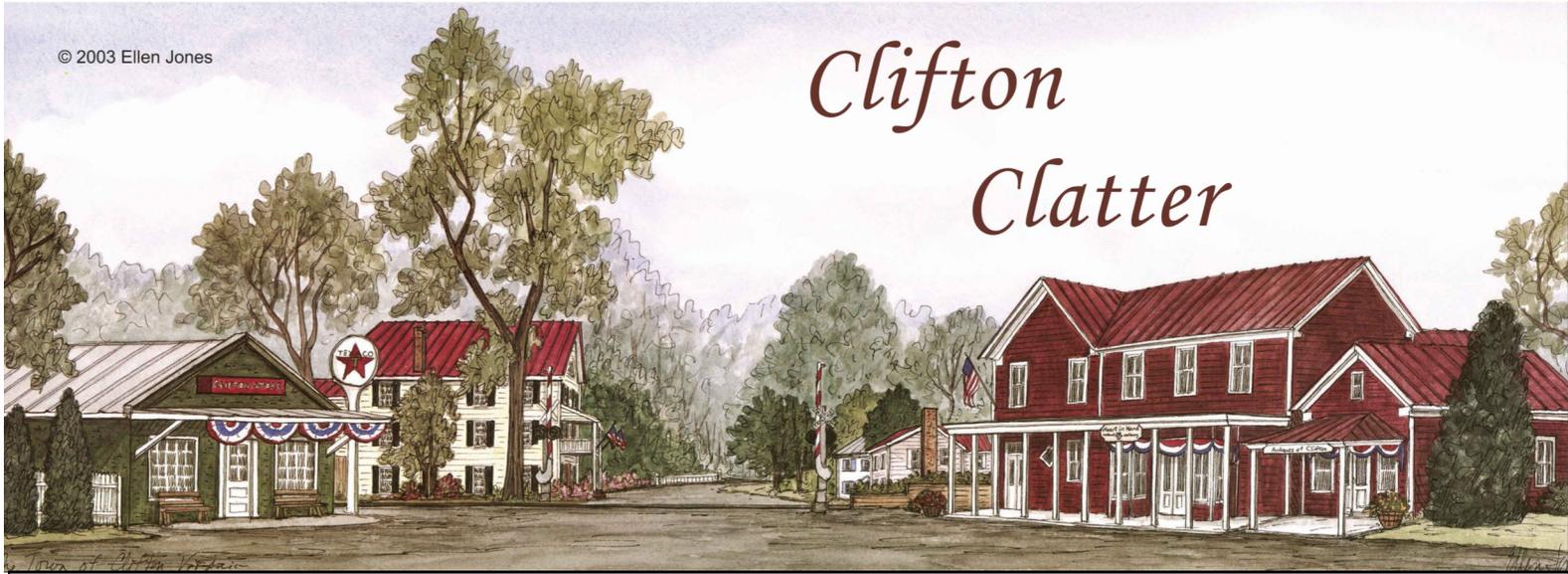


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Clifton Town Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Songs Sing-a-long

Please join us on Friday, December 2 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. as we light the town Christmas tree in Ayre Square on Main Street and sing songs of the Holiday season.

Hot chocolate and fixin's for s'mores will be provided. Feel free to bring cookies to share.

You should plan on bringing toasting forks if you have them and flashlights for reading the song sheets.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up. Great opportunity for teens needing service hours! Call Donna Netschert if you have questions at 703-830-2727.

Clifton Holiday Party

Join us Saturday December 17, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Clifton Town Hall. Children will be assembling a 5ft tall gingerbread house to be donated to a Children's Hospital for the Holidays! Other fun arts, crafts, and games will be going on as well. Santa will stop by to hear the children's wish list and pass out a little goody to each child. We will also play a fun dreidel game and learn about other traditions.

Pot Luck Event!!! Please bring a favorite Holiday dish or dessert to share! Adult and Children's Beverages will be provided.

Want to Get in on the fun?? Have your child make snowflakes with their names on them and drop them off at the Clifton Cafe. They will be part of our theme decorations. Questions- Please contact Erin Tengesdal 703-509-8445



President's Corner

We survived October! Clifton Day was AMAZING! A key volunteer called in sick at 5:00 a.m., but Marcus Silva stepped up by 6:00 a.m. and filled the position! Parking became an issue mid-day and our Clifton Day chair, Fred Ansick, was out on Newman Rd parking cars so our patrons could come into the event. We had a shortage of volunteers, so please think about signing up early next Clifton Day. And let me know if you have creative new ideas for the Clifton Day Committee – planning for 2012 is underway.

What can I say about the Haunted Trail? Spooky! Great work by the whole scary group. Did everyone like the “no parking” on Main Street for trick or treating? It was a new plan and feedback would help with planning. The CBA spent \$900 in supplementing the candy donations and we may set up a ‘candy return’ system for 2012. Please give me your thoughts on how we can make October events even better.... michellestein@cox.net

Clifton Candlelight Tour

In the Historic Town of Clifton

Saturday ~ December 3, 2011

2:00 ~ 3:00

Holiday Horseback Parade & Contest
Sponsored by the Clifton Horse Society

3:00 ~ 4:00

Visit Town Shops & Restaurants

4:00 ~ 7:00

Candlelight Homes Tour
Lovely Holiday Homes ~ Live Music in Churches
Clifton Caboose ~ Masonic Acacia Lodge ~ Dickens Carolers

Tour Tickets

Prior to December 3rd \$20 for adults ~ \$5 for children under 12

On December 3rd \$25 for adults ~ \$10 for children under 12

Tickets are for sale in the Town of Clifton
at A Flower Blooms, NOVA Music and T&K Treasures.
Also at Picket Fence in Burke and Banner's Hallmark in Centreville.

Shops and Restaurants in Town will be open during the Tour.

For more information, email Jennifer Chesley at townofclifton@aol.com.

For MapQuest directions: 12644 Chapel Rd. Clifton, VA 20124

Visit our Town site at www.cliftonva.us





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Saturday, December 3rd, 2011
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Music Collides with Art: ArtGuitars Show

**Friday, December 2nd, through the Holiday Season
Special Reception: Saturday, December 3rd, 7-10 p.m.**

NOVA Music will host the works of artist J. Douglas Vokes, starting at the beginning of December through the holiday season. Vokes fuses the world of visual artistry with music by making guitars into pieces of art. After years of including instruments in his art on paper, Vokes began to work with actual instruments to bring his creative designs to life.



A number of Vokes's ArtGuitars will be on display and for sale for most of December at NOVA Music. Consider purchasing a one-of-a-kind guitar for your loved one this holiday season! Come by to check them out and stop by during the special reception on December 3rd to meet Vokes and learn more about his pieces from the man himself!

TWENTY*SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY AND SHOW AT THE FAIRFAX STATION RAILROAD MUSEUM



The Friends of Fairfax Station will hold their twenty-second Annual Model Train Display and Show on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Railroad Museum at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. Many different gauges, all moving, including a Garden gauge around the building, will be featured. Bring your model train problems to "The Train Doc-



tor." Weather permitting, Model A autos will be on display. Caboose and gift shop open. Cost \$5 adults; \$1 children. Call 703-425-9225. For more information on shows, forums, tours, volunteer opportunities, and community room rental, visit www.fairfax-station.org.

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The Connection Newspapers has an easy way to sign up for a free digital subscription to CentreView and the Connection so they can get as many digital subscribers as possible. Copy and paste the appropriate link from the list below.

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Clifton Lions: Busy at Work This Holiday Season

Once again this year, the Clifton Lions Club will be working during the holiday season to help families in need in the Clifton and Centreville communities. First, along with Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, the Lions will provide Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday food gifts to approximately 40 families. Then, beginning the last weekend in November, the Clifton club will conduct their annual Christmas tree sales at the University Mall on Braddock Road near George Mason University. The Lions sell beautiful Fraser firs for a very reasonable price (\$65 each) and all proceeds will go to support local charities. We are also selling cash raffle chances (\$100 each) for our \$5000



grand prize (many others also, including a \$1000 2nd prize) to be given away in January 2012 – again, all net proceeds (not given away in cash prizes) go to charity.

	Evan Robinson Osborne Clark was born November 3 at 1:25 p.m weighing in at 6 lbs., 2 oz. and 19 1/4".	
	Proud parents are Heather and Rob Clark. When big brother Adam introduces Evan he says, "This is my new brother. You can look at him, but don't smell him."	

The Clifton Lions Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m., at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road Fairfax Station, VA 22039. Membership is open for community and service minded individuals - see our web site: www.clcv.clubexpress.com or call the club membership chair, Jim Boatner, 703-209-7421.

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For Questions & Ticket Information: Please visit our CCWC website: www.cliftoncwc.org
Or contact : Chairperson JoAnne Gallo jgallo.jbg@verizon.net or Co-Chairperson Diane Smith mds727@cox.net

Democratic Women of Clifton

October was a busy time for the Democratic Women of Clifton, as the November elections drew near and campaigns for state and local candidates occupied the members' energy and attention. As always, the DWC worked at the Democratic booth on Clifton Day, distributing literature and discussing the candidates and issues with passers by.

The campaign efforts of the DWC, which began last summer, were rewarded by the re-election of local Senators George Barker and Dave Marsden. Both conducted outstanding campaigns supported by many volunteers, and both won by bigger margins than when they were first elected to the Senate.

After the election, the DWC focused on its annual November holiday projects, which culminated at the general meeting on November 20th. On that day, members gathered together the many new toys and gift certificates that they had collected for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Annual Holiday Toy Drive. The toys are distributed to needy children and teens through schools and family shelters. Also, as in past years, the DWC sponsored the collection of grocery store gift cards to benefit Our Daily Bread, the local nonprofit organization that provides food and assistance to Northern Virginia families experiencing financial hardship.



The DWC on Clifton Day 2011.

The thriving DWC Book Club continues to meet monthly. On December 11th, the group will discuss *The Attack* by Yasmina Khadra. Ahead in January and February are the titles *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Eric Larson and *The Greatest Journey: Americans in Paris* by David McCullough. Members may contact lycior-dan@yahoo.com for meeting details.

Another DWC group, the Fun Bunch, has many entertaining activities planned for the weeks leading up to and beyond the holidays, including a benefit performance by The Capitol Steps in November, Christmas at Mount Vernon in December, and the Anglo-Saxon Hoard of Gold at the National Geographic Museum in January. The Fun Bunch is open to all DWC members. Those interested in

attending these events may contact doreenchristian@gmail.com for more information.

Democratic women in Northern Virginia are welcome at the meetings of the DWC and may write to cliftonwomens@aol.com or visit the DWC website at www.democraticwomenofclifton.org for more information. The next general meeting of the DWC will be held in January at the Clifton Community Hall.

Support the Robinson Class of 2012 All Night Grad Party(ANGP)!

You are invited to be a part of a tradition that exists to keep our soon-to-be Robinson High School graduates safe on one of the most accident-prone nights of their lives – graduation night. Each year the parents of the senior class plan an all-night celebration that is alcohol and drug free to provide a safe environment for the entire senior class to join together one last time and celebrate their graduation from Robinson.



Commemorative Ornaments and Fleece Blankets

The 2012 ANGP has designed commemorative ornaments in honor of the school's 40th anniversary and fleece blankets in blue or gold with embroidered Robinson Rams on the corner. Both make wonderful holiday gifts for Robinson students and alumni of any age. Cost for each is \$20. Visit our website at www.robinson2012angp.org for links to order forms or contact me at LBroadbent@aol.com and my graduate Alex will be happy to deliver your order to you.

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Tax Deductible Contributions

Clifton community members and business owners are also invited to support our grads with tax deductible donations of cash or in kind donations. Whether your donation funds the ticket for a child who cannot afford one, or a bus to transport the students on the biggest night of their lives thus far, you will be making a difference in keeping our kids safe as they celebrate this milestone. Gifts for the prize table are also very welcome!

The Robinson All-Night Grad Party (ANGP) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and your contribution is tax deductible as provided by law. You will be recognized for your generosity on our website and in our printed materials, including any local media coverage. Written tax receipts will be provided. Mail your contribution to Lynn Broadbent, chair of the Donations Committee, at P.O. Box 189, Clifton, Virginia 20124.

Questions? Call Lynn at 703 830 5647 or email LBroadbent@aol.com or visit www.robinson2012angp.org

Scouting for Food

Thank you Clifton community for your support of the Scouting for Food collection efforts in November by both Scouts from Boy Scouts Troop 1104 and Cub Scouts Pack 1861. Over 40 Boy Scouts and nearly 30 adults from Troop 1104 collected over 2,500 pounds of food while 22 Cub Scouts and 19 Adults collected 1,892 pounds of food.

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Boy Scout Troop 1104



Back: Troop Leaders Bo Reese, Bill Walter, Bob Richard
Middle: Christopher McCarty, Rory Walter, Nicholas Reese, Jesse McCarty,
Front: Christopher DiAntonio, Dillon Nold, Daniel Reese, Alex Winkowski

Eagle Scouts Honored

Boy Scout Troop 1104 in Clifton, Virginia recognized the advancement of eight scouts to Eagle Scout Rank during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, September 10, 2011. To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must complete 21 merit badges, 12 of which are Eagle required and 9 of which reflect the scout's personal skills/interests. The scout must hold positions of leadership within the troop, demonstrate scout spirit, and live by the scout oath and scout law. These eight scouts all attended Goshen Scout Reservation in Goshen, Virginia as well as the high adventure Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. They each designed, managed, and led an Eagle Service Project to benefit a local organization or the Town of Clifton.

Rory Michael Walter led a team of scouts to build three picnic tables and create a mulched picnic area behind the Clifton Presbyterian Church. As part of his project, he also moved the storage shed to a new foundation, extended downspout drains, removed brush and dead trees, and re-graded uneven ground. **Daniel Nathan Reese** led his team to build one hundred feet of split rail fence for the Manassas Battlefield National Park, which replicated the fence that existed at the time of the 1st Battle of Manassas in 1861. **Nicholas Scott Reese** led a group of scouts and members of the community to build two permanent benches at the George Mason University Fitness Center. **Christopher Joel McCarty** restored the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) steam engine located at the barn in the Town of Clifton. This project involved several phases of research, cleaning, sandblasting, painting, and a lot of teamwork from fellow scouts and leaders. **Jesse Tyler McCarty** supervised the building of two 3-sided benches to facilitate two challenge course stations at the EDGE, George Mason University, Manassas campus. This project involved planning, design, clearing, site work, wood-working, staining, and landscaping. **Dillon Andrew Nold** led a team to construct five picnic tables for use at the Kinchloe Pavilion near the VISTA fields and at Clifton Presbyterian Church in Clifton, VA. He also cut and painted new signs for VISTA fields 1,2,3, and 10 that will help to direct players, coaches, and others who visit the fields. **Alex Michael Winkowski** consulted with a local naturalist and biology teacher to identify flora and fauna in Clifton's Randolph Buckley Park. He created a brochure highlighting indigenous trees, unique environmental features, and the town's history. Alex then led a team of scouts and adults to secure numbered posts along the half-mile nature walk, construct a brochure holder and complete trail remediation. **Christopher Steven DiAntonio** led and managed a team of twenty-one Scouts and adults to construct six movable benches for the George Mason University Aquatic and Fitness Center. The benches are placed along the Piedmont Trail, a 1.2 mile challenge course serving fifth graders to adults. The benches will be used as a designated place to sit for instruction as well as a place for rest.

Up, Up and Away: Rocket Launch for Area Cub Scouts

Troop 1104 held its annual rocket launch for area Cub Scout Packs, including Pack 1861 of Clifton. The Troop provided each Cub Scout with a rocket kit to be assembled at home with their family. At launch time the Troop loaded the rocket engine and helped each Scout experience a high flying adventure. The Scouts ooh and ahh as the rockets shoot high into the air and then float back down to the ground—with a few ending up caught in the trees around the launch site. All in all, it turned out to be a



A Look Back at Clifton's Historic Past

In December of 1917, Clifton was an active & vital community – preparing for & enjoying the Holidays! It was just a month after the “Night of Terror” at Occoquan Workhouse where 40 women Suffragists were brutally beaten & horribly treated. Women did not have the right to vote, yet, but still played a large part coordinating the Holiday festivities and town events! Note, sadly, the references to the Clifton School from 1917 and to two young men headed to serve in World War I. Happy Holidays! Enjoy!

Lynne Garvey Hodge, Clifton & Fairfax County History Commission

From the “Fairfax Herald”, December 14, 1917.

Clifton

Dr. J. L. Sanford had Major and Mrs. Wilson of Washington as dinner guests Monday night. They dined on a wild turkey which the doctor had shot during the week.

Mrs. Clyde Mathers has taken charge of Miss Smith's room in the school for the present.

Mr. Earl Mathers had the misfortune to cut his foot while getting railroad ties in the woods one day last week.

The School League met last Friday afternoon. Rev. W. L. Naff, president opened the meeting and presided. The Red Cross had an exhibit of goods ready to be sent to headquarters. There was a very creditable display for a month's work. Misses Cross and Hayden had each made a sweater. Mesdames Detwiler and Grimes had made wristlets, besides numerous comfort bags, wash cloths, button bags, pin cushions, bed socks, trench candles, etc. Mr. Naff made an appeal for new members for the Red Cross and Civic League. Five joined the League, some promising to join the Red Cross. Mr. Naff, as chairman of the committee on hill work, reported that Mr. Buckley said he could not undertake the work just at present. Mr. Naff promised to find out whether the three gentleman appointed at our last meeting to police entertainments would act. For some reason Miss Thompson failed to come. Rev. Alford Kelley made a few remarks relative to the Red Cross, YMCA work for the soldiers and spoke of the usefulness of the work of the Civic League. The league then adjourned to meet again in January.

Owing to the extreme inclemency of the weather, Saturday, the teachers' meetings of Centreville district is to be held in the Clifton School building, the attendance was very small and will be held again the first Friday after school begins in the new year.

Mrs. Hodge expects to have a Christmas entertainment at the school in the near future.

Miss Crewe spent the week-end at Pender.

Rev. Alford Kelley preached Sunday morning in the Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian Sunday School will have their Christmas entertainment on Thursday night, December 27th.

Mr. S. U. Smith had his brother-in-law visit him last week.

It is expected that Walter and Ludwig Fowler are on their way to France to take their places with the U.S. Army there.

Old King Winter has arrived in dead earnest. About the coldest weather ever known in December struck us Saturday night and there was not any thawing. Monday was extremely cold at this writing.

Miss Rebecca Monroe visited Miss Effie Adams Sunday afternoon.

The Baptist sewing Circle will have a parcel post sale and bazaar Thursday night, December 13th in R.R. Buckley's home on Main Street, in the village.

Mrs. Mostyn is confined to her home with a severe cold.

Miss Virginia Buckley is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richards leave the 13th for Washington, where they will spend the rest of the winter.

Clifton Forum Generates Recommendations for County Bicycle Plan

What are the best options for improving cycling safety in the Clifton area while supporting Fairfax County's vision for a more bicycle friendly community?

That was the key question discussed at Clifton's Town Hall during an October 6 Fairfax County Department of Transportation Public Open House, one of several meetings to obtain public input for a countywide bicycle transportation master plan now underway. The Clifton session attracted around 30 participants, including local residents, cyclists and representatives for the state and county's departments of transportation.

Not surprisingly, the top concern was the safety of Clifton's roads, particularly those with steep hills and blind curves that present dangers to both cyclists and motorists. Other topics included the options for improving road surface conditions, variances in Clifton's weekday and weekend traffic patterns, an absence of short-term bicycle parking in the town of Clifton and possible new connections or improvements for existing Northern Virginia trails.

Local residents at the meeting recommended coordinating any changes with the town's two major renovation projects-- the Main Street Streetscape and development of the floodplain area. In addition, meeting participants offered several other ideas to consider for the Clifton area.

Among them:

Encourage cyclists to stay away from certain roads and ride on others by 1) placing signage that directs them to safer routes, 2) making improvements to these routes so

that they're more bike friendly and 3) creating a map highlighting the safer routes.

For blind corners and steep grades, put motion-activated signs with blinking lights that detect cyclists (when the sign detects a cyclist, the lights begin blinking to warn motorists that a cyclist is around the corner/going up the hill. They continue blinking until the cyclist is out of the way).

Place "watch out for cyclists" signage on certain roads.

Where feasible, construct bicycle "turn-out lanes" (places where cyclists can get off the road so traffic can pass them) on certain roads that have steep climbs, blind curves and no existing shoulder.



Create a Clifton train stop along the VRE that would be accessible by cyclists and pedestrians only (without constructing a parking lot or adding any other measures that would attract more cars).

Look into changing the 40 mph speed limit on Hampton Road, so it's coordinated with the lower speed limits of surrounding roads.

Explore the feasibility of a cycling path that parallels the Norfolk Southern train track.

Officials from Toole Design Group, which is conducting the open houses on behalf of Fairfax County, expect a planning document to be ready for public review in April or May 2012. For more information on Fairfax County's Bicycle Transportation Master Plan, visit the project's website: <http://tooledesign.com/fairfax/>.

Julia Ross at Professional Tutoring offers CBA members a holiday gift special. Contact her by the end of December for 50% off her book *Getting into College with Julia Ross: Finding the Right Fit and Making it Happen*. You can reach Julia at 703-830-7037 or www.JuliaRossProfessionalTutoring.com.

Fairfax County Volunteer Needs and Services

Meals on Wheels - Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels program needs a group coordinator volunteer for the Fairfax area. Duties include: accepting referrals by phone; client orientation over the phone; and communication with meal providers. We prefer a one-hour commitment of 10 hours/month and we reimburse for mileage. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ and click on Volunteers. Volunteer Solutions, is a partnership program of Fairfax County's Family Services Department, Health Department, & Neighborhood and Community Services.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program - Help residents of nursing and assisted living facilities in the Fairfax area advocate for their rights, resolve conflicts and improve their quality of life. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to commit four hours a week for one year. Volunteers set their own schedules and receive training and support. Visits usually occur between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays. Apply now for the spring 2012 training. Call 703-324-5861 or 703-324-5422; TTY 703-449-1186 or e-mail lisa.callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Services: Free County Services for Caregivers of Older Adults. The county offers three free services for people who provide care for older adults:

caregiver consultation over the phone with a social worker - call 703-324-7948, TTY 703-449-1186 and ask for *caregiver consultation*, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or [inquire online](#).

respite care (a county-trained volunteer comes to the home and allows the caregiver to get out for a few hours) - call 703-324-7948, TTY 711, to request a respite volunteer or email Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

caregiver telephone support group, the second Tuesday of each month, from 7-8 p.m. [Register online](#) or call 703-324-5484, TTY 711. September 13's topic: Changing Roles within the Family.

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices for information on services for adults in Fairfax County.



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- Business Overhead Insurance

One of the Ten Most Endangered Artifacts in Virginia

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum's Railroad Semaphore artifact was recently selected by The Virginia Association of Museums as one of the ten most endangered artifacts in Virginia. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA 22039. For more information on the Museum events, tours, forums, displays, community room rental and volunteer opportunities, visit www.fairfax-station.org. 703-425-9225.



Fairfax Station Railroad Museum's Railroad Semaphore artifact

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Two stall barn available for lease in Clifton: Small tack room, storage for 50 bales of hay, water and 2 acres of fenced pasture. Call 703-830-6031 or 703-209-1966.



Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) Membership Update

By Gary Anderson, CBA Membership Chairperson

The last few months have been a busy time for membership. We have seen a flurry of new applications and renewals—some of which were probably related to the unfortunate closing of Clifton Elementary and the CBA's involvement in trying to prevent that. These kinds of things are a good reminder of the importance to have a strong, well-funded community organization like the CBA.

The new CBA website is in the final stages of development and will soon be ready for deployment. This initial stage will offer an updated, more easily-administered platform along with an improved look and some new functionality. Current and past copies of the Clatter will be available on the site, along with event calendars and other information. The next stage will involve creating logins for CBA members, restricting some content to members only, and automating membership renewal. I expect that the new site will be available within the next two or three weeks. I will send an e-mail announcing the new site as soon as it is available. In the meantime, if you need a membership form please find it on the following page of this "Clatter".

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CBA Membership Form

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All members must live within the former Clifton Elementary School boundaries. If you're unsure, contact Gary Anderson (ganderson66@verizon.net).

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