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Clifton Clatter

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President's Corner

"I was very fortunate to have grown up in such a tight-knit community where my neighbors are friendly, inviting, and even considered family. I learned to appreciate the historical nature of the town and the community, something I will miss next year in college. However, I will still continue the tradition of preservation at the University of Virginia, which is considered to be a historical site. I will volunteer at service events and be open to others as well. Similar to the old saying; they can take me out of Clifton but, I can assure you, Clifton will never be taken out of me." These words are from the 2016 CBA scholarship application of Christina Anton. Her words inspire me as do all the scholarship applications we receive. Thanks to all the kids who are leaving this town… you will always be Clifton family.

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

March 10	Spaghetti Dinner -CPC
March 24	Easter Egg Hunt
April 29	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
May 5th	Clifton Caboose Twilight Run
May 18	CCWC Homes Tour
July 4	Parade and Picnic
October 7	Clifton Day
October 27	Haunted Trail
October 31	Halloween Trick or Treating

See pages 14 and 15 for CBA Scholarship Application

JOIN US FOR THE CLIFTON BETTERMENT ASSOC

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH

24

For toddlers through fourth graders

Begins promptly at noon, registration will end at 11:45

Rain Date: 3/25 at 2pm

Participants must use collection bag provided. No personal baskets

Admission $5 per child

Please join us for our annual egg hunt! There will be a bounce house and a photo opportunity with our Town Easter Bunny!
Separate hunt areas will be marked with signs for each of the following age groups:

Toddlers-Preschool Aged Children
K-2nd Grade
3rd-4th Grade

Adult supervision required. Recycling of eggs is appreciated following the egg hunt. Containers will be provided.

It was in June of 1917 that the Suffragists picketing in front of the White House were jailed and brought to the Washington, DC jail and then the Occoquan Workhouse. With now an omniscient perspective, we can appreciate the irony of nearby young neighbor teenagers, simultaneously honored for their academics, gifts and talents. The numbers: 6 young girls and 3 young boys is a testimony to why the focus for all needs to be on both "training the hands along with the mind." Sadly, there was a reality of girls out-numbering boys in this and other Clifton school year classrooms. Perhaps President Wilson's declaration of war on Germany, April 2nd created a silent shadow of history past and history to come. No doubt boys and young men, mothers, sisters, fathers and brothers were all carrying thoughts of fear and patriotism as the United States entered the "War to end all Wars." But on this night, during a cooler than usual springtime in Clifton, Virginia, proud parents, siblings, grandparents and neighbors gathered to honor young people, young people who were THEIR hope for the future.

Perhaps, truly, the more things change, the more things stay the same….
Enjoy this column highlighting an important time in the Town of Clifton's history: her hope for the future through her children and the neighborly goodwill citizens had for one another, especially one convalescing in the hospital.

Happy Spring, 2018, Clifton, 101 years after this snap-shot of Spring, 1917!
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commissioner

Fairfax Herald, June 17, 1917

On Tuesday night of last week the 7th grade of the Clifton school had their commencement in the school auditorium. Mr. R. R. Buckley acted as Chairman of the meeting, and the following program was rendered by the 7th grade and 1st year at High School pupils: Song by class, psalm recited in concert by class, song, welcome by Miss Nina Ford, song, history by Hobson Spraker, song, class prophecy by Miss Helen Elgin, song. The chairman then introduced Mrs. Wright, a member of the State Board of Education who made a good address on Education—present, past and future—especially dwelling on the necessity of training the hands along with the mind. Farewell by Miss Nora Brinckman, Song. Mr. R. R. Buckley then delivered the diplomas to the fortunate members of the class, admitting them to High School next year. The fortunate pupils were Misses Nora Brinckman, Helen Elgin, Nina Ford, Frances Robey, Maude Wood and Nancy Merchant and Messrs. Hobson Spraker, Clarence Robey and Paul Quigg. After the diplomas were delivered, there was a pantomime of "Suwanee River" by twelve girls. The song being sung by Miss Ida Ayre with Miss Monroe at the piano. "Whistling Boy" recitation by Paul Quigg. Then there was rendered a play entitled "Young Doctor Devine." Mr. Buckley then thanked the teachers for their successful term and voiced the sentiment that we would like to see them again next term.

Quite a number of our men and boys who went to New York Saturday night to spend Sunday, returned on Monday.

Rev. Alford Kelley preached a very interesting sermon in the Presbyterian church, Sunday morning at 11:00AM.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards returned from Atlantic City, last week.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. C. I. Fowler has had to return to Sybly Hospital for further treament. We hope that the treatment will be successful and that Mrs. Fowler will be able to come back to her family, entirely cured of her trouble.

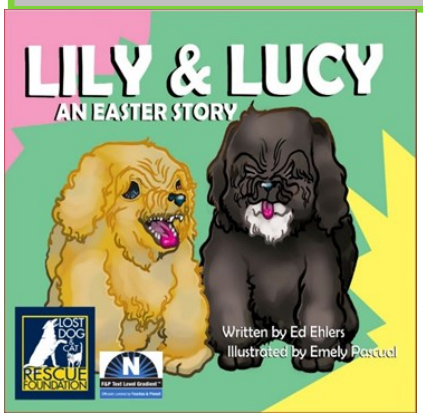
Miss Rosamond Burke is enjoying her vacation at her home here.

Mrs. Gussie Ruffner, of Swetnam, was a Sunday visitor in this neighborhood.

Mrs. James Ford, of Washington, visited her brother, Mr. G. B. Wright , recently; her daughter, Mrs. Kelley being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wright for some time.

The few warm days we have had, recently, have made vegetation grow very perceptibly."

Around Clifton



Books & Brunch - Bring the family and join Max & Tucker in historic Clifton at Trattoria Villagio (trattoriavillagio.com) on Sunday, **March 25, 2018** for a delicious brunch and a Lily & Lucy Story Time. Two seatings are available (12pm and 2pm) but space is limited. Please call now to reserve your spot - 703.543.2030

Lily & Lucy: An Easter Story is the true story of Clifton residents, Max and Tucker, 5-year-old Australian Shepard brothers, who helped rescue, foster and find a forever-home for two little abandoned puppies.

Proceeds from book sales are donated to the Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. They are a non-profit animal rescue organization saving the lives of thousands of homeless and abandoned pets each year. They rescue dogs and cats facing euthanasia in overcrowded shelters and place them for adoption in loving homes. Follow on Instagram @lily.n.lucy

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"Every great business is built on friendship."
By JC Penney

Employment Opportunity
Part-time Preschool Director
12 month position

Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool (CPCP) in Clifton, VA is seeking a part-time Director. CPCP is an award winning preschool for 2 ½ -5 year olds that serves both the church and the wider community, with a focus on: literacy, math skills, art activities, dramatic play, science, music, and large and small motor skills development.
This is a 12 month position with regular hours during the school year: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-2:30 pm. Summer hours are flexible.
Salary is commensurate with experience.

Position Description:
The Director must be a person of good character and reputation who will be responsible for providing a secure a positive learning environment for all children. The Director must display a thorough understanding of the emotional and developmental needs of the preschool child and must have experience in the group care of children. The Director must be able to communicate effectively with children, parents, teachers, and possess strong skills in written and social media communication.

Duties of the Director will include all aspects of the preschool operation, including curriculum development and management; staff hiring, supervision and support; student enrollment and record keeping; budgeting financials and payroll; and promotion of the preschool.

Minimum education requirements are a bachelor's degree in a child related field from an accredited college or university; or a bachelor's degree in any discipline and a master's degree in a child related field. The candidate must be willing and able to continue to upgrade her/his knowledge and skills in the field of childhood education by attending various professional workshop trainings.

Please submit inquires and/or to request a full job description, to:
cpcpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com

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Fourth Annual CBA Ping Pong Tournament Nets Good Turnout

Clifton residents of all ages and skill levels played in the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA)'s Fourth Annual Ping Pong Tournament held on Saturday, February 10 at the Town Hall.

Throughout the morning, both the young and the young-at-heart slammed, volleyed and chased little orange balls as family members and neighbors cheered them on. The 2018 tournament winners were:

Kids under 12 – First Place: Adeline Betz Second Place: Annabelle Betz
Adult for Fun & Intermediate – First Place: Bob Hamrin Second Place: Tom Greiner
Adult Advanced – First Place: Kevin Reilley Second Place: Ryan Reilley

Sweet Annaline's, a Clifton-based specialty cookie business, sponsored the event. Owner Lauren Betz donated cookies that were shaped like ping pong paddles and decorated with the CBA name.

As a lead-up to the tournament, Betz organized Thursday night playing sessions in January and February for families and others looking for a fun indoor activity. Based upon the good turnout, she extended the program through March 1st to keep the fun going for a little longer.

The ping pong tournament is an offshoot of Get Fit Clifton, an initiative begun in 2014 to provide fitness and fun for CBA members. In addition to Betz, this year's planning task force members were Michelle Stein, Steve Bittner, Jim Witt, Lynne Saltsman and Lynne Strang.

The CBA welcomes ideas for Get Fit Clifton. For more info or to suggest an activity, please contact Lynne Strang (lbstrang@gmail.com) or Michelle Stein (michellestein@cox.net).

Republican Women of Clifton

Sorting It Out

PHOTO CAPTION: Delegate Tim Hugo with RWC members Tyna Gaylor, Marianne Gearhart and Bonnie Burkhardt on Legislative Day

We, the Republican Women of Clifton (RWC), debate and research principles and politics to sort out what we feel is the best direction for our country. The next move is to act on it . . . which requires volunteer hours and fun interactions. Please join us if you would like to learn more and voice your opinion.

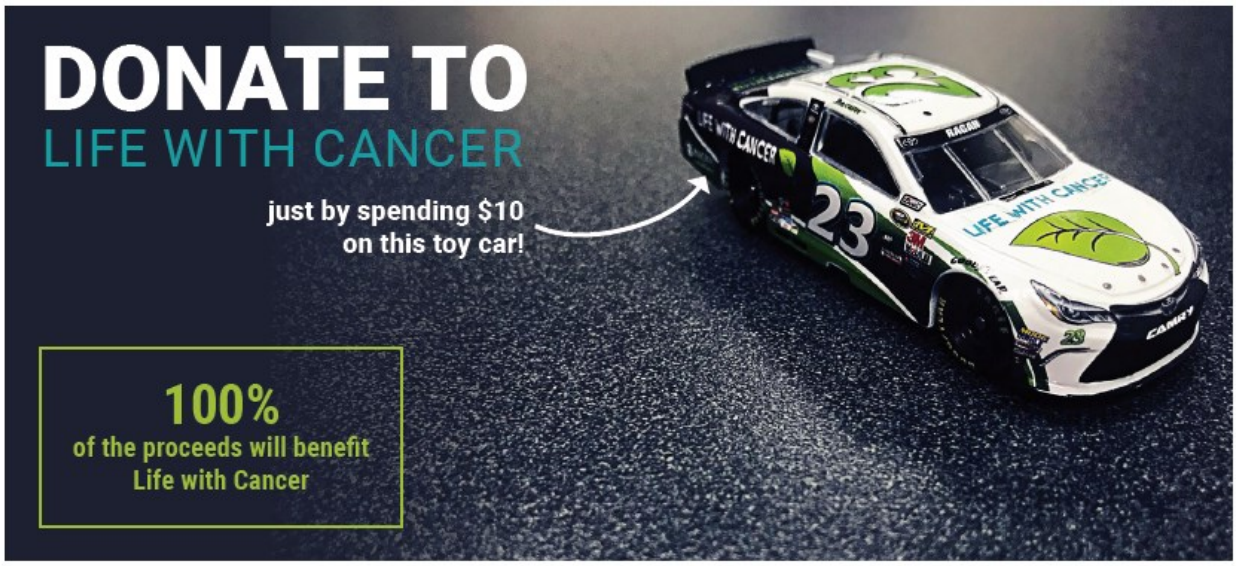
In January several members met with various State Legislators to discuss the issues and give feedback during the 2018 General Assembly Session in Richmond. They were then joined by Delegate Tim Hugo and the other Republican Delegates and State Senators at a luncheon hosted by the Virginia Federation of Republican Women.

RWC together with eight other Republican women's clubs hosted the Fairfax County Republican Committee Chairman's race candidate forum in February to learn about the two candidates running and their vision for Fairfax County. The following week members met at Fairview Elementary School to hear from three speakers: Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, Dr. David Bobb (Hillsdale College), and Matt Cohen, a senior at Robinson Secondary School who described the challenges involved with establishing the Young Conservative's Club at the school.

Future speakers at the monthly meetings include Sean McGuire of the Family foundation speaking on parental rights and Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity giving a budget update. April will also feature the Korean outreach event followed by the Clifton Home tour in May and working the polls for the June primary.

The club sponsors an annual $1,000 scholarship essay contest for graduating high school seniors who will be attending college in the fall (see our website for details). Our members collect supplies to send overseas to the troops, staff booths in various community festivals, participate in an Adopt-a-Highway project, and support the New Eve Maternity Home for unwed mothers. We are always looking forward to working the Farmers Markets beginning in May and carrying through the summer into the fall.

Lots of activities for someone to choose from who would like to tie in with us . . . a little or a lot. We stress civility and love of country . . . and are working hard to return our country to its basic fundamentals. Come give us a try! Visit www.CliftonGOP.com.



Jim Chesley, (NOVEC) board vice chairman, is a longtime supporter of INOVA Health System's Life with Cancer program. For 18 years, he and his Dominion Cruisers group, the Clifton Lions Club, and the City of Fairfax have organized a popular Labor Day weekend car show to raise money for the program.

For many years, they ran the show in Clifton, where Chesley lives. But when it grew too large to be held in Clifton, the City of Fairfax began hosting the event.

Chesley says, "'Life with Cancer' has been an integral part of the healthcare community since 1986. It helps those facing cancer by providing information, education, and support free of charge to patients, their relatives and their friends, regardless of where treatment is received."

Chesley has taken on a new fundraising challenge: He is offering the Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware co-op family the opportunity to purchase a limited-edition collectible, the #23 Life with Cancer race car, for $10 each.

"These are 1/64 die-cast replicas of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race car driven by David Ragan during the Oct. 16, 2016, Citizen Soldier 400 in Dover," Chesley says. The cars are available at INOVA hospital gift shops or directly through Chesley. All payments are tax-deductible and 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit Life with Cancer.

For more information, contact Chesley at 703-830-2129 or jcchesley@aol.com.

Available at the Clifton Store, Preston's Pub, Fair Oaks Hospital Gift Shop, Life with Cancer Center, Wheelhouse Mind and Body Studio

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF CLIFTON & NORTHERN VIRGINIA

All Democratic women of Northern Virginia are welcome to become members of the Democratic Women of Clifton and Northern Virginia (DWCNV), a friendly, active political organization that is social, too! We support our candidates, encourage our members to take political action on important issues, and hold educational meetings on timely topics. Meetings are held on Sunday afternoons, 3-5 p.m., at the Clifton Town Hall. For more information, go to: www.DemocraticWomenofClifton.org or email cliftonwomendems@aol.com.

At our January meeting we heard from three General Assembly members, Senators George L. Barker and Jennifer Wexton, and Delegate Kathy Tran. They filled us in on their legislation and other legislation being considered in Richmond. Also on Jan. 20th, many members filled a large bus and traveled to D.C. to participate in the one-year anniversary of the Women's March.

The DWCNV celebrated its "Lucky 13th" anniversary on February 11th at the home of Membership Co-Chair Liz Maggio. The large turnout included several new members as the DWCNV roster continues to grow in the wake of the 2016 election. Co-Chairs Jane Barker and Jennifer Lowe-Davis welcomed all, revisiting the history of the organization that has grown from a handful of Clifton women to more than 820 members hailing from all over Northern Virginia. The occasion also provided an opportunity to review political action efforts by Democrats going forward in preparation for the 2018 mid-term election. Before the party ended, members participated in a postcard-writing campaign to a U.S. Congressperson facing reelection in November. As it begins its 14th year, the DWCNV continues to dedicate itself to providing members with engaging programs, purposeful activities, and many opportunities to support Democratic goals.

Our March 25th meeting will be an advocacy training session. We will learn how to be more effective advocates for issues about which each of us is most passionate. We hope to see many old friends and new faces there!

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Clifton Betterment Association

Academic Scholarship

Spring 2018

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) _____

_____

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

_____
_____

6. What colleges or technical schools have accepted you?

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_____

7. Have you decided on a school? If so, which one?

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8. Describe your educational goals & tentative career choice.

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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 college resume if it adequately reflects answers for questions 9-12)

_____
_____

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 and double spaced), please write to the following prompt:

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 your college experience and, as a consequence of your experiences, what unique 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 – as needed. 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: April 20, 2018

Please mail to:

CBA Scholarship

PO Box 94

Clifton, VA 20124

Please direct questions regarding this application to Peter Noonan 703-609-0467

Membership Corner

The CBA board has begun the process of updating membership lists and creating 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 (https://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. 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
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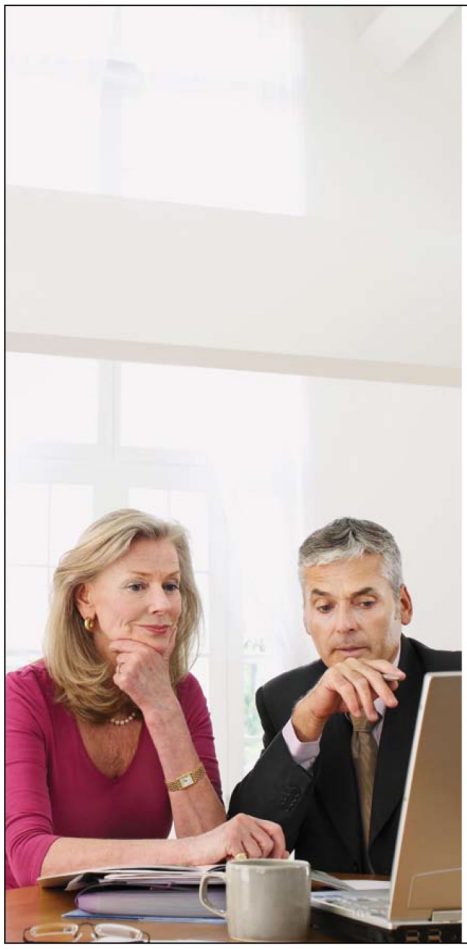

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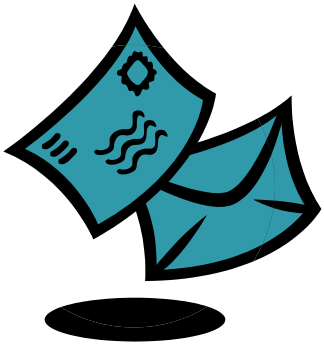

Green Space in Clifton

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.

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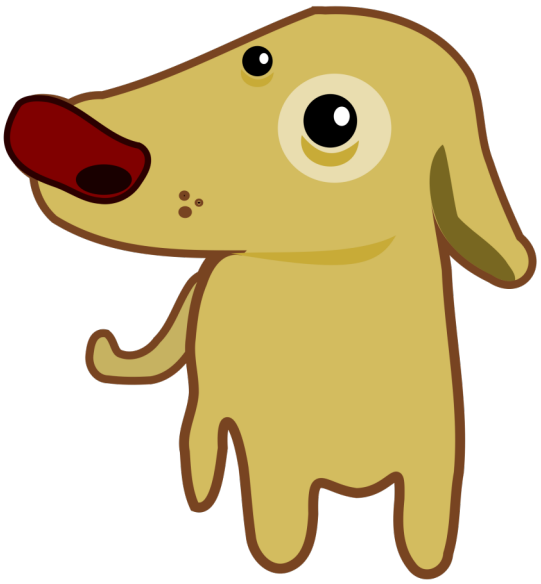
A Friendly Reminder to please clean up after your furry friend.



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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

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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 include it in a future edition.

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