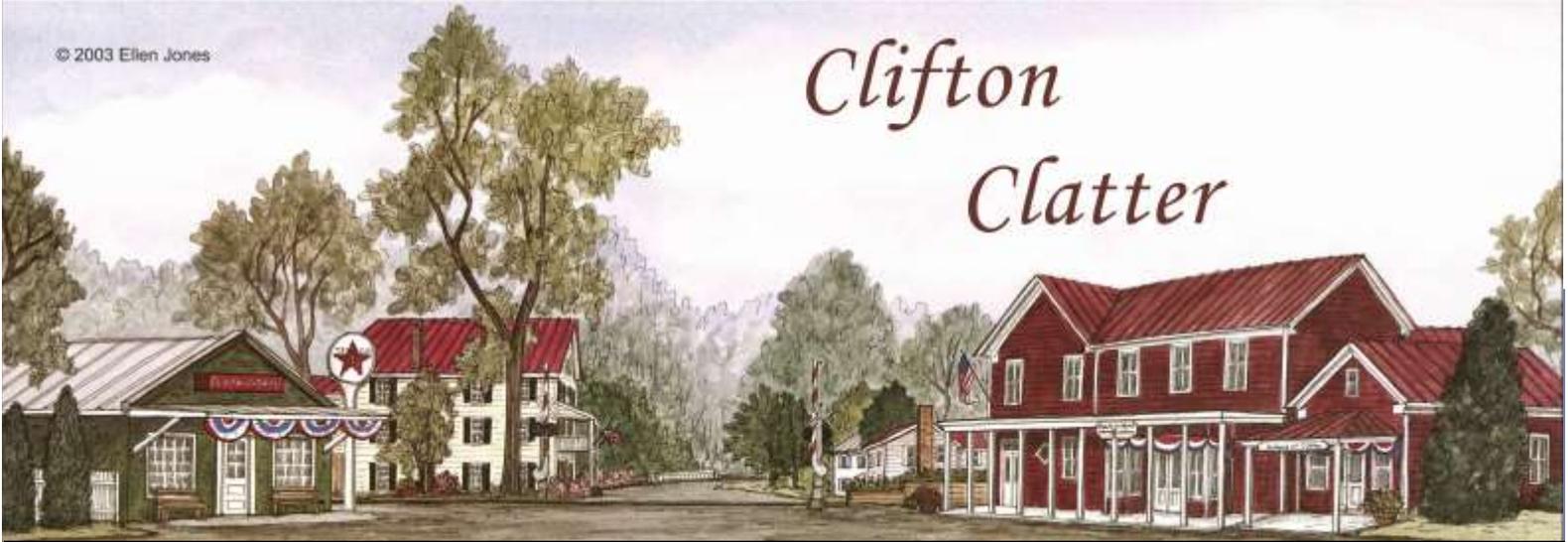


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President's Corner

The CBA "slow" season is upon us. After the Kids Holiday Party we don't have much going on until spring unless you like PING PONG! Our second annual ping pong tournament is scheduled for February 6th. We had great participation last year and the balls were flying across the town hall. If you want to get involved with the PPT, email Lynne Strang at lbstrang@gmail.com

The Clifton Presbyterian Church is offering to the church and community a Grief Support Group for those who have experienced a recent death and loss in their lives. Please pass this on to anyone who might be seeking support like this. 703-830-3175 office@cliftonpc.org

Despite the slow season, we still have a walking group that goes out in tolerable weather. Email me to get on the list for notifications Michellestein@cox.net

Have a very Happy Hanukkah or Merry Christmas or Festivus or your special holiday. Enjoy the last days of 2015 with family and friends and fellow CBA members!

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

December 5	Christmas Tree Lighting, Horse
Dec 12, 13, 22	Stand up for Santa ! Play
December 13	Clifton Kid's Christmas Party
February 6	Ping Pong Tournament



Celebrate the Arts in Clifton

Dec 5, 2015 2-7 pm

Italian Mosaics

Fine Art Paintings

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Student Art & Craft Demos
(register at www.artguildofclifton.org)

"Poinsettias"
by Becky Witt

Clifton Presbyterian Church

12748 Richards Ln.

Clifton, VA 20124

Also in Clifton:

Horse Parade (2pm)

Tree Lighting (6pm)

w/Caroling & Marshmallows

Presb. Church Choir 6:30 & 7:30

Shopping & Fine Dining

www.cliftonva.us



details at: www.artguildofclifton.org



Annual Clifton Children's Christmas Party



Where: The Town Hall

When: Sunday, December 13th from 5-7:30 pm

- Visit from Santa - A great photo opportunity!
- Holiday themed crafts, games and activities.
- Pizza, beverages & chocolate fondue bar provided.

Please rsvp to Amanda Hencken at aohencken@yahoo.com by December 10th.

We will also be collecting nonperishable food items to be donated to a local food pantry. Hope to see you there!





Stand Up for Santa

Written and Composed by Joshua Rich
Produced by Jerri Wiseman
Directed by Lori Muhlstein



Performances:

Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13 at 11:00am and 1:00pm

Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30pm

Clifton Town Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124

Presale Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$6 Children ages 2-12
Tickets at the Door: \$12 Adults, \$8 Children ages 2-12

Presented by
The Clifton Arts Council

www.StageCoachTC.com
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Grief Support Group

8-week series

Where: Clifton Presbyterian Church

When: Beginning, December 3, 2015

Time: 10:30 am – noon

Continues: December 10, 17 (break for the holidays)

The Clifton Presbyterian Church is offering to the church and community a Grief Support Group for those who have experienced a recent death and loss in their lives. This group will offer a safe and supportive place for participants to explore ways to walk the journey of grief, and to "wrestle" with difficult, and sometimes unanswerable questions that may leave them bewildered and perplexed. The group will meet with understanding, accepting and nonjudgmental facilitators, where doubts, fears, anger and other emotions that often accompany the death of a loved one can be examined, as well as, providing the possibilities over time for finding hope and rebuilding life.

For more information or to register, contact:

The church office at 703-830-3175 or office@cliftonpc.org

~or~

Pastor Lynn Stanton-Hoyle at pastorlynn@cliftonpc.org

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Historic Clifton



As with all holiday festivities, friends and family were near and dear to the citizens of Clifton during the Christmas-tide in December, 1907. A strong pride in Fairfax County, Virginia abounded, the town was growing and even wild turkeys were plentiful! People returned from lands afar and good wishes were shared with those suffering from a variety of maladies. Church time was taken seriously and the Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopalian churches provided sources of community support, kindness, congeniality and most of all, good food! As you read below, note that the Episcopalian Church referenced was the “Clifton Mission Church” (formerly the Canary Cottage Bed & Breakfast) also called the St. Francis Chapel, with Rev. John McNabb serving as their first pastor. A graduate in 1876 from the Virginia Theological Seminary, Rev. McNabb graduated with former Mosby Ranger turned Pastor, Frank Stringfellow (see pp. 59 – 60 in the Arcadia “Clifton” book.) How well the church might have enjoyed a watering hole as such and a place for baptisms on their land – likely never having the foresight that someday their holdings would include a large, in-ground swimming pool!

Enjoy these sentiments from a time long ago – but not far-away! From the “As Seen & Heard” columns in the December 13, 1907 *Fairfax Herald* newspaper. Happy Holidays to one and all!!

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commissioner

Miss Julia Ford, of Pender, paid her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F Ford, a visit on Sunday.

Mrs. Wilt and family have moved into their new home, recently purchased from G. B. Wright.

Mr. James Gaines has again taken up his residence among us, after being away several years.

Really there is no better place than Fairfax county for good water, good drainage, and good health. We have good schools and good churches, and, being near the capital city, our population must certainly increase in goodly numbers in the near-future.

Mr. S. Ellis Davis, our popular postal clerk has been transferred to the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, with headquarters at Occoquan. He will be greatly missed here, where he has resided for several years.

Mr. Ta. A. Ayre, our genial and popular depot agent, is again on the sick list.

The Rev J. C. Bradford preached a very able sermon to a large and attentive congregation in the Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Romsberg’s cottage on Church St. is nearing completion.

Mr. J. M. Fulmer paid a visit to relatives and friends in Pennsylvania last week.

Wild turkeys seem to be quite plentiful here this fall, but are very expensive.

Mr. E. M. Wilson, of this place, who was painfully injured in the railroad wreck in Washington some weeks ago, is able to be around again but not entirely well yet.

Dr. J. L. Sanford, surgeon of the U. S Army, with headquarters in Florida, is visiting friends here. We are glad to have the Doctor with us again.

Mr. John Ruff has gone to accept a lucrative position with a large contractor at Chinchport, Va.

Mr. Charles Ruff, an Electrical Engineer and contractor, is home to spend Christmas with his family near here.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will have an oyster supper next Friday night, December 18th. All are cordially invited to be present and have a good time.

There will be preaching in the Episcopal Chapel next Sunday December 15th, at 11 A.M.

----Occasion Al

[The account of the wedding is omitted, the same being given in another article which was in type before the above was received.]”

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF CLIFTON & NORTHERN VIRGINIA

In an ongoing effort to support needs in our Northern Virginia community, on November 15th, DWCVN hosted our annual holiday projects event collecting donations for Fairfax Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue and Our Daily Bread. *It is not too late to donate to either of these organizations and you do not have to be a DWCVN member to do so.* Here are the details:



Captain Will Bailey (Firefighters and Friends), Christina Garris (Our Daily Bread) and DWCVN members

The Fairfax Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue collects toys, money and gift cards to help needy children throughout Northern Virginia. The gift cards purchase items for older children. The monetary donations go to purchase new coats and tennis shoes. Each year the firefighters distribute as many as 3,000 new coats to more than 50 schools, shelters, and nonprofits throughout Fairfax and Alexandria. These new coats are made in the U.S.A and purchased at a discount. You may donate by dropping off new, unwrapped toys in the box on the side front porch of 12714 Chestnut Street, Clifton, and/or mail checks (made out to Fairfax Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue) and gift cards from Target, Best Buy or Old Navy to DWCVN, P.O. Box 143, Clifton, VA 20124. Distribution will occur on Dec. 15th, so please have your donations to us by Dec. 11th.

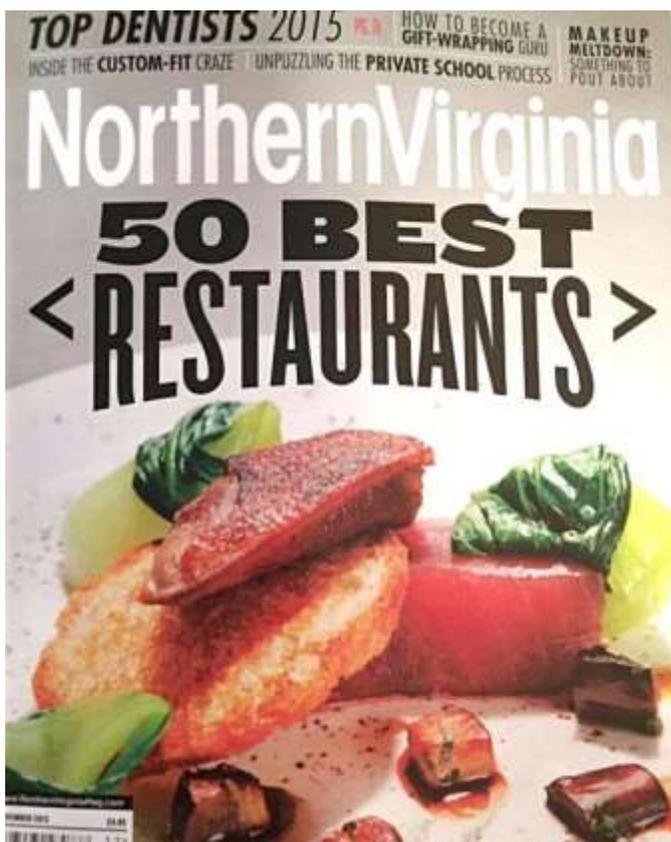
Our Daily Bread is a local nonprofit organization that provides food and assistance to Northern Virginia families experiencing financial hardship. You may donate a grocery store gift card of any denomination to be distributed to the families in January, a time of great need. Checks (made out to Our Daily Bread), and grocery store gift cards may be mailed to DWCVN, P.O. Box 143, Clifton, VA 20124 by December 31.

All donations to both organizations are tax deductible. Receipts will be provided.

Our Annual General Meeting for 2016 will be held on January 10th at the Clifton Community Hall at 3-5 p.m. The topics will be 2016 General Assembly Legislation, presented by local Democratic delegates and senators. In addition current issues in the Middle East will be discussed.

All Democratic women of Northern Virginia are invited to become members of this active and friendly organization. For more information about membership, holiday projects, and meetings, please contact cliftonwomendems@aol.com or www.democraticwomenofclifton.org

Clifton in the News!



We are #3 in Northern Virginia Magazine's "50 Best Restaurants" Issue!

"It's Southern inspired, sophisticatedly styled fare in charming Clifton."

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Republican Women of Clifton

The Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) were pleased to host Fox News contributor and multi-media mogul, Michelle Malkin - a conservative force in the written world, television, and blogosphere at their annual gala event in September. Michelle is the #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *Culture of Corruption* and has written four other books, including her most recent work, *Who Built That*. Michelle, who has successfully founded several top conservative blogs, spoke on many of the most pressing issues facing America today including terrorism, the economy, and the European migration crisis.

On January 9th (snow date, January 16th), the RWC will host their annual Christmas Party. Delegate Tim Hugo (invited) and Elizabeth Schultz will welcome guests and swear in the 2016 officers. RWC will, for the second year, present the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors of Fallen Heroes with a financial donation. Prospective members are invited to attend, learn more about the organization, and enjoy the hospitality of members with a home-cooked meal.

More information is available at www.CliftonGOP.com.

About Republican Women of Clifton

The Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) is the fastest growing Republican Women's club in Northern Virginia and is comprised of conservative women from Clifton, Centreville, Fairfax Station, Fairfax, Lorton, and surrounding areas. For more information, please visit www.CliftonGOP.com.

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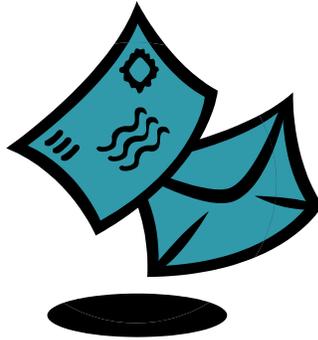
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To rent or reserve any green space, please call Donna Netschert at 703-830-2727 or email villagetimesaver@aol.com.



A Friendly Reminder to please clean up after your furry friend.





Clifton Betterment Association, P.O.Box 94, Clifton, VA 20124
CBA Membership Form

Date of application _____

Name (first & last names) _____

Children's Names (or others at home) _____

Address : Street _____

P. O. Box _____ Town, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

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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).

All Senior Citizens (65 and over): Send in this form (for our records) and you will receive free membership.

Please check type of membership:

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___ \$25 1yr. " " "	___ \$15 1yr. " " "
Sr. Citizen ___ Check here and return form for free membership.	

Please indicate your areas of interest, i.e. where you might volunteer:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ___ Birthday Party | ___ Historic Preservation |
| ___ 5K Race | ___ Fundraising |
| ___ Fourth of July | ___ Newsletter |
| ___ Clifton Day | ___ Membership |
| ___ Children's Holiday Party | ___ General Worker |

Contact Gary Anderson, Membership, (ganderson66@verizon.net), if you have questions.
 Mail form and check, made out to CBA, to:
 Gary Anderson, CLIFTON BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION, P. O. Box 94, Clifton, VA 20124

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