

Clifton Clatter



Good Luck with That! (Clifton Elementary School: CALL FOR ACTION!!!)

By Dariece Rau

As I have run into people I know in and around town, one question they've asked me the last several months is, "How is it going with Clifton Elementary?" Then the conversation ends with, "Good luck with that."

That statement tells me people are curious about the future of Clifton Elementary, but for various reasons they have been relying on somebody else to fight for it. We do have several people in the community who have stepped up to fight this battle, but, at this point in time it is not enough. If the Clifton area community is truly concerned about the possibility of losing our community school, NOW we need everyone to get involved however best they can. There are many ways, fast approaching, to get involved and show your support.

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President's Corner

By Michelle Stein

I love good deeds! The blizzards of 2010 initiated a flurry of these: a free coffee for one spilled after a slip on the ice, homes open to neighbors without power, pushing out stuck cars, kid-sitting for working parents, a free toy given from a town shop, and lots of shoveling! Our community came together and shoveled/plowed/snowblowed many of the town sidewalks, drives, roofs and vehicles. And many good deeds are in our future! Most of the events sponsored by the CBA and/or other community groups are really just huge good deeds. The Clifton Elementary silent auction, the Clifton Presbyterian Spaghetti Dinner, the CBC egg hunt, the community yard sale and many more events are coming up. Our community is impressive, and I thank each of you for all you have done and will continue to do in 2010!

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Calendar of Events

For detailed information about these events, go to www.cliftonva.us

March 27	Scavenger Egg Hunt (rain date 28th)
April 10	Town Birthday Celebration (2pm—4pm)
24	Earth Day (10am—2pm)
May 1	Community Yard Sale (8am—2pm)
10	FCPS School Board Work Session—attend wearing your red.
15	Application Deadline for CBA Academic Scholarship
16	Trummer's Cocktail Party/Silent Auction Fundraiser for Town
TBD	Kid Fest, Town Clean Up Day
20	Spring Homes Tour (9am—5pm)
29	Wine Festival (rain date 30th)

Good Luck with That—continued

- **Remember the passion you felt the first time you heard about the possibility of closing the school? NOW is the time for action! THE THREAT IS REAL. The entire community needs to let their feelings be known.** Additionally, there are many more people in the community than there are members of the CBA receiving this information in the Clatter. In other words, please share this information with your neighbors, friends, parents of your children's classmates so that everyone can get involved and let their voices be heard by the School Board. **Don't assume that everyone else is working to save our school. Now is the time for EVERYONE, including you, to get involved.**

What do we need to do?

Attend Meetings:

- There are at least two very important FCPS School Board meetings that you need to attend, wearing red.
 - *The first appears to be scheduled for **MAY 10TH** and will take place during the day. We will announce the time as soon as the agenda is put into place. This is the Board work session that the Southwestern Community Engagement committee will present its findings to the Board. Regardless of what they present, the Board needs to know that the Clifton Community continues to be interested and concerned about the future of our community school. A very visible way to do this is to have a sea of red in the room.
 - *The second meeting is expected to take place in May or June and should be in the evening. This will be the official School Board meeting where the decision will be voted on concerning the future of Clifton Elementary.
- Attend the Community Engagement committee meeting featuring the committee findings. This appears to be scheduled for March 25th.
- Do your best to attend Town meetings that have anything to do with the future of CES.

Write letters:

IN APRIL/VERY EARLY MAY

- After attending the Southwest Community Engagement meeting in March and hearing what findings come out of that meeting, start a writing campaign to our School Board Representative and the At Large members of the School Board. Many believe the best approach is to refrain from criticism and keep the letters on a positive note. Give compelling reasons why CES should remain open and in its current location. See the article on the next page for details and some content ideas.

Show Your Support Visually

- Purchase your Clifton RED T-shirts and car magnets so that everyone in the community and elsewhere sees these. We need to get attention however we can. The more that School Board members/county officials/FCPS staff and others see these visual statements, the more they are reminded how the people of Clifton feel about the possibility of losing their school. Stop by the Clifton Café (t-shirts, magnets and wristbands) or Clifton Cleaners (magnets, wristbands) or call Dariece at 703-815-4440.

If you don't have access to a computer in order to get the required contact information please feel free to call me (703-815-4440) and I will mail you the list of contacts and let you know key dates and information as it is identified.

Lastly, sign up for updates from Clifton RED at www.savecliftonelementary.org if you have not done so already, so that you can easily be kept informed of any changes or action needed.

Save Clifton Elementary Letter Writing Campaign

By Dawna Thompson/Dariece Rau

Since the release of a feasibility study regarding the renovation of Clifton Elementary (<http://www.fcps.edu/news/swcountyschls.htm>) many members of the Clifton community have worked to examine each issue raised in the study, and to offer alternative, less costly solutions. Members of the community with expertise in engineering and school construction have identified more realistic and less costly renovation options, and have been working to communicate their findings to FCPS and the School Board. In addition, two members of the Clifton Community (Charles Rau and Ina Patton) have represented Clifton's views as members of the Community Engagement Committee.

However, since the School Board's decision time is approaching, it is *vitaly important* that school board members hear directly from the Clifton-Area Community. We ask you to send e-mails and/or letters to our School Board representative, Liz Bradsher, the three Members-at-large (Martina Hone, Ilryong Moon, and James L. Raney) and copy the remaining members of the School Board, beginning April 1st. Contact information (i.e. e-mail addresses) for each school board member can be found at www.fcps.edu/schlbd/members.htm.

It is the School Board who will make the decision, but if you feel the need to contact other political leaders to let them know how you feel and ask them to let their feelings be known please write them. Some of these include: Pat Herrity (springfield@fairfaxcounty.gov), Sharon Bulova (chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov), Michael Frey (sully@fairfaxcounty.gov), Senator George Barker (district39@senate.virginia.gov), Tim Hugo (DelTHugo@house.virginia.gov). Please feel free to also write a letter to the editor of our local newspapers.

In your communications, keep the following tips in mind:

(1) Because school board members may more easily dismiss communications they believe are "form" letters, *it will help if we all try to make sure our messages are seen as coming from individuals*. So, identify yourself (as a parent, long-time citizen, former CES student, etc.) and express YOUR opinion about why CES matters to you, your child (ren) and the town;

(2) There are several talking points provided below under various topics to help get you started. Pick a couple of topics and then one or two of the talking points from each topic or come up with your own. Your letters do not need to be very lengthy, unless you choose to make it that way. We just want to ensure that the members of the School Board hear from the Clifton Community. The various topics are overcrowding, costs, condition of Clifton Elementary, and community.

OVERCROWDING:

- ◆ The proposed Liberty school site is too far from the overcrowded schools to be able to provide a solution to the overcrowding without major boundary changes for the entire study area.
- ◆ We are confident that more limited, yet fully adequate, renovations to Clifton ES could reduce costs dramatically and free up funds to address overcrowding issues with solutions closer to the sites of the schools which are expected to be short of capacity.
- ◆ FCPS should focus efforts to find a solution to overcrowding at an area closer to those specific schools with the most significant overcrowding.

CONDITION OF CES:

- ◆ If you wish to address the current condition of CES, you may want to point out the school is in good working order, and is currently sufficient for educating children in a safe and effective manner.
- ◆ It is a perfectly viable school on a perfectly viable site and has served our community well for the last 100+ years.
- ◆ The draft feasibility studies painted a poor, arguably unbalanced, image for anyone who read them who was not familiar with Clifton ES.

COSTS:

- ◆ The market costs for construction are down drastically. The costs initially listed in the feasibility study need to be updated to reflect the most current cost projections.
- ◆ Most if not all of the folks in Clifton would be happy to have less than the full scale renovation that was initially recommended in the draft feasibility study.
- ◆ After reviewing the county numbers, it is clear they contain a lot of “fat”, running cost higher than would be.
- ◆ If you have not done so already, ask staff to give you details on renovation costs for not only the full scale renovation, but additionally for a modified reduced scope, and even a sustainable maintenance upgrade.
- ◆ more modest renovations to Clifton Elementary School would reduce projected costs and still meet the FCPS Educational Specification guidelines.

COMMUNITY:

- ◆ You might indicate that *our community strongly supports keeping CES open in its current location*, and we are eager to work with FCPS to develop realistic, lower cost renovation options. (In these stressful economic times, we don’t need the “Cadillac” of renovations if a Ford Escort will do.)
- ◆ Closing CES will mean dividing the community. Because of the rural nature of the Clifton area, our children will be divided possibly among three different elementary schools if our school closes.
- ◆ We have one of the smallest schools that serves one of the largest communities in terms of square miles. The school serves as a natural meeting place that unites the community. Other communities have sidewalks (allowing children to easily play together) and community pools (allowing neighbors and kids to get to know each other outside of the school setting). The only thing in our community that truly facilitates this is our school and the activities that take place at Clifton Elementary (i.e. Scouts).
- ◆ In addition to damaging our community, busing our children to the different schools will incur greater transportation costs, and greatly increase the amount of time many of children spend in buses.
- ◆ I/we don’t even have children that attend Clifton Elementary, but yet we feel that it is such an integral part of the community that it needs to stay in it’s current location.

Please don’t delay—draft your letter today so that it will be ready to go in April! Don’t assume that everyone else is working to save our school. EVERYONE needs to let the School Board know their feelings.

Here is a sample letter (but remember, *please individualize, use a couple of suggested talking points and use your own words*)

Dear Ms. Bradsher,

I am a parent of two children, one of whom currently attends Clifton Elementary. Like many of my neighbors, I am concerned about the possible closure of our school. As you know, our small school does an excellent job of educating our children, and also serves as the heart of our community. Although our elementary school may not appear to be “state of the art,” it is certainly functional, and its great results for our children speak for themselves.

If Clifton is closed, our community would be divided as our children would be bused to three different elementary schools. Given the size of the Clifton area, this would result in higher transportation costs, and also much longer bus rides for many of our children.

I urge you to support actions that would maintain CES in its current location. Our community is committed to working with FCPS to identify the least costly options for any necessary renovations. It would seem that reasonable renovations would be more cost efficient than the greater transportation, material, and personnel costs associated with opening an enormous new school.

FCPS prides itself on being a first class educational institution. We believe that the success of FCPS is very much tied to its philosophy of putting children first. We are not a “one size fits all” school system; instead, our excellence is derived from our commitment to supporting diverse and unique approaches to educating children. Clifton Elementary is a small, community based school system that effectively involves the Clifton Community in all aspects of our children’s education. The loss of CES would not be just a loss to Clifton; we believe it would be a loss to FCPS as well.

Thank you so much for all your work on our behalf. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at _____.

Sincerely,
XXX

March 12, 2010 * Heart in Hand Restaurant, Clifton, VA

Clifton Elementary Silent/Live Auction

It's time to buy your Silent Auction tickets.

Just \$35 – two for \$60

You can also sponsor a teacher (or two).

*Drink tickets will come with the first 100 tickets sold.

Yes! I will attend the Clifton Elementary Silent Auction. I need _____ tickets.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Name: _____

Sponsor a teacher: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Donation Form for the Clifton Elementary Silent/Live Auction

The Clifton Elementary School PTA (a501(c)-(3) Organization EIN 54-1645889) is planning the Annual Silent and Live Auction for March 12, 2010, at the Heart in Hand restaurant in Clifton, VA. This event is the PTA's largest fundraiser for the year, and it helps create the funds needed for field trips, development of technology resources, Teacher Wish Lists, and the general improvement of the educational facilities at Clifton Elementary School.

The PTA and school staff appreciate your support of this event. Your tax-deductible contribution of a product, service, gift certificate, or monetary donation will assist us in financing many of the school's needs. Advertisement of your donated item and/or business will appear in our school newsletter, in the distributed booklet, and at the Auction itself where more than 150 parents, school staff and neighbors will attend. We hope we can count on you to donate.

Products, Services, Gift Certificates or direct contributions are appreciated. To arrange a pick-up, email Carrie Shokraei at carrie.shokraei@gmail.com or Lisa Graine at lisagraine@aol.com.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
The Clifton Elementary School PTA
7010 Clifton Road
Clifton, Virginia 20124
Silent/Live Auction Committee
Teachers, Parents and Students

Description of Donation:

Name, address, phone number of contributor:

CLIFTON BUSINESS COALITION

3rd Annual Scavenger Egg Hunt



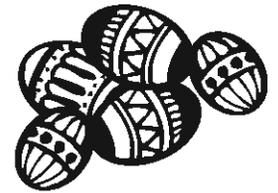
FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-12



Saturday, March 27th

PROMPTLY AT NOON

(rain date is Sunday, March 28th at 2pm)



Please no personal baskets, collection bags will be provided.

Toddlers-Preschool



The Weaver House Lawn
Main Street- Clifton

Kindergarten-3rd grade

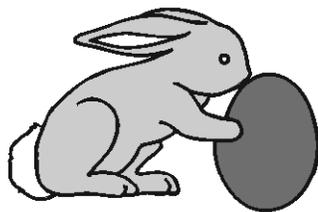


Clifton Town Park
Main Street Entrance

4th grade-6 grade



Ayre Square
Corner of Main and Chapel Road



Parental Supervision is required for all children.

Admission is \$2 - Tickets will be sold at each location

Who will find the Golden Eggs? 

Depicting Life Photography will be in the Town Park gazebo with the Easter Bunny at 12:30pm on Saturday only. A \$10 sitting fee includes one 4x6.

Clifton Community Woman's Club 2010 Homes Tour

By Carol LaGasse

The Clifton Community Woman's Club presents our 38th Annual Charity Homes Tour and Marketplace on Thursday, May 20, 2010 from 9:30am to 3:30pm in Clifton, Virginia. The Homes Tour includes guided tours of four homes and a garden in the Clifton/Fairfax Station area. In addition to the Homes Tour, there will be a silent auction, boutique, and an art show and sale by local artists. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the tour.

This event draws approximately 600 visitors from all over the western metropolitan area each year and is our primary annual fundraiser for charities and scholarships. All net proceeds support our Charitable Trust. Over the past five years, the Trust has distributed over \$100,000 to worthy recipients, with about 90 percent to recipients in the Northern Virginia area.

Approximately 80 local CCWC members volunteer each year to participate in various projects to support the needs of our community. The Club's mission is to promote the civic, cultural, social, educational, and physical environment of our community.

For more information, contact Linda Beckman at 703-266-5791 or dunleavyjl@aol.com

Carol LaGasse is the publicity chairperson for the Clifton Community Woman's Club

Celebrating Clifton's Birthday

A birthday celebration for the town of Clifton will be held on Saturday, April 10th, in the park from 2 pm to 4 pm. Cake and refreshments to be provided by the CBA.

In the event of rain, the celebration will be held in the Town Hall.



The Primitive Baptist Church Needs Renovating

As avid Golfers and Clifton enthusiasts, Jeff Sealy and Steve Bittner are posing a challenge. They are organizing the Clifton Cup golf tournament to raise funds to renovate one of the oldest structures in Clifton, the Primitive Baptist Church. Help make this a success by signing up at least one foursome for the event and spreading the word about the need for sponsorships

Register and pay on line at <http://cba.cliftonva.us/Default.aspx?tabid=78>. There is a separate sponsor link for those willing to sponsor the event. This and all tournament details can be found at <http://cba.cliftonva.us/Events/CliftonCup/tabid/71/Default.aspx>.

Event Information

More information can be found in flyer on the next page.

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 (1:30 shot gun start)
 Format: Captain's Choice
 Venue: Westfields Golf Club
 Cost: \$150 per golfer early registration fee. \$175 per golfer after April 16

Catered dinner following event. Free beer on course; cash bar following event.

FIFTH ANNUAL
CLIFTON
CUP
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Westfields Golf Club

<http://www.westfieldsgolf.com>

13940 Balmoral Greens Avenue / Clifton, Virginia 20124

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 - Shotgun start at 1:30 pm

Proceeds to benefit the restoration of
One of historic Clifton's oldest structures

The Primitive Baptist Church

100 Golfer Limit

Register by April 16 and pay **\$150** per player, \$600 per foursome

After April 16 pay \$175 per player, \$700 per foursome

**Hole-in-one, Longest drive, Closest to pin contests
Raffle, Mulligans, Great prizes**

**Beverages (Alcohol/non-Alcohol) provided During Event
Catered Dinner and Awards Ceremony Following Event**

Register online at <http://cba.cliftonva.us/cliftoncup5>

For more information e-mail Jeff Sealy and Steve Bittner at

cliftoncup5@aol.com

2003 Robinson Graduate Receives Wings



Second Lt. Wes Dixon, son of Wendy Burdette and Chuck Dixon of Fairfax Station, has graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training and received his Air Force Wings, along with the Class of 10-03 of the 80th Flying Training Wing, Euro-Nato Joint Jet Pilot Training. The ceremony took place on February 12, 2010 at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. Wes will continue training at Sheppard AFB until June, 2010 when he'll move to Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tuscon, Arizona to train in the A-10. After completion of the A-10 training in late 2010 he will be stationed in Baltimore, Maryland in the Maryland Air National Guard.

Wes is a 2003 graduate of James Robinson Secondary School and a 2007 graduate of The Citadel. Wes is employed as a First Officer for American Eagle Airlines, however is presently on a military leave.

Have You Ever Thought About Hosting an International Exchange Student?

Hosting an exchange student will change your life. By opening your heart and your home to a young person from another culture you will be exposed to new worlds. It will be an unforgettable experience that will extend well beyond the time of the exchange. For information: Contact CBA member, Kathy Kinter, K.Kinter@international-experience.net or 703-988-9565, www.ie-usa.com

Clifton Area Babysitters

The Clifton Betterment Association does not officially endorse any of the following individuals on the babysitters list. It is provided as a courtesy to our readers.

If you would like to be added to the babysitter list please call Dariece Rau at 703-815-4440.

Diana Armendaris, 17, 703-968-2774, Experience with children of all ages.

Dayton Coupland, 15, (703) 830-4149, Male, Robinson Honor Roll student. Many Clifton referrals available.

Meredith Ross, 19, 703-830-7034, (schoolwork/tutoring for younger kids) Speaks English/ Spanish.

Emma Ross, 17, 703-830-7034, (schoolwork/tutoring for younger kids) Speaks English/ Spanish.

Cara Wood 17, 703-988-0819, Experience with all ages/cleaning kitchens after meals and picking up.

Erica Wood 14, 703-988-0819, Experience with all ages/cleaning kitchens after meals and picking up.

Marissa Wood 12, 703-988-0819, Experience with all ages/cleaning kitchens after meals and picking up.

Want to Reserve a Place in Town for an Activity or Function?

To reserve any of the Town parks, Playground Park, Ayre Square, 8 Acre Park - please call Donna Netschert at 703.830.2727 or e-mail her at villagetimesaver@aol.com

To reserve the Community Hall - please call Margo Buckley Khosravi at: 703.988.0685 or e-mail her at coragy@verizon.net



CLIFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12748 Richards Lane, P. O. Box 320 Clifton, Virginia 20124

Tel: 703-830-3175 Fax: 703-830-6618

www.cliftonpc.org

The Rev. Dr. Lynn J. Stanton-Hoyle, Pastor

The Rev. Jennifer Dunfee, Associate Pastor

LENT / EASTER 2010

Maunday Thursday Service:

Thursday, April 1
7:30 pm

CPC Easter Festival

Saturday, April 3
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 4
7:00 am

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 4

6:00 am

8:00 am *Communion*

9:30 am

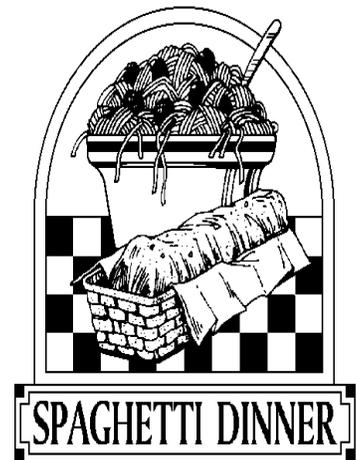
11:00 a.m.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

This annual event to raise money for our mission projects will be held on **March 13, 2010 from 5-8pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

We are currently seeking items or services for donation to our upcoming **Silent Auction held during the Spaghetti Dinner.**

This is a fun and easy way to contribute to our mission efforts, from the youngest to the oldest, richest to the least rich among us! Hot bidding wars have ensued for items such as babysitting services (pet/child), professional advice/service (e.g. will, taxes, design, dental, photography), baked goods, hauling/tree removal/ landscape/ mulching/leaf removal services, music lessons, cleaning services, dinners for four, antique china, tutoring for a child, video games...the list is endless!



SPEAKING OF GUEST SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES:

Our Guest Speaker Series features people of faith who are involved in our congregation and deal with challenging issues at the organizations they serve. This series had a strong start on Valentine's Sunday, when we heard from Debra Bobbitt, with "Speaking of Afghanistan: A Glimpse from a Civilian Contractor." Please join us at upcoming opportunities, when we can listen, reflect, ask questions, and share thoughts about situations that affect the life of our nation and our world. Mark your calendars for these next engaging speakers and topics:

The Problems and Needs of Abused and Homeless Children:

Gina Cocomello, Director of Development, Alternative House
Sunday, March 7, 7-9 pm with dessert.

Speaking of the Economy:

Larry Lindsey, President and CEO, The Lindsey Group
Sunday, April 11, 7-9 pm with dessert.

Development and Water in Kenya:

Mark and Diane Reimers, Waterlines Volunteers
Sunday, May 2, 7-9 pm with dessert.

OWLS LUNCHEON

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next OWLS Luncheon will be the regular monthly luncheon **on Monday March 8th** at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The cost is \$7.00, payable at the door. Reservations are required; please call

Marilyn Hedges at 703-830-8198 or Charlene Baldwin at 703-542-6826.

Do You Have a U.S. Flag That Needs Retiring?



When the United States flag becomes worn, torn, faded, or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag.

The BSA Troop 1104/Clifton will collect US Flags for "retirement" at our Wednesday evening meetings, 7:00 - 8:30PM at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. We hope to create a suitable collection point at the Church, so that "donated flags" can be collected anytime for future ceremonies.

Before accepting a flag for retirement, the Troop would like some information about its history. For example: Where has it flown? How long? Any memorable events that happened at that site? This information will be used in the ceremony.

Please be sure to include this information with the flag when you drop it off.

CLIFTON FILM FEST SUMMER 2010



WHAT: Film Festival with original films made by the local community. Submissions 3-8 minutes. The top films will be shown in the Clifton Town Park under the stars, as well as on our website. Other great prizes to be announced soon.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

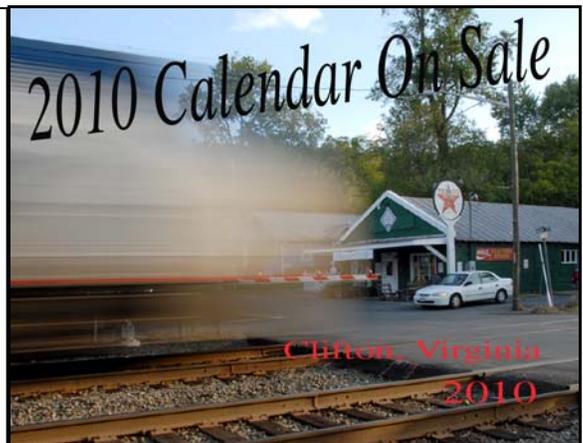
Monday, July 12th. Please mail your submission to P.O. Box 77, Clifton, VA 20124 on a DVD with registration form.

FILM FESTIVAL: Friday July 23rd.

(Rain Date: Saturday July 24th)

visit www.cliftonfilmfest.com or e-mail dani@cliftonfilmfest.com for more info

Do you have your 2010 Clifton Calendar yet? This wonderful calendar features pictures taken by local residents and is a great way to reflect on life in the Clifton area community. You can purchase the calendar, featuring pictures of family life and activities from our historic town, for \$8 at T&K Treasures in Clifton (across from the fire station) or via the Town website (www.cliftonva.us) with a credit card or PayPal account. Online purchase will be delivered to your residence or mailed out of town. All proceeds go directly to the Town budget to support the arts in Clifton. Contact Chuck Rusnak (chuckles3293@hotmail.com) with questions.



Clifton RED Thanks You



Renovate our school, Embrace the community, Dedicate your efforts
savecliftonelementary.org

Clifton RED (Renovate our school, Embrace the community, Dedicate your efforts) would like to thank everyone in the Clifton area community who has supported our "Save Clifton Elementary" efforts verbally, financially or otherwise. Thank you for your donations and purchases of T-shirts, car magnets, and wristbands to help offset expenses.

If you still have not purchased your RED items you can get wristbands and car magnets at Clifton Cleaners; and T-shirts, magnets, and wristbands at the Clifton Café.

In addition, Clifton RED would like to recognize those businesses and organizations that contributed toward the printing of the T-shirt cost. Please be sure to support them and thank them for their help in trying to save Clifton Elementary:

The Clifton Betterment Association	Peterson's Ice Cream Depot	BYK Additives and Instruments
Sun Splash Tanning Salons—Randy Thompson	Carol Hermandorfer at Long and Foster	
Capital Roofing	The Lexington Group—Royce Jarrendt	ING— Bill Jasien
NOVA Orthopedic and Spine Care—Richard Layfield III, MD		Burke Sporting Goods

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1104

BY TERRY WINKOWSKI

Virginia State Senator George Barker (D) and Delegate Tim Hugo (R) attended a recent meeting of Boy Scout Troop 1104 in downtown Clifton. As this area's elected officials, they presented information and answered questions about local and state governments, providing the Scouts an opportunity to fulfill requirements for individual rank advancement and the Eagle Rank-required Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.



Mr. Hugo began his presentation by emphasizing citizen rights, freedom of speech, freedom to voice grievances, and freedom of religion. He explained to the Scouts the two-party system and the responsibility of each individual to vote.

Mr. Barker provided the Scouts with information about the budgetary process, time spent in Richmond, and the distinctions between county and state governments. He provided a perspective on the large number of bills that are proposed as well as the importance of planning and completing studies to address local issues and services.

The interactive format of the meeting encouraged the Scouts to ask many pertinent questions about the bill process, staff work, key accomplishments, and local concerns.



Both officials encouraged the Scouts to read the newspaper, stay informed on issues, and take seriously each person's right to provide input and ask questions of those who work for the citizens of the community.



Update

Clifton-Fairfax Station Transition in Place Services

CFS-TIPS, Inc. PO Box 311, Clifton, VA 20124 | www.cfs-tips.org

CFS-TIPS will begin providing our members with transportation services this spring, driving them to meetings, doctor appointments, grocery stores, etc.

CFS-TIPS is a nonprofit neighborhood group whose mission is to help senior citizens in the Clifton and Fairfax Station areas remain in their homes for as long as possible. We offer support services such as helping seniors manage expenses, find reliable contractors, and get where they need to be with a free ride service. To launch the transportation service, more volunteers are required to assist with our neighbor-helping-neighbor program. We have a number of volunteers already signed up, but to be fully responsive, we need more. If you are looking for a place to dedicate some time to help others in need, but don't know exactly what you can do, consider joining TIPS as a volunteer. For information on how to become part of this very important program in our community, please call Nancy Simmons at 703-250-5984 (nancysimmons@cox.net). We will have a central telephone calling number for members to call CFS-TIPS for transportation to their events. All volunteers will be screened and trained to assure that we provide a quality program. Volunteers will be reimbursed for miles driven.

CFS-TIPS is also developing its own list of tried and tested vendors who are recommended by others in the community. This list will be available in the near future to members, and will include contractors, individuals, and vendors who have worked in our community and have proven to others to be trustworthy and reliable.

In addition, CFS-TIPS has the following activities now underway and available to the community:

- Officers are available to meet with any group—church, lodge, HOA's, etc.—to give a first-hand explanation of where we are at this time, our needs, objectives and time-lines. We can give a short talk (with hand-outs), a slide presentation, or just a discussion. Please call us.
- We have prepared a number of “welcome” packages that are available for delivery to neighbors who might recognize the need to use CFS-TIPS support. These welcome packages include a letter from the President of CFS-TIPS, a recent newsletter describing our support program, and a survey asking what services are needed by our neighbors. Let us know who might like a welcome package.
- We also have available for distribution a brochure about CFS-TIPS, that provides a succinct description of the program and its objectives. Call us and we will bring a number of brochures to you.

Membership Support: Please consider becoming a member of CFS-TIPS. Though many residents might think they may not need help yet, in time most of us will. We have several members who have joined TIPS, just to show they support the concept and want to be part of keeping us around until that real need is there. Our Phase I membership fee is only \$50 per year for an individual and \$100 for a couple. We welcome members and/or volunteers.

Call: Bill Cole, President at 703-764-1300, David Smith, V. President at 703-830-3418, Joe Luchini, Secretary/Treasurer at 703-815-0368. Or visit our website: www.cfs-tips.org

Fairfax County Presents:

Free Seminars for Family Caregivers

Fairfax County's *Free Seminars for Family Caregivers* series offers 11 events this spring to help family caregivers of older adults and adults with disabilities throughout the county. Speakers include experts in law, insurance, care management, finances and community resources.

New this spring is a seminar on supporting caregivers of veterans scheduled for March 25.

People are welcome to attend one or all of the seminars. For more information, to register, or to request reasonable accommodations go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and link to *Events*, e-mail caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5205, TTY 703-449-1186.

Understanding Medicare, Medigap and Medicare Part D

Learn the facts about health insurance for older adults.

Tuesday, March 16, 7-9:00 p.m.

West Springfield Government Center

6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

Caregiving 101

Learn about resources and get useful information to help you begin the caregiver journey.

Tuesday, March 23, 7-9:00 p.m.

Hollin Hall Senior Center

1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Supporting Caregivers of Veterans

Information on resources available to veterans and their caregivers.

Thursday, March 25, 7-9:00 p.m.

Hollin Hall Senior Center

1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Directions: 703-765-4573

Making Life Easier: Gadgets, Gizmos and Home Modifications

Learn about home modifications and inexpensive devices that can help your loved one maintain independence.

Wednesday April 7, 1-3:00 p.m.

Oakton Library

10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, VA 22124

Navigating Medicaid Maze: Waivers, Eligibility, Documentation

The costs of long-term care can quickly drain even a substantial savings account. Learn about Medicaid's eligibility criteria, screening process, required documentation, and Medicaid's home-based and nursing home care.

Thursday, April 8, 7 – 9:00 p.m.

West Springfield Government Center

6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

Directions: 703-451-8873

Legal Tools for Caregivers

Family caregiver may need to make legal and health care decisions for a loved one. Learn about legal tools that can help ensure your loved one's wishes are carried out. Topics include durable power of attorney, trusts, guardianship, and advanced medical directives.

Tuesday, April 20, 7–9:00 p.m.

Mason Governmental Center

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Stages of Alzheimer's Disease

While each individual's journey with Alzheimer's disease is unique, there are common markers along the way. Learn what to expect as the disease progresses and how to adapt to the changing needs of your loved one and family.

Thursday, April 29, 1–3:00 p.m.

Alzheimer's Family Day Center

2812 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031

Financial Issues for Caregivers

Professional long-term care is expensive and can deplete assets quickly. Get in-depth information on how to maximize your resources, stretch financial assets and avoid common money mistakes that caregivers make.

Thursday, April 29, 7-9:00 p.m.

Mason Governmental Center

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Behavior as Communication in Alzheimer's Disease

People with Alzheimer's disease often communicate through behavior. It is sometimes difficult for caregivers to understand this communication. Learn how to improve communication with a person who has Alzheimer's disease and how to anticipate and minimize troubling behaviors.

Wednesday, May 5, 7 – 9:00 p.m.

Herndon Senior Center

873 Grace Street, Herndon, VA 20171

When Do I Step In?

Deciding when and how to help an older adult can be a difficult decision. Common concerns include driving, safety, health, and finances. Learn how and when to step in and how to find help assigning financial and medical oversight to a more competent relative at the appropriate time.

Thursday, May 6, 7-9:00 p.m.

Sully Governmental Center

4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, VA 20151

Managing Care for a Difficult Older Adult

Helping a loved one can involve challenging personalities and behaviors as well as relationship issues. Learn strategies to deal with these factors as you provide the best care possible.

Wednesday, May 12, 7–9:00 p.m.

Little River Glen Senior Center

4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, VA 22032

The spring *Free Seminars for Family Caregivers* series implements the [Fairfax 50+ Action Plan](#) directive to "support caregivers so that they can continue giving."

For more information on services for older adults, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

The series is sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, Community and Recreation Services, Health Department, Library, Fairfax Long-Term Care Coordinating Council, AARP Virginia, Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Family Day Center, ElderLink, Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, and Thomas West Financial Services. The program receives funding from the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

Healthy Lawn Care

By Sarah Mayhew and Greg Sykes, Virginia Master Naturalists, Fairfax Chapter

As spring warms the air, we look forward to awakening woodlands and gardens. It also means we once again turn attention to our lawns. Hopefully, your yard has native garden plots to increase food sources for wildlife; and your grassy areas are small, thereby reducing air pollution from lawn mower use and water pollution from excess use of lawn chemicals (see www.audubonva.org/index.php/environmental-education/eco-friendly-landscaping).



Instead of doping the grass with chemicals, a better way to nourish thick, green lawns is by applying compost teas. These teas have a proven record in places that see heavy use, from Battery Park City in lower Manhattan to the Yard at Harvard University to residential properties here in Northern Virginia. Compost is organic material decomposed by fungi, bacteria, worms, and insects. It is a dark brown crumbly material that smells pleasantly earthy, like a deep forest after a spring rain. Anyone can make compost from yard debris (leaves, grass clippings, kitchen scraps) or commercially from forest product wastes, yard debris collected by municipalities, sewage that contains no industrial pollutants, or farm waste materials (composted cow manure). Compost tea is an aqueous solution of organic matter aerobically (in the presence of oxygen) broken down by microbes. The final product is sprayed on lawns and gardens.

Compost tea may be applied to plant foliage to reduce diseases attacking leaves, such as fungi and viral infections. Ground application helps the soil colonize with beneficial microbes. These organisms attach to plant roots and facilitate nutrient uptake to the plants. Some companies recognize the value of soil microbes and sell seed inoculated with microbial coatings. Furthermore, these beneficial species spread into the tiny spaces between soil particles and loosen the soil structure. After several years of regular application, soil structure changes so that grass roots easily penetrate to a depth of 10 inches compared to three inches in conventional lawns. Compared to specimens with compacted root systems, grass plants with long and healthy root systems retain moisture and store nutrients much longer during droughts and survive harsh winters better. The healthier grass has improved ability to crowd out weeds that try growing in the lawn. Furthermore, the deep, loose soil absorbs more rainfall, thereby reducing the storm surge eroding streams with every heavy rain. In contrast, synthetic chemicals fail to penetrate the soil (much of it washes off with rain) so grass roots cluster near the surface. Furthermore, spring applications of synthetic chemicals merely stimulates grass growth without improving the root structure—like expecting an athlete to perform on a steady caffeine and sugar intake instead of a healthy, nutritious diet. The dramatic physical changes going on in the soil will take time, but you will appreciate the full long-term benefits of switching to an entirely organic compost/compost tea regimen of lawn care in two to three years.

Maintaining a lawn with compost teas is easy. Spraying the yard (one gallon per 1,000 ft²) with the compost tea twice a year—spring and fall—takes about the same time as normal fertilization. Since compost teas act differently than synthetic chemicals, the adage, “Fertilize in the fall if at all,” does not apply here. To feed the soil microbes and keep them healthy, periodically apply a layer of compost to the soil surface. Mulch



grass clippings and some autumn leaves back into the lawn—a great practice for any lawn—instead of bagging them on the curb and losing the nutrients. Except for lime applications every three to four years in Northern Virginia's acidic soils, any additional chemical fertilizers are unnecessary. Would you like to double check the soil's pH and chemistry? A quality soil test costs only \$10.00, plus postage. Just dig some samples of soil from a couple of areas in your lawn, mix them together and dry them. Then mail them to the soil lab at Virginia Tech, by the end of two weeks, you will have the results. You can obtain a soil test mailing box at your local library or

Healthy Lawn Care—continued

Extension Agent's office. See www.soiltest.vt.edu for details.

Compost tea is available at specialty garden centers, such as American Plant (<http://www.americanplant.net/index.html>) and it costs much less than a high quality slow release fertilizer. Homemade brews are another option and are created at different scales. For example, you can make a 55 gallon batch from 2 lb “brown” (e.g. coffee grinds), 2 lb “green” (e.g. grass clippings mixed with banana peels), 1 quart fish emulsion, 1 quart kelp emulsion, and a half cup of the essential ingredient: organic molasses—microbes love it! Wrap the solids in cheese cloth or mesh bag. Place the bag in the barrel filled with water (rain barrels are perfect). Add the liquid ingredients. Hook a few aquarium air stones to an air pump, drop the stones in the barrel, and allow the mixture to steep for two days. Afterwards, the bag may be removed and the tea is ready to use. Watering cans help apply the tea on target plants; for fast, broad application, attach a garden hose to a sump pump and turn on the pump. Never use sprayers previously used for synthetic chemical treatments.

If you have lawn service and wish to continue hiring workers to maintain the yard, make sure that they have your best interests at heart. Some companies now offer composting instead of synthetic fertilization. If you stay with a conventional approach, ask how necessary the treatment is before they zap your yard with chemicals. Did they test the soil to know what nutrients were depleted or are they bombarding the lawn out of habit? Are they even applying the treatment on a thawed lawn? Some companies spread lawn chemicals on snow-covered ground—good luck with nutrient absorption! In addition to applying chemicals at the wrong time of year or overdosing the lawn, other companies shoot chemicals several feet into the street and over other paved surfaces, supposedly so the supervisors can stay in their car while assessing if that the property was treated. Other dubious practices impairing water quality include blowing clippings and yard debris



down storm drains and allowing motor oil to drain down the curb and into the storm drains. All of these infractions were committed by various commercial companies operating in Fairfax! Fortunately, other companies care enough about the environment to voluntarily implement landscaping practices to improve soil and water quality. Here is a link to the list www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_and_water/documents/wqagree.pdf. If you own a landscaping business and are not yet on the list, would you consider adjusting your practices towards reduced environmental impact? A path towards greater sustainability is the road to the future, so get a jump on it, demonstrate the healthy commitment to your customers, and win over new, eco-savvy clients!

There are many options for homeowners who want to use organic teas and sustainable lawn care practices. For further reading and additional links, see the following resources:

Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 2001. Easy Composting: the Secret to Great Soil and Spectacular Plants. Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York. pp 112.

http://homeguide123.com/articles/Compost_Tea.html

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/Tea/tea1.htm>

http://www.soilfoodweb.com/sfi_approach1.html

Raver, Anne. 2009 (October 27). The Grass is Greener at Harvard. New York Times: http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/24/garden/24garden.html?_r=2&scp=2&sq=harvard&st=cse.

Democratic Women of Clifton Celebrate Fifth Anniversary with New Programs and Plans

by Debbie Nagy, Editor, DWC Newsletter

Five years ago, on February 13, 2005, 12 Democratic women from Clifton sent out an invitation to a tea party, hoping that a few other Democratic women might show up. They did. In fact, more than 100 Democratic women showed up, and the Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) was born! Since that day, the membership has grown to more than 475 women.

To celebrate their fifth anniversary, the DWC held a party on February 21 in the home of member Linda Jordan. Honored guests included Kate Hanley, who spoke at the first meeting in 2005, along with young Democrats who have worked side-by-side with the DWC in campaigns and causes. It was a time of friendship and fun for both women and local youth in the Democratic Party.

The DWC Book Club has generated growing participation over the years and continues to meet monthly on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. in members' homes. Peggy Azouqha, the coordinator, may be contacted for details at azouqha@msn.com. On February 27, members of the Book Club enjoyed a special outing to Mount Vernon in conjunction with their reading of *Martha Washington: An American Life*, by Patricia Brady. The trip included lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn, a visit with Martha Washington herself, and a tour of the mansion and museum.

Other recent and upcoming activities of the DWC include participation in the Empty Bowls fundraiser on February 23 that benefited Our Daily Bread and its food programs for area families in need. On March 10, postponed from February due to weather, the DWC will visit Richmond to observe the House of Delegates and Senate in session and tour the historic Governor's Mansion and the Capitol Building.

At the general meeting in January, the DWC elected a new Steering Committee and recognized outgoing officers and committee chairs. *(Pictured are members of the 2009 and 2010 DWC Steering Committees. Standing, left to right: Jane Blechman, Barbara Tuset, Gretchen Klimoski, Chris Randon, Debbie Nagy, Jill Waters, Betty Jacob, and Betsy Ellison. Kneeling, left to right: Laura Kehoe, Stacia Camby, and Barbara Miller. Not pictured: Jane Barker, Linda Jordan, and Yvonne Garcia.)*



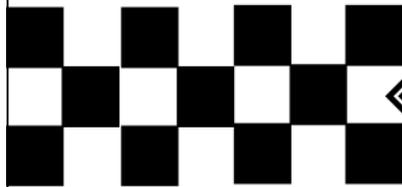
The Democratic Women of Clifton welcomes all Democratic women in Northern Virginia to visit and join the organization. Meetings of the DWC are held monthly on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. More information is available at www.democraticwomenofclifton.org or, by e-mail, Cliftonwomendems@aol.com. The next meetings will be held on March 21 and April 18. Join a group that is fun, friendly, and gets things done! We would love to see you at our next meeting.

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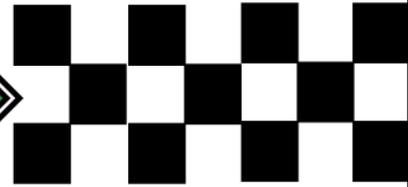
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Anthony Reid & Assoc. LLC



By Beth Poortinga and Rebecca Hines

Anthony Reid & Associates, LLC, opened for business in Clifton on November 1, 1995, with the Clifton Store as its first client. Anthony Reid graduated from George Mason University in 1984 with a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting, received his Enrolled Agent certification from the Treasury Department in 1998 and became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in 2003. In the last 15 years, Mr. Reid's client base has grown tremendously as the need for a convenient and personable accountant has become greater.

Anthony and his staff provide services ranging from individual tax return preparations to corporate bookkeeping to payroll for large and small businesses. With the IRS constantly changing, he and his staff are up to date on the new tax codes implemented with the new stimulus plans including the first-time home buyers' credit and energy efficiency improvements credit.

Anthony Reid & Associates, LLC is now located in the new Clifton Professional Office Building in the old Buckley House at 12642 Chapel Rd. a block off of Main Street. We can be reached at (703) 222-9587.

His client base has grown solely through "word of mouth" and personal referrals from clients. Anthony Reid & Associates would like to take this opportunity to thank our clients for their continued patronage and faith in our services.

Local Horse Wins National Award

Congratulations to Emmi Holmes and her beautiful Palomino filly Little Miss Moonshine on earning a national award!

AWS (American Warmblood Society) announced the awards in January. Moonshine received the AWS 2009 National Fourth place award for two-year-olds. These national placings are calculated by the breed society based on the horse's highest score at any show during that calendar year. What amazed Emmi was that Moonshine earned her highest score on a day that should have thrown both her and Emmi into a total state of stress and confusion. They had a truck breakdown early in the morning on the way to the show in Mt. Airy, MD and were brought on to the show by a very kind competitor who was on her way to the same show and stopped to help. She was then thrown into a strange stall among other strange horses with lots of activity around and had no time for warm-up.

It was an in-hand class (she's not being ridden yet as a two-year-old) and she placed second – and that second place earned her the fourth place in the nation – among all the two-year-olds registered with AWS!! As Emmi said, "She did everything I asked of her that day. She was a real trooper."



Picture details: Sept 27, 2009, Serra Valley FEH (Future Event Horse) show, Mt. Airy, MD. Photographs by Lynn Hoffman

The Great Snowfall of 2010—Clifton Style



If you have not seen the great video slide show of Clifton after the BIG snowfall, put together by Robyn Witschey of Witschey Photography, be sure and check it out. It is beautiful and we can all appreciate it now that spring has finally sprung. The link to paste into your browser is

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ym1vvK4q2PE&feature=email>.

A New Store in Clifton Opening Soon

Randy and Julie Thompson will be opening **Clifton Wine Shop & Tasting Room** in Historic Clifton, located in the Heart & Hand building. They are interested in knowing what YOU want! If there is something in particular that you would like to see or have suggestions, please feel free to let them know.

The shop will be offering gourmet foods such as jellies, spreads, and cheeses, as well as a wide variety of affordable wine styles and accessories. They will be hosting wine tastings Friday - Sunday and are happy to host private parties in the shop or in your own home by reservation.

The Grand Opening date is expected to be May 1, 2010. Randy and Julie look forward to being your "local wine shop with a small-town feel."

Join the Fight Against Cancer!



The American Cancer Society's signature fundraising event, Relay For Life, is coming to Centreville High School on May 22-23, 2010. The event will include live music, DJ with Karaoke, children's area with moonbounces, opening ceremony with survivors/caregivers lap around the track, Luminaria ceremony, and more! Registration for teams of walkers is underway! Sign up now at www.CentrevilleRelay.org. Come to our first Team Captains' meeting on March 10 at 6:30p.m. at the Centreville High School Media Center (library). Contact Marion Rantis at CentrevilleRelay@gmail.com for more information.

Attention! All Clifton Singles!

Apparently, there are several of you out there who might like to meet each other. If you would like to attend a meet-and-greet at one of Clifton's watering holes please email Sally Rood at: Sally.Rood@cox.net.

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Clifton's Historic Past

By Lynne Garvey-Hodge

From the "Fairfax Herald" on May 6, 1892, the following indicates the excitement of Clifton current events! Enjoy!

"We failed to note in our last letter to the herald in giving an account of the closing exercises of the public school, that the scholars in token of their esteem and confidence in Mrs. Buckley gave her a handsome china set.

Mr. A.O. Chamblin of Loudoun spent a few days last week in the village. Mr. C. is a first class farmer and is an out and out free coinage man.

Mr. A. J. Burke had a cow killed by the train a few days ago.

Mr. A. G. Chamblin of Bloomfield, and Mrs. Bower of Catharpin, are visiting Mrs. W. E. Ford in the village.

Mr. G. B. Wright lost a very fine yearling calf in a stream and drowning last week. Mr. George Pettit is shipping an immense lot of hickory to Manassas, where, we understand he finds ready sale for them.

Mr. John H. Bryant of Farmwell spent Saturday and Sunday in the village.

The young ladies of the neighborhood will have a fishing party on Saturday next.

The Rev. B. P. Dulin preached in the Baptist Church on Sunday morning and night to large and appreciative audiences. Miss Mack, the colored school teacher, gave a fine closing exhibition on Friday night last.

Mr. Ben Cross of Centreville spent Sunday in the village."

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..... **AND ESPECIALLY TO THE CLIFTON RED** members who bought T-shirts – a special belated welcome to you. You are the **second** group of Clifton Reds and your six month trial membership actually starts with this newsletter. My apologies for the late start – your forms were among the “mystery forms” that went missing for several months, only to be found stashed in what I had thought was a very safe place. I hope you will enjoy all the benefits of your trial membership such as this newsletter, President Michelle’s informational e-mails, and in particular, our upcoming winter and spring activities. Please contact me with any missing or incorrect info – names, phone, e-mails, etc...



TO THE FIRST GROUP OF CLIFTON REDS (your membership began in October after Clifton Day), we trust you have already enjoyed all the perks outlined above through the fall and winter months. Note that your names appear below in the May renewal list, so please continue to support the CBA with a full membership with full perks to include voting privileges, the Clifton Directory, etc.



I'M STILL LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT/CO-CHAIR – added to my wish list is to find someone with Access skills (PC) and Mac skills. I am working on a way to use my new Mac (thanks to my family at Christmas) with my aging Access which is on an aging Windows machine. Has anyone ever done this? Please contact me if you have any suggestions or can help me do this. And to any students needing civics credits, I have jobs to fill those hours for you. Please e-mail me or call my cell phone.

The goal is to put out an updated Clifton Directory this year. This entails confirming data, getting that Access data into publishing software - Word or otherwise, and collecting ads and preparing them for press. I look forward to hearing from some of you in the computer publishing world. I have some ideas but there may be some better, simpler ways to do the job.



MAY 2010 RENEWALS ARE LISTED BELOW. Please do it before you forget. Use the form in this newsletter and send as soon as possible.



HAVE A WONDERFUL END OF WINTER – I KNOW it's out there just around the corner – and a very green and luscious spring.

Till next time, Emmi

Renew by May 1, 2010
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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 _____

E-Mail 1 _____ in directory: ___ include ___ do not include
 in email announcements list : ___ include ___ do not include
 in newsletter distribution list : ___ include ___ do not include

E-Mail 2 _____ in directory: ___ include ___ do not include
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All members must live within the Clifton Elementary School boundaries.

***If you're unsure, contact Emmi Holmes (703 830-1457, or emmiholmes@verizon.net) or the school for information.
 All Senior Citizens (65 and over): Send in this form (for our records) and you will receive free membership.***

Please check type of membership:

<i>Family Membership</i>	<i>Single Person Household Membership</i>
___ \$45 2yr. family membership	___ \$25 2yr. single person membership
___ \$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 Emmi Holmes, Membership, (703 830-1457, emmiholmes@verizon.net), if you have questions.

*Mail form and check, made out to CBA, to:
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Clifton Betterment Association

Academic Scholarship

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The \$500* scholarship will be awarded to a Clifton area youth or youths who demonstrates these accomplishments.

Applicant Qualifications:

1. A graduating high school senior.
2. Has made significant community contributions in the town of Clifton.
3. Has maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA as a junior & during the first semester of senior year.
4. Participated in a variety of extracurricular activities.

1. Name _____

2. Phone _____ email _____

3. Address _____ Clifton, VA 20124

4. Number & ages of children living at home (including applicant) _____

5. What colleges or technical schools have you applied to?

6. What colleges or technical schools have accepted you?

7. What colleges or technical schools have you decided to attend?

8. Describe your educational goals & tentative career choice.

** amount subject to change*

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Name _____

9. List extracurricular activities (clubs, arts, sports, music, drama, etc.) Please indicate the grade level (senior, junior, and sophomore). Include offices held, letters won, etc.

(If you have a current college resume you may submit that for questions 9-12 if it reflects the needed information.)

10. List the community activities/services you participated in during high school. Please also indicate the grade level.

11. List places you have been employed – including hours per week & dates:

12. ESSAY: in no more than 3 pages (typed and double spaced), please respond to this paragraph:

Having lived in Clifton, Virginia, a small town in the greater Washington DC metro area, you have had exposure to two opposing cultures; Cosmopolitan and Historic/semi-rural. How has your upbringing in these two diverse cultures prepared you for a quality college experience and, as a consequence of your experiences, what assets do you bring to your new college community?

I hereby authorize my high school: _____ to provide a transcript and college test scores to the Clifton Betterment Association Scholarship Committee. I understand that the information provided on the application will remain confidential and the decision of the scholarship committee will be final and accepted without recourse.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent or guardian signature _____ Date _____

Application Deadline: May 15, 2010

Please mail to:

CBA Scholarship

c/o PO Box 110

Clifton, VA 20124

Please direct questions regarding this application to Peter Noonan – 703-815-1748

or Lynne Garvey-Hodge, (703) 322-1811

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If there is something that you would like to see in the Clatter, please e-mail us at cliftonclatter@cox.net, and we will do our best to include it in a future edition.

Have you got a new neighbor?

Be sure and share your copy of the
Clifton Clatter
with them so that they can find out about
Clifton Betterment Association
membership.

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- 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.
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