dry cleaning bags, bread bags, Ziplock type bags, bubble wrap, ice bags, and more? The recovered plastic film is reprocessed into new bags, pallets, containers, crates, pipe, and composite lumber for making decks, benches, and playground sets.

Some items that are not included are compostable bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, and cut flower sleeves.

Some tips on how to tell if an item is plastic film.

Is there a #2 or #4 in a chasing arrows recycling symbol on the item?

Does the item hold its shape when it is crumpled?

Does it stretch instead of tearing like paper?

If you answer yes to one or more of these questions, then the resource can be recovered.

Resource recovery is more than recycling. It is finding the highest and best use for items including reuse, repurpose, rehome, and recycle.

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## Around Clifton



The Historic Town of Clifton's Little Free Library, located in front of the Community Center right off of Main Street, is a Covid-19 friendly way of encouraging literacy among all ages. After building the library in 2017, local Girl Scout Troop 2009 has maintained the flow and circulation of books to include everything from children's Gold Books, to dictionaries, murder mystery novels and 'how to' books. The Little Free Library is open to all ages: take a book or two, return them later, or replace the ones you took with a few books of your choice to keep the circulation alive and of interest to all!

Adelaide Machado Ulm  
Class of 2021

Ideas for articles, etc. for the Clatter? Please contact [cliftonclatter@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonclatter@gmail.com)



## Membership Corner

The CBA board is in the process of updating membership lists and creating a usable database to track membership. I'm happy to say that we now have a completely updated, fully functional database!

The majority of memberships in the CBA have lapsed, so I have now begun the process of reaching out to past members via email. I'm getting quite a few email bounce backs, so I may be following up by phone as well.

There will be a new online registration and renewal site launching soon or you can send the form from the Clatter with payment.

If you are wondering if your membership has lapsed, or if you have questions about membership, please don't hesitate to email me at [CBA.VA.Membership@gmail.com](mailto:CBA.VA.Membership@gmail.com). I'm happy to answer any questions you have.

For current members, who are expiring, you will be receiving an email from me one month before your renewal is due.

We are also trying to reach out to potential members, so please mention the CBA to your new neighbors!

Jennifer M. Lowe Davis

Membership Chair

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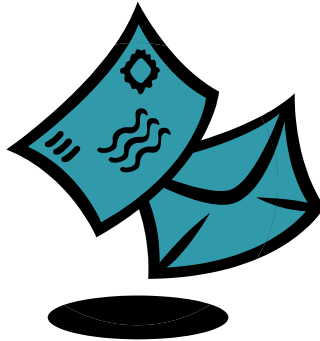


A friendly reminder to please clean up after your furry friend.



## **Attention All Post Office Box Holders in Clifton**

When telling people your mailing address, please list the street info under your name with the post office box below the street. It is also fine to just use the P.O. Box number. Thanks!



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## **Green Space in Clifton**

All events taking place on any green space in Clifton need to be registered on the Town calendar (which is kept by Donna Netschert) to avoid event collision regardless of whether or not it is a private, Town or CBA sponsored event. Green space includes Playground Park, Ayre Square and the 8 Acre Park. Groups larger than 10 need to make a reservation and may be subject to rental fees.

To rent or reserve any green space, please call Donna Netschert at 703-830-2727 or email [villagetimesaver@aol.com](mailto:villagetimesaver@aol.com).



## Information about the Clifton Clatter and the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA)

### Clifton Betterment Association Officers

President - *Michelle Stein*

1st Vice President - *Jan Schneiderman*

2nd Vice President - *Steve Bittner*

Secretary - *Chris Spina*

Treasurer - *Mike Davis*

### Clifton Clatter Volunteer Production Team

Volunteer Editors: Ann O'Dea

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We are a community that:

- is committed to the dignity and value of one another.
- assumes the best in each other.
- communicates clearly and directly.
- provides open forums to address difficult issues in an orderly, respectful manner.
- behaves towards one another, both individually and collectively, with honesty, decency and responsibility.
- holds the preservation of our unique historic character in the highest regard.
- participates in community activities, organizations and events in the best interest of all.

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# CLIFTON BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

Clifton Betterment Association  
Clifton, VA 20124  
[www.cliftonva.org](http://www.cliftonva.org)

## CBA Membership Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (first & last names) \_\_\_\_\_

Partner or Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names (or Others At Home) \_\_\_\_\_

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in newsletter distribution list : ☐ include ☐ do not include

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### Individual Membership

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☐ 1 yr. Individual Membership - \$15

☐ Senior Membership - Free

QUESTIONS? Contact Jennifer Lowe-Davis, Membership Chair, [CBA.VA.Membership@gmail.com](mailto:CBA.VA.Membership@gmail.com)

Mail form and check, made out to CBA, to: Jennifer Lowe-Davis, CBA, P. O. Box 94, Clifton, VA 20124

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