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## President's Corner

It is March and I can feel spring coming. It feels especially good this year as more people venture outdoors. We are cautiously jumping into planning for Clifton Day 2021. Applications are posted on [www.cliftonday.com](http://www.cliftonday.com) and vendors are starting to make inquiries. This is your opportunity to jump in and volunteer to help with the planning part of the event. Email me at [michellestein@cox.net](mailto:michellestein@cox.net) to inquire about available positions.

We are hoping the Clifton Caboose Twilight Run can occur and we will select a date when restrictions ease. Start your training now and let us know if you want to be involved in the planning process.



Easter Bunny visiting Clifton.

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

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

TBD	Clifton Caboose Twilight Run
October 10	Clifton Day



Please see pages 18 and 19 for CBA Scholarship Information

# Historic Clifton

## Learning Clifton's New/Old History

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commission

It has been quite a year here in this little historic Town of Clifton!

Who knew we would make international news with a well-intended, welcome banner to visitors, locals and those traversing through the town! "Welcome to Clifton – Where Black Lives Matter", read the banner that stretched across Main Street. It caused quite a sensation and was sadly stolen in the wee hours of one morning. Our own Mayor Bill Holloway deftly handled the subsequent news reporters and a young Jen Cherry spoke out about her perspectives on the "Black Lives Matter" initiative spawned after the horrendous death of George Floyd. Yet, Clifton, in all her past and present colorful history has continued on a focused trajectory of inclusivity and equality. The town's new "Racial Justice Working Group" (CRJWG, under the oversight of citizen, Bethany Letiecq) began with a zeal, interest and commitment so very characteristic of those who have loved and lived in Clifton. With an initial collection of nearly 50 citizens, the team has remained connected through an online platform called "Slack" – which allows for the exchange of ideas, encouraging commentaries, insights and reference/resource information for our town's history including the reality of our roots being with a William Beckwith plantation owner and his 16 enslaved people. Decades prior (indeed for thousands of years – 12,000 – 15,000) our land was used by many Native American Indian tribes including the Dogue, Powhatan and Algonkian who farmed, fished and hunted these beautifully wooded and stream-filled acres.

In the coming months you will be hearing much more about early Clifton citizens such as Minnie Beckwith Hughes, William Beckwith II, the Harris families, as well as a Clifton park re-naming event and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church "re-birth". Although their lives and accomplishments were not adequately highlighted at the time in the "Fairfax Herald", this history column in the "Clifton Clatter" will represent a slight shift in focus. With so much change, the Racial Justice Committee has encouraged these writing to reflect such changes, to educate and inform new ways of looking at our precious history and to be as inclusive as possible as we honor our past, present and future.

Bethany describes her commitment as a citizen and an associate professor in the Human Development and Family Science program at George Mason University to the Clifton Racial Justice Working Group (CRJWG). She has a keen and passionate interest in the topic of inclusivity and equality for all. She says, "My motivation to form the CRJWG stems from calls to action in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the local reaction to and subsequent stealing of the Clifton banner stating, "Welcome to Clifton, where Black Lives Matter". As a professor and racial justice activist, I wanted to act locally to advance justice where I live with my family. It has been amazing to learn about the history of Clifton and the roles played by formerly enslaved people in the founding of our town." One new phrase the CRJWG has embraced is the term "enclaved people" vs. "slave". This is a dramatic turn-around in our day-to-day vocabulary which reflects an intentional theme of "inclusivity". A landmark article on the topic of inclusivity and the words "slave" vs. "enslaved person" appeared in the Chicago Tribune in September of 2019. The article referenced an essay written in 2015 by Katy Waldman who says with the heightened use of the term "enslaved person", "the men and women it describes are humans first, commodities second. *Enslaved Person* does important work: restoring identity, reversing a cascade of institutional denials and obliterations. To reduce the people involved to a nonhuman noun...reproduce(s) the violence of slavery on a linguistic level; to dispense with it amount(s) to a form of emancipation." There are, of course those who would scorn such linguistic changes and yet in the grand history of our country, "We the people" is a phrase that represents each and every one of us. It does not reduce us to a class, race, ethnic base, skin color or any other physical attribute. It does not hold a caveat with the word "but" nor reflect a list of people to omit.

A small linguistic change in the vocabulary of New Zealand, for instance, intent on providing safe and vigilant transportation patterns found that the word "cyclist" conjured up "images of a relatively small bunch of weird people", but the term, "people who cycle" reinforces how normal most of them are. Awareness, education and inclusivity have long been bedrocks of our American history. History has also shown us that we have not always risen to the call our Founding Fathers had for this land – beginning even with many of them (those who carried as property, "enslaved people", for instance). Our opportunity to learn from the past and refrain from repetition can begin with the smallest of changes – and "self-awareness" along with "other awareness" can help keep a sense of inclusivity in place. So as you read and observe writings and signage that will be placed around town, please remember these shifts of language.

# Historic Clifton

You will see such in print. Signage currently being designed describing the history of the land that the Town of Clifton Park now sits on will also reflect same.

In addition, the “Clifton Living” magazine has been running a series of articles on Clifton’s African American past – it’s people and stories. This was an agreed upon assignment that this author undertook with the encouragement of the CRJWG, in continuing the work of sharing the African American history of our area. With the next edition, the seventh article in the series will reflect the final words of an interview with Linneall Naylor. Linneall is a descendant with many different ancestors in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Many of her relatives are buried at the “Clifton Union Cemetery” at Henderson Rd. and Clifton Rd. She carries her heritage even into the Harris and Beckwith clans that once lived on the land now known as The Town of Clifton. Other initiatives are being planned by the committee, including the continuation of a speaker series.

As we live with the lifting of COVID restrictions, the CRJWG is looking to plan along with the Town, the CBA and any other interested citizens - a large, inclusive park re-naming event in 2022 – attaching the event to the Juneteenth celebration. That historic celebration will be further explored and named in coming “Clatter” and “Clifton Living” columns. In the meantime, please Google the term and read about its importance especially to those Americans who have in their ancestral history, the reality of enslaved persons. It is a profound reflection of our world as it was at the end of the American Civil War. And as Bethany says, “I hope our group (CRJWG) can play a part in telling the story of the Harris family and annually celebrating their legacy on Juneteenth.”



Alice Butler-Short, president of the Republican Women of Clifton, attended CPAC this past February in Florida.

With the miraculous success of vaccines developed through Operation Warp Speed, the members of the Republican Women of Clifton and surrounding areas (RWC) look forward to shedding Zoom meetings in favor of in-person discussions and socializing—a return to normal interacting!

Our January and February membership meetings via Zoom featured guest speaker Clare Lopez, a 20-year veteran of the CIA. Based on her personal expertise and experience, she gave a timeline of how the Communists have been infiltrating the United States by gradually establishing Marxist roots in U.S. academia, media, Tech giants and pop culture. In the U.S.S.R, Lenin and Stalin pitted the wealthy class against the lower class. Since the U.S. had no class divisions, the Marxists used race as a way to aggravate divisions within the U.S. A major beginning occurred when The Frankfurt School out of Germany infiltrated our academia. Today, millions of Americans are still in complete denial that we are undergoing a Marxist-Leninist revolution driven by China.

What a wakeup call of a presentation. Few of us slept well that night.

RWC has been involved with Wreaths Across America in Arlington Cemetery, Christmas toy donations for delivery by local police, shining blue light bulbs on our front porches in support of law enforcement, patronizing small businesses supportive of law enforcement on “Wakeup Wednesdays,” helping to pack snacks for 1,500 National Guardsmen in D.C., working to fully open our schools, and pulling out all the stops to keep proposed flag regulations for Fairfax County from becoming a reality.

We invite you—whatever your political leanings—to join us and see things in a new perspective. Don’t be intimidated—we are all volunteers working to try to form “a more perfect union” lest this great American experiment disappears.

Sally Segal, Cliftongop.com

# Clifton Grows

As of 2017, some gardening minded folks with lots of support of the CBA started the CBA Community Garden on the grounds of Clifton Elementary. It contains beds for twenty families, most of them sized 8x4, with some coveted 12x4 beds. In non-pandemic times, the season is typically book-ended by a Clean Up Event in March and a Harvest Feast in August, and hopefully we'll be able to go back to at least the End of Season Feast again this year. There have certainly been challenges: participating gardeners will remember the groundhog, jokingly named Chupie before we knew he was not a Chupacabra, who decided to set up residence under the water tanks. And every year we struggle with water supply to the garden, hoping for sufficient rainfall to keep the water orders to a minimum. But each year, the benefits completely outweigh these challenges, and nothing beats the first homegrown salad of the year, or freshly picked strawberries for dessert! Check out the CBA Community Garden Facebook page if you are interested in participating, as there will likely be a few available beds. Garden members need to be CBA members, and dues are 100 dollars for the first year, 50 dollars for each subsequent year, with precedence given to returning members should interest outstrip the number of beds.

Tessa Kolmus



# Clifton Heroes

## The man behind the 18,651 meals to first responders

By Leah Van Blaricom



Sal Speziale with son and co-owner Ryan Haas in front of the wood-fire pizza oven at Ciao.

While the world grows tired of the COVID-19 pandemic, one restaurant owner refuses to quit helping frontline workers with hot meals and smiles.

“We brought the first 30 meals to Fair Oaks Hospital Emergency Room. When we got there, [the frontline workers] were all so excited and I watched their smiles,” said Sal Speziale, owner of Ciao Osteria restaurant. “It made me feel really good; the smiles grabbed my heart.”

Speziale always had a place in his heart for frontline workers. When these people would come into his restaurant, he would give them discounts on their food. Speziale served in the armed forces himself as a fighter pilot.

“Being in the military teaches you discipline and how to take care of people,” Speziale said. “Being willing to die for your country teaches you to be on the frontline to do things for other people.”

Speziale started from humble beginnings—he grew up in Sicily with no running water and came to New York City by boat, which took 13 days. After about a year of living in the United States, he learned of his aunt’s diagnoses with leukemia. Speziale and his family flew back to Italy to see her. His love for aviation started on this flight.

The captain of the Pan Am flight brought him up to the cockpit for the 10-hour flight to Rome. Flying fascinated Speziale. He asked the pilot if the job paid well, and the captain told him, “It is the only job in the

world where you get paid to look out the window.”

Then, Speziale set his sights on the United States Air Force Academy. In order to attend any of the academy schools in the country, Speziale needed a nomination from either a representative, senator, vice president or president of the United States.

“I went to my guidance counselor to fill out the academy form],” Speziale said. “Counselors then were not supportive how they are now. He said, ‘You can never make it to the academy. Only the smartest kids in school go to those places—the best of the best. I would not even waste the ink on this pen to fill out your nomination.’ I went to a different counselor to fill out my application.”

Speziale recalls how difficult it was to receive a nomination. The congressmen, senators, vice president and president only have two nominations a year to give out. Congressman John J. Rooney from New York recommended Speziale as his principle nomination.

The first time Speziale tried to enter the academy, he did not make it. The academy sent him to Northwestern Preparatory School for six months, where he faced a rigorous academic course load. In his second year he made it into the academy.

Speziale graduated from the Air Force Academy after four years. Only about half of the students in a class graduate; out of his class of 1,650—only 55% graduated. A select few of those graduates get to enroll in flight school, and Speziale was one of the few.

“I went to Columbus Air Force base for flight training for a year,” Speziale said. “If you are at the top of your class, you get a fighter plane as your assigned plane. I was able to pick a fighter. I started my fighter training; it was like *Top Gun*.”

Speziale was a jack-of-all-trades. He worked for two government programs, one at the Pentagon and one as an aid to a four-star general. He also flew for the National Guard. However, Speziale still wanted to learn more and expand his horizons. He went back to flight school for commercial flights, then worked for American Airlines for 32 years.

Still, Speziale was not satisfied with only flying—he considers himself a workaholic

“I have always been very entrepreneurial,” Speziale said. “I saw on a newspaper advertisement that there was a restaurant for sale. I bought it. I don’t even cook; I can’t even boil an egg!”

Speziale has owned several successful restaurants. He constantly juggled several businesses while flying.

In 2014, Speziale opened up Ciao Osteria. Speziale, his wife Gina Speziale, his son Ryan Haas and his godson Antonio Di Nicola, the head chef, own Ciao.

“The beauty of owning a restaurant is if you like people, you meet the most wonderful people in the world,” Speziale said.

The [Northern Virginia Magazine](#) named Ciao one of the 50 Best Restaurants five years in a row, from 2014-2019.

“[The business] got so busy we bought out the Baskin Robbins and expanded our restaurant,” Speziale said. The new expansion is their own gelato shop.

Speziale’s wife, Gina, was a labor and delivery nurse at Fair Oaks Hospital. With the COVID-19 pandemic endangering the lives of her coworkers and friends, she asked them how they were doing. Some nurses responded that they were so busy that they did not have time to go to the food court to have a meal. Gina offered to bring them lunch. These were the first 30 meals that Ciao donated.

“I delivered them lunch; it made me feel really good to see their smiles,” Speziale said. “I said, ‘What are you doing for dinner? I will bring you dinner.’ I got more smiles out of it.”

Ciao started to donate lunch and dinner to the Fair Oaks Hospital; however, it became very expensive to donate all of the food and labor.

“Congressman Marty Russo was at my restaurant, I told him about how we brought some meals to the hospital,” Speziale said. “I told him, ‘While I would love to keep doing this, it’s expensive.’ He wrote me a check for \$700. Greg Caldwell, owner of GNC Tire and Auto Shop, saw his donation and he gave me \$400.”

Speziale created a GoFundMe to raise more money to feed the first responders. The nurses at Fair Oaks Hospital called ABC 7 News and told them about Ciao’s donation. Ciao started to get media coverage about the contributions.

“[The reporter] asked me, ‘Why do you do this?’” Speziale said. “I said, ‘Just their smiles are really worth it, just watch the smiles when we bring [the food] to them. We brought the media to the hospital. When we got there, the nurses were so excited to see us. The [reporter] said, ‘You are absolutely right, the smiles make it all worthwhile.’”



Speziale donating meals to first responders at Fair Oaks Hospital.



Speziale and Head Chef Antonio Di Nicola with shirt signed by first responders at the Fair Oaks Emergency Department.

Once [ABC7](#) aired the story, people all over the world started to donate; from California to Mexico to Guam. Ciao raised about \$165,000 from these donations.

“We started feeding Fair Oaks Hospital, Fairfax Hospital, Fire Station 17 and 38, hospitals in Manassas and state police,” Speziale said. “We started feeding Sheriff Stacey Ann Kincaid, the first woman elected sheriff in Fairfax, and her 300 deputies.”

These meals are elaborate. Speziale brings them veal and chicken marsala, salad, cannolis, ice cream, tiramisu and more.

“It got so big we were donating almost 250 meals a day,” Speziale said.

“We used 100% of the money towards the meal. I would pay for all the labor, deliveries, utilities and everything else.”

Once the money from the first GoFundMe ran out, Ciao stopped their deliveries to first responders.

However, on November 27 Ciao received a call from the head doctor at Fair Oaks Hospital, Raj Chand, requesting help because they were becoming overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients.

“My classmates at the Airforce Academy started donating \$78 each, since we were the class of ’78,” Speziale said. “The class of ’79 donated \$79, the class of ’80 donated \$80. All of the classes started to donate to the cause.”

With these donations, Speziale said they would start donating all over

again. ABC 7 covered Ciao again on-air and in an [article](#).

“We are giving back to the community that takes care of us,” Ryan Haas, manager of Ciao, commented.

“All of these people are risking their lives and health to make sure other people are safe. It is the least we can do.”

According to the [Virginia Department of Health](#), the Northern region of Virginia has more than 1,000 cases reported on December 9. The Thanksgiving holiday has resulted in many more cases that have hospitals overwhelmed.

“I have really enjoyed giving back to the first responders,” David Smith, manager at Ciao said. “I have been around the medical field for a while with my sister and mother; it feels good to give back.

To donate to Ciao and the first responders, visit their [GoFundMe](#).

“I read this poem every day called ‘Don’t Quit,’ Speziale said. It was given to me at preparatory school when I wanted to quit because it was really hard. When things get really tough, don’t quit,” Speziale said. “We will not quit—as long as the donations keep coming, we will not quit.”



Speziale with head doctor at Fair Oaks Hospital Raj Chand.



As we eagerly wait for our covid-19 vaccinations and anticipate returning to more normal living, the Democratic Women of Clifton and Northern Virginia (DWCNV) continues to engage its members in activities, learning, and sharing ideas. Although the November election is over, biweekly communications from our Campaigns and Elections Committee are already preparing members for the state elections in November, when we will elect a new Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and State Delegates. The campaigns will be actively recruiting volunteers, and our members will be signing up to work on the telephones, canvassing, and at the polls for our Democratic candidates.

Monthly meetings have continued without interruption through now-familiar virtual formats. In January, we visited through Zoom with four state legislators—Senators George Barker and Jeremy Pike, and Delegates Dan Helmer and David Bulova—who spoke about legislative initiatives they were supporting in the General Assembly. They took time to answer many questions from their virtual audience. Representatives from Britepaths, the nonprofit organization in Northern Virginia serving families experiencing financial hardship, were on hand to personally thank members of the DWCNV for their support over the holidays. Our membership contributed \$4010 in cash and grocery store gift cards to Britepaths. We also heard thanks from the Fairfax County Fire fighters and Friends to the Rescue for \$2100 in cash gifts and additional donations of new toys and games that members donated which benefited area school children at holiday time.

In February, members of the DWCNV celebrated their 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary through a virtual “Sweet 16” social gathering. Founding members recalled how the organization came together in 2005, and newer members shared how they learned about the welcoming group and how eager they were to become part of it. On screen from our separate locations, we joined in a toast to the past sixteen years and many more to come.

At our virtual March meeting, two economics writers spoke to our membership about the outlook for the economy in 2021, addressing the probable impact of the economic stimulus package, the rising deficit, the future of remote working, and the postponed minimum wage increase. The April meeting, as in every year, will focus on environmental issues and policies.



The DWCNV Book Club marches on with regular monthly meetings on Zoom. The Book Club is open to all DWCNV members and continues to receive high praise from the enthusiastic readers who attend its lively book discussions.

The DWCNV welcomes all Democratic women from Northern Virginia to join our organization. We strive to build political awareness among members of our community, influence public policy, promote participation in political processes, and encourage connections between regional leaders and the local community. We do this through our educational meetings, newsletters, and our social events.

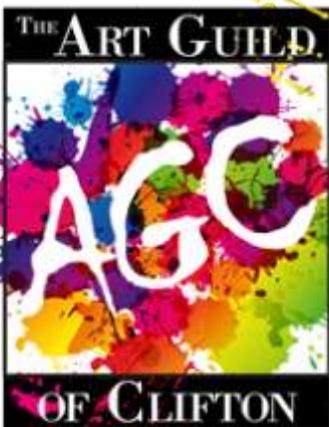
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# Around Clifton



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

Adelaide Machado Ulm  
Class of 2021



Once again, the Art Guild of Clifton is offering \$700 art scholarships. The purpose of this program will be to support on-going visual and performing arts education at the under-graduate level for Graduating Seniors, at any of the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)

- Details and the application can be found at [artguildofclifton.org](http://artguildofclifton.org) as well as with the student's guidance counselor at each school.

Scholarships are funded with donations from our community. Although direct donations are possible at our website [artguildofclifton.org](http://artguildofclifton.org) a painless method is available through Amazon every time you shop.

For every dollar that you spend at Amazon, Art Guild of Clifton will receive 0.5% from Amazon through their Amazon

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# Clifton Cooks!

We thought it would be fun to print some recipes from the [Clifton Gatherings : A Clifton Community Cookbook](#), printed in the early 90's. This recipe is from the Spring Luncheon Section . Enjoy!

## CHILLED POACHED CHICKEN WITH BASIL SAUCE

6 whole chicken breasts, poached  
1 bunch of broccoli florets,  
blanched for 4 minutes  
4 large tomatoes, cut into wedges

For Basil Sauce:

1 large clove garlic  
2 eggs  
½ tsp. dry mustard  
2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
Salt to taste

1 (10 oz.) can pitted black olives,  
drained  
¼ lb. Feta cheese, crumbled  
Lettuce leaves

White pepper to taste  
¾ c. olive oil  
¾ c. vegetable oil  
4 Tbsp. fresh chopped basil (or 2  
Tbsp. dried)

Remove skin from poached chicken and pull meat from bones in long strips. Cover with plastic wrap. Chill chicken and prepared vegetables until ready to use.

For Basil Sauce: Mince garlic in food processor. Add eggs, mustard, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Blend. Pour oils slowly down feed tube of processor, blending until thick. Stir in basil. (Note: Basil Sauce, chicken, and broccoli may be prepared a day ahead and refrigerated until using.)

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Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) is thrilled to announce that the organization is moving forward in August with building the long-awaited Jean and Ric Edelman Indoor Riding Arena on its 17-acre farm, at the corner of Popes Head and Clifton Roads.

The facility will include a 17,000 square foot indoor riding arena, classroom, rider observation area, and restrooms. It will be built on the footprint cleared during the first phase of building in 2018/19, which included the construction of the Trefry Outdoor Riding Arena, Kristen P. Cabbage Memorial Playground, parking, and a reconfigured entryway.

This round of construction will also include the completion of the sitework--an additional row of parking, completing the bioretention basins that are part of the stormwater management system, and the final landscaping.

TRINITY Group Construction is the general contractor for the project. They will subcontract with Lonnie Suter of Quality Buildings to build the arena itself. Lonnie is known and respected widely for building high quality, affordably priced equestrian facilities. TRINITY Group will be on-site starting in early August, planning to mobilize fully the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>.

NVTRP is a 40 year-old non-profit organization that helps children and adults with disabilities, youth-at-risk, and recovering military service personnel reach their fullest potential by riding and working with horses. This new space will allow clients to ride year-round, regardless of the weather, and also allow for an expansion of services, hopefully eliminating the typical 1+ year waiting list.

If you have questions or concerns about the project, please contact Executive Director Kelsey Gallagher at [kgallagher@nvtrp.org](mailto:kgallagher@nvtrp.org) or (703) 764-0269.

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## Join NVTRP for SUMMER CAMP!

- Riding lessons and a wide variety of educational, hands-on horsemanship activities and games.
- Campers will learn the responsibility of caring for horses in a fun, relaxed environment.
- Health precautions and procedures in place.



Contact Olivia Taylor at [otaylor@nvtrp.org](mailto:otaylor@nvtrp.org)  
Or register at: [www.NVTRP.org](http://www.NVTRP.org)

## Clifton Betterment Association Academic Scholarship

The Clifton Betterment Association Scholarship has been established to recognize a son or daughter of a Clifton Betterment Association member who has proven scholastically successful and made significant Clifton community contributions by helping and showing concern for others, sharing their gifts and talents within the community and exhibiting strong leadership characteristics.

The \$500 (amount may change) will be awarded to a Clifton area youth(s) who shares 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 & the first semester senior year.
4. Participated in a variety of extra/co curricular activities.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number & ages of children living at home (including applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What colleges, universities, or community colleges have you applied to?

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6. What is your "stretch" school(s), your "comfort" school(s), and your "safety" school(s)?

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7. To date, where have you been accepted and if decided – where?

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8. Describe your educational goals & potential career pathway you hope to explore.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

9. List extra curricular activities (clubs, arts, sports, music, drama, etc.) Please indicate the grade level (senior, junior, and sophomore). Include offices held, letters won, etc. (You may submit a current college resume for questions 9-12 if it reflects the needed information – please signify if there is an attachment)

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

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

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12. ESSAY: in no more than 3 pages (typed), please write to the following prompt:

*Clifton, Virginia, is a small town in the greater Washington DC metro area. In your Clifton life you've had exposure to two distinctly different cultures: Cosmopolitan and Historic/semi-rural. Reflecting on your experiences - what qualities and characteristics have you nurtured in yourself from your time in Clifton that you will draw upon as you adapt to a broader and more diverse community? Please be sure to share an example of a time you have engaged and leveraged your identified qualities and characteristics. Also, be sure to reference your Clifton experience somehow in your answer.*

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, 2021**

**Please mail to:**

CBA Scholarship

PO Box 94

Clifton, VA 20124

Please direct questions regarding this application to Michelle Stein michellestein@cox.net

## Membership Corner

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

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

If you know that your membership has lapsed, please go ahead and renew online (<http://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=6X2VMJ7>). You can also send in the form in the Clatter via snail mail.

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

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

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

Jennifer M. Lowe Davis

Membership Chair

[CBA.VA.Membership@gmail.com](mailto:CBA.VA.Membership@gmail.com) (703) 307-3747

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



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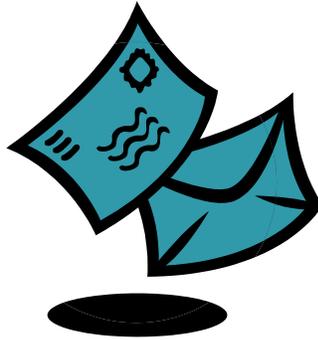
Ideas for articles, etc. for the Clatter? Please contact [cliftonclatter@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonclatter@gmail.com)



**ideas**

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

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



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## **Green Space in Clifton**

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

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





# CLIFTON BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

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

## CBA Membership Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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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*Please check type of membership:*

### Family Membership

2 yr. Family Membership - \$45

1 yr. Family Membership - \$25

### Individual Membership

2 yr. Individual Membership - \$25

1 yr. Individual Membership - \$15

Senior Membership - Free

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

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

**Members must live within the CBA boundaries (Clifton Elementary)**

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

### Clifton Betterment Association Officers

President - *Michelle Stein*  
1st Vice President - *Jan Schneiderman*  
2nd Vice President - *Steve Bittner*  
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Volunteer Editors: Ann O'Dea

Email: [cliftonclatter@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonclatter@gmail.com)

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**The Clifton community affirms a desire to interact with one another in an environment of respect and integrity.**

We are a community that:

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

*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](mailto:cliftonclatter@gmail.com)  
We will do our best to  
include it in a future  
edition.

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Send check and this form to:

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Send ad (in a jpeg file) and instructions to [cliftonclatter@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonclatter@gmail.com)

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