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President's Corner

The CBA had a great group of scholarship winners this year and their essays brightened my day. I want to thank all four of them for their submissions and many of you for raising the funds so that we can award scholarships. Please involve your kids in the CBA. We have many events where they can help at a very young age....a kindergartener helped with the 5K set-up. I look forward to presenting Gus with a scholarship in a dozen years or so.

Despite a very wet race, we had a great time at the Clifton Caboose Twilight Run. We have a lot of extra t-shirts. If you registered and did not pick up your shirt, they are still available. Great job Gary Anderson, Steve Bittner, Dawn Van Dyke and Lynne Strang! And thanks to the Randy Thompson Band for playing the after-party.

The first Clifton Day meeting for 2015 was held this week but it is not too late to work on the planning. Contact our Clifton Day chair, Barbara Hutto, to get involved

cliftonday2013@verizon.net (as you can see, she thought her reign would only last one year). We meet at Peterson's Ice Cream on the last Wednesday of the Month. A free cone is one of the perks of volunteering.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

June 20	Clifton Wine Festival
July 4	Parade and Picnic
September 7	Labor Day Car Show www.labordaycarshow.org
September 12	Kidfest
October 3	Barn Dance
October 11	Clifton Day www.cliftonday.com
October 24	Clifton Haunted Trail www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com



See excerpts from scholarship essays on page 3!

CBA Members & Town Residents 4th of July



Festivities begin at
4:30 PM!

Celebrate our
freedom amongst friends
and neighbors of Clifton.

Town parade at 4:30
followed by a
potluck in the park.

Bring a dish to share and a
comfy lawn chair.
BBQ, beer, lemonade, cake,
children's activities and fun
will be provided.

Details for Parade:

When: 4:00 line-up on Dell Ave.

Begins @ 4:30

Where: Dell Ave, Main St. , Chapel Rd.,
Pendelton, Clifton Rd. and end in Aire
Square.

* 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place float winners will
receive a great prize!!!

Hope to see
you all there!!!!

Clifton Betterment Association Scholarship Essays



Students were asked how their exposure to the different cultures of growing up in a semi rural environment but within the hustle and bustle of the DC Metro area has prepared them for their college experience. Below are some excerpts from this year's winners!

I believe that I will be an asset to my new college community because of the diversity of the people I have been exposed to in this varied environment. I have interacted with people from many different backgrounds that the community attracts, and I have learned from every one of these interactions. Meeting all of these new people has made me a more well-rounded person with a larger world view, and I think this experience will make me a more unique asset than someone from a more limited community. In this way, I think the diverse environment of Clifton will aid me in my future by giving me a more open mind towards a wide variety of people. -Claire Spina

Living in Clifton has taught me responsibility and respect. A small town with limited resources relies on people in and outside of the Town to volunteer and participate in events to support the Town. I have enjoyed and learned through my volunteering or participating in the Haunted Trail, 5K, and building floats for July 4th parades and other various community service projects through school and church which all have taught me responsibility. Also, living in a small town means that you know most people in town so you learn respect very quickly. All of these things are assets that I will bring to a college campus. I am very excited for the next chapter in my life and I am very grateful for the unique upbringing in the Town of Clifton and my experiences at Robinson Secondary have taught me many valuable things that I will carry with me forever. -Brent Yantis

I feel a rush of adrenaline. I am soaring down a hill as white powder oats my jacket and the cold air awakens me. I spiral down to a slippery stop and I laugh with the other kids racing in behind me. "Pub for hot chocolate?" Tommy asks the group. Everyone nods in agreement and we trek over to the little green store in our snow boots for a special treat. As we pile into the warm and cozy general store, we can hear the adults at the bar laughing, talking, and of course cheering on the Caps. Even though the weather is too cold and harsh for school, I feel an overwhelming sense of warmth from a community that does not compare to the others in the chaotic place I like to call NOVA. This is Clifton, Virginia, a place that I am proud to call home. -Riley Wyant

Four years ago, I began a not-for profit organization that hosts instructional LEGO building camps for elementary school aged children, first held in the Clifton Town Hall. I wanted to serve my community be creating an environment where children could build with LEGO bricks, learn creative design/problem solving and share creative ideas together. Clifton's diverse culture and unique characteristics directly influenced the success of JBBA and made this service opportunity possible. -Cameron Meyer

Historic Clifton

In the summer of 1917, the Town of Clifton apparently encountered some interesting dialog, conversation and town politics. By August, the local clergy saw fit to be “instructive” to their congregations on matters of personal polity. One has to wonder just what these words of wisdom were that were so eloquently delivered at both the Clifton Presbyterian Church & the Clifton Baptist Church. Perhaps a repeat would be instructive today!

Also in the summer of 1917, sudden illnesses took lives and families mourned their losses. Warm weather brought visitors to Clifton and citizens ventured as far away as Manassas – some even made it to the beach! Other folks landed new employment opportunities. All in all - so similar to life in Clifton today!

Enjoy the news of Clifton from August 13, 1917 as shared in the “Fairfax Herald”.

Lynne Garvey Hodge, Fairfax County History Commission

Clifton

Rev. H. J. Beagen preached in the Presbyterian Church Sunday, at 11 am. The sermon was quite instructive and helpful. He urged Christians to work with the weapons they possessed and said that the Kingdom of God was within us, not without. The interior of the church has just been decorated and it was pronounced very beautiful by the congregation.

Rev. Dr. Fristoe preached in the Baptist Church at 8 pm, Sunday, his subject being the “Transfiguration.” It was quite interesting, as well as instructive.

Mr. Joseph Wells died at his home last Wednesday about 9am, at the age of 82 years. Mr. Wells was born and raised near here and spent all of his life in this neighborhood. His last illness was of very short duration, not quite 24 hours! He is survived by his wife (who was Miss Margaret Buckley) and eight children – five sons and three daughters, all of whom are living in Clifton. The funeral was held at his former home here, Friday at 3 pm. The services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Naff, Mr. Wells being a member of the Baptist Church. Interment was in the Clifton Cemetery.

Lieut. Walter A. Richards is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H Richards. Lieut. Richards has been in training at Fort Stevenson, Georgia.

Miss May Nicol of Bristol, Tenn., is visiting Miss Esther Buckley.

Messrs. Kirkmeyer and Warner have been callers at Mr. R. R. Buckley’s during the week.

Miss May Davis and brother, Lee and Miss Gertrude Cox were visitors at Mr. Robert Davis’s last week.

Miss Nancy Merehant has been visiting in Manassas for a few days.

Miss Maud Wood has been on a visit to Pinehurst.

Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Bowooly have returned from a visit to relatives in Manassas.

Miss Josephine Hart is visiting at Dr. Fristoe’s.

Mr. Joseph Lewis has employment in Washington and his wife and daughter have joined him there.

Mr. Irvin Quigg is clerking for Mr. U.U. Wrenn.

Miss Bessie Woodville, of Sweet Springs, W. Va., who is in training as a nurse at Charlottesville, spent the weekend with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Ferguson.

Miss Rosamond Burke has gone to John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore to take the course of training as a nurse.

Miss Laura Scriven who has been living with Mrs. John Detwiler, received word that her only sister, Mrs. Schaeffer of New York City, was quite ill, and has gone to New York.

The Primitive Baptist Association was held at Bacon Race. Quite a number attended the meeting.

Mr. Rush Buckley took some of his friends to Chesapeake Beach, Sunday.

Mr. D. W. Buckley and family and W. H. Richards, Jr. were recent visitors to Purcellville.

Mrs. Clyde Mathers has been ill during the past week, but is better.

Miss Rose Buckley has received an appointment to a government position in Washington.



Railroad Artifacts Photography Workshop at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

Volunteers will offer tips on editing and photo composition of railroad artifacts at the Photography Workshop sponsored by the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, June 28, 2015 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Instruction will be suitable for all ranges of photographers from high school age and above. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. Workshop is free but regular Museum admission rates apply. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Space is limited. Register by sending your name to events@fairfax-station.org. Like us on facebook too, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR.

For more information on this news release, contact Joyce Hill, jhill5712@aol.com.
Thank you!

Alert—Burglaries in our area!

Part of Fairfax County has been hit hard by burglars in recent months, and police are working to determine whether the thefts fit a pattern, according to media reports. The thieves have taken jewelry and other valuables, in one case stealing about \$110,000 worth of property. No injuries have been reported in the thefts, which often occur during the daytime. Of the string of 19 burglaries, about half of them have occurred in the West Springfield/Fairfax Station area, and seven are in one subdivision off Ox Road, WRC-TV NBC Channel 4 reports. Generally, the homes back up to woods and have long driveways.



12748 Richards Lane
Clifton, VA 20124
703-830-3175

**Clifton Presbyterian Church
Preschool**

~A Hidden Gem in Clifton~

The preschool offers:

- Tuesday/Thursday (9-12) for 3 year olds
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday (9-12) for 4 yr. olds
- Monday – Friday (9-12) for older 4's and 5 yr. olds

"Extended care" until 3:30 pm is also available.

We are now accepting applications
for the 2015-2016 school year!

For information or to schedule a tour:
Phone: (703) 830-3175
email: preschool@cliftonpc.org
Web: www.cliftonpc.org (virtual tour)



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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF CLIFTON & NORTHERN VIRGINIA



At the April 12th DWCNV meeting on the Environment we were joined by Delegate David Bulova (37th District), our closest link to the General Assembly on matters of the environment and what programs and regulations the Commonwealth is working on toward environmental sustainability. David informed members and answered questions on legislation on which he has been working ardently. This legislation includes, but is not limited to protecting drinking water, the Chesapeake Bay, preventing salt water and other particulates from finding their way into groundwater supplies and aquifers, and the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program. For more details and a list of legislation spearheaded by David Bulova please visit: <http://www.davidbulova.com/node/123>.

DWCNV also hosted members of the Audubon Society of No. VA, Terry Liercke and Laura McDonald, for a look at the personal approach to sustainability with citizen stewardship in our local area. Acting locally with sustainable practices brings rewards. More information on how you can participate can be found at: <http://www.audubon.org/>.

DWCNV will not be hosting general membership meetings during the summer, but members will be working on campaigns by making phone calls, canvassing and doing office work. DWCNV will keep members informed of those volunteer opportunities. General Meetings will resume in September.

During the summer we will get together to discuss books and participate in fun activities. The book club will meet at homes of members. Please contact cliftonwomendems@aol.com for information on books, dates and gathering locations.

We will march in the Clifton 4th of July Parade with family and friends for our electeds and candidates. We will meet at the corner of Dell and Main Streets at 3:30 p.m. Please join us!

On Sunday, July 19th from 2 p.m. until dusk, we will host our annual pool party at the Fairfax Station home of Ande Teague. Come, cool off and enjoy the company of other DWCNV women. If you do not wish to swim, lounging around the pool is good too! All members are invited to attend. Bring a snack item to share and send R.S.V.P.'s and questions to cliftonwomendems@aol.com.

All Democratic women in Northern Virginia are warmly invited to become members of this active and friendly organization. Meetings are held on Sundays from 3 - 5 pm in the Clifton Community Hall. If you would like to help out with any campaign or want more information about DWCNV, write cliftonwomendems@aol.com or visit the DWCNV website at www.democraticwomenofclifton.org.

LABOR DAY CAR SHOW

16th Annual Show

"On the Streets"

in Historic Clifton, Virginia



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... Open Show ...

Antiques, Classics, Foreign, Customs,
Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles,
etc.

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

For Show and Vendor Information Contact: Jim Chesley, 703- 830- 2129

Go to www.labordaycarshow.org or email jcchesley@aol.com

Clifton Lions 16th Annual Labor Day Charity Car Show

Pre-Registration by August 24th \$15.00

Registration at Gate \$20.00

Name _____

Make Check Payable to:

Address _____

Clifton Lions Club

City/State/Zip _____

Mail to: Jim Chesley

Year/Make/Model/features _____

7207 Main St - Box 225

Club _____

Clifton, VA 20124-0225

Signature _____ Phone Number _____

In acceptance of the right to participate, I hereby release the Dominion Cruisers, Inc., the Clifton Lions Club, the Clifton Acacia Lodge #16, and all others connected with management or presentation of this event from any and all known and unknown liabilities that may be suffered by any entrant or spectator to his person or property. Management will do all in its power to cooperate with participants to ensure a successful event.



Republican Women of Clifton



The Republican Women of Clifton welcomed Erick Stakelbeck, investigative journalist, author and Middle East authority, and Sgt. Joseph Bozik, wounded warrior, to its May business meeting. Stakelbeck's presentation "Target America; Why You Should Care About the Rise of ISIS" outlined how the Islamic State is a threat to America through its network of sympathizers. Sgt. Bozik was recognized for his service in Iraq and updated attendees on his continuing service to the country with the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Stakelbeck and Sgt. Bozik are pictured with the 2015 club officers and committee chairs.

Republican Women of Clifton members and guests stay current on national and international issues by hosting sought-after experts to speak at monthly meetings. Erick Stakelbeck addressed May attendees on the dangers of ISIS and organized Islamic radicalism. Stakelbeck is pictured with Alice Butler-Short, Immediate Past President.

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FITClifton

Get Fit Clifton continues to be active, with several Saturday morning group walks taking place in April and May. The walks average around two miles and usually go through the Webb Sanctuary and Eight-Acre Park. At the suggestion of one participant, the group walk announcements now encourage walkers to bring plastic bags and pick up trash along the way. The next event, scheduled for June 17, will be an evening yoga demonstration with local instructor Rita Sambruna. Get Fit Clifton always welcomes new participants. Please email Lynne Strang (lbstrang@gmail.com) to be added to the announcement list.

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



Green Space in Clifton

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

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





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 _____

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
in email announcements list : ____ include ____ do not include
in newsletter distribution list : ____ include ____ do not include

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:

Family Membership

____ \$45 2yr. family membership
____ \$25 1yr. " "

Single Person Household Membership

____ \$25 2yr. single person membership
____ \$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

____ 5K Race

____ Fourth of July

____ Clifton Day

____ Children's Holiday Party

____ Historic Preservation

____ Fundraising

____ Newsletter

____ Membership

____ 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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We are a community that:

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

*Have a new
neighbor?*

Be sure and share
your copy of the
Clifton Clatter
with them so they
can learn about
joining the CBA.

Something you would
like to see in the Clatter?
Please email us at
cliftonclatter@gmail.com
We will do our best to
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