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Next is our Fourth of July celebration. Please volunteer and start thinking about your parade entry!

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

July 4th Parade and Picnic

October 9th Clifton Day

October 31 Halloween Trick or Treating



Clifton Celebrates!



4th of JULY

3:45 - Parade Line-Up at Dell/Kincheloe

*Class of 2022 Seniors invited to lead our parade this year!

*Maintaining policy of last year..we're continuing the tradition of this being a neighbor parade..No political groups or politicians allowed.

4:00 - Parade Start

4:30 - Ayre Square flag raising

5:00 - CBA Potluck and Celebration

*A few reminders:

NO Candy/Balloons/Items that create litter during the Parade. Thank you for helping keep town clean! Please bring an individually wrapped side dish or dessert to the CBA potluck. Its not as special or fancy, but it is safer and will keep the line moving quickly. We provide bbq and some drinks. Please bring your own water bottles - help us reduce plastic waste!

Please utilize the Resource Recovery station manned by Ed Ehlers to dramatically reduce waste that ends up in the landfill. Learn more at www.recoveringresources.com

Bring your own water bottle!

Volunteering at events like these is a great way to meet your neighbors or see a friendly face! Please help us pull it off by signing up on the link below!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4fafa92ca57-4thofjuly

Questions? Sam Kinzer sskinzer@gmail.com

Historic Clifton

July in Clifton, 1917

From the *Fairfax Herald, July 13, 1917* Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commission, Vice Chairperson

The Summer of 1917 - in the Town of Clifton

While the recent heat may seem formidable, the folks in Clifton, Virginia have long been plagued by summer torrential rains and follow-on devastation to roads, gardens and farm fields. Read here how two recent 1917 "gully-washers" affected the town and it's people!

And we all know and have participated in the practice of using committees in order to make necessary decisions. Such a practice has long been both a blessing and a bane. Such committees were used in the summer of 1917 at both the Clifton Presbyterian Church and "The School and Civic League". Interior decorating at a church does seem somewhat mundane compared to providing safe and easy access up a hill to attend school. Alas, the "committee" approach ever seems the norm and can un-fortunately end with a "let's table this discussion for now."

With World War I underway as of April, 1917, it is heart-warming to read that Clifton's women are eager to do "their part" and support the Red Cross.

And yet, how unfortunate to attempt a gathering of boys to launch a Boy Scout troop, and not have the necessary showing to proceed with an official troop. It is a positive commentary to note that in more recent years, the Boy Scouts of Clifton have contributed mightily with the completion of many, many tasks – including steps to connect various potions of our land with paths and small bridges.

And visitors and folks recovering from illness are, as today, a consistent theme among the citizenry.

And nowhere is there a mention in this "Fairfax Herald" issue of the daily picketing Suffragist arrests in front of the White House – for of all things, "blocking traffic"! These arrested Suffragists would have taken a train from Washington, DC that passed through the town – heading to their incarcerations at the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton!

As a summer treat for your family and visitors – I heartily encourage you to visit the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Occoquan Regional Park. It is both a lovely memorial and highly informative as to the background and outcome of so many Suffragists who fought for so long to ensure passage of the 19th Amendment. If you would like a personal tour, please contact NOVA Parks at this link: https://www.novaparks.com/parks/turning-point-suffragist-memorial/tours. And it would be an honor to serve your group as a personal docent! Happy July 4^{th!}

And do remember, Ladies - You would not have YOUR Freedom in so many ways if it weren't for the many brave Suffragists who worked tirelessly to ensure passage of the 19th Amendment!

Enjoy your summer, stay safe, healthy and please be kind to each other.

The Fairfax Herald, July 13, 1917

"Clifton"

The Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. Quigg, Tuesday night with a large number in attendance. The matter of decorating the walls of the church and having the windows mended were discussed with the understanding that the different workmen were to be given a chance to make an estimate of the work and that the work was to be done in August while the pastor was on vacation. The Society will not meet in August and will meet with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Buckley in September.

The School and Civic League met Friday. The matter of putting steps up the hill had to be left over for decision, as there had been no estimate of the cost of the work. The matter of making the road a little more gradual in grade was discussed without anything definite being done in the matter. The ladies decided to meet during the summer months to do sewing for the Red Cross and the first meeting for this purpose will be held on July 10^{th} , at Mrs. Chas. Ferguson's. Mrs. Ferguson is to have charge of the work, get the work and see that is it is sent back. Misses Burke, Ferguson and Quigg were made a committee to ask the ladies of the community to take part in this work, also to confer with Mrs. Mostyn about plans for an entertainment for the benefit of the Red Cross, the money to be given towards the Fairfax ambulance.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will give their next Sunday's collection towards the Red Cross work.

Rev. Alford Kelley filled his usual appointment in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, at 11 a.m. at which time the Lord's Supper was observed. Mr. Kelley has not been in his usual good health during the past few days, but is improving.

Mr. G. A. Hall has been quite sick for about two weeks.

[note: this time was the beginning of the Great Spanish Flu that swept the nation and took over 675,000 citizen lives in the United States alone]

Historic Clifton

This section has been visited by two very severe rainstorms, recently, regular "gully washers" that did a good deal of damage to gardens and crops by washing the soil away, also washing hay and wheat that had been cut away.

Mr. Roger Adams and family, of Rosemont, were visitors at his brother's Mr. Chas Adams, on the Fourth.

A meeting was held in the school house on July 6^{th} to organize a Boy Scout company, but there was not the required number of boys present, so the organization was postponed to some future date. Mr. Chas. Kemper has undertaken this organization, and we hope that a sufficient number of boys will be present at the next meeting to insure the organization.

Miss Belle Fontaine, of Crockett, VA was a visitor to friends here, last week. Miss Fontaine was principal of the Clifton High School five years ago and left many very good friends here when she finished her term, and they were all glad to see her, again. She left Friday morning for Charlottesville, to attend the summer school there.

The Misses Swetnam, of Fairfax, were week-end visitors at Mrs. Mantaply's.

Mr. W. B. Doak who has been ill, is better.

Clifton Competes



24th Annual Clifton Caboose! Photos by Sydney Sawyer and Gary Aspesi

Awesome Cliftonians!





Are you looking to make your picnic or barbeque a little eco-friendlier? Consider these thoughts around "green" products. Here are a few tips; find much more at the above link.

Cups and drinkware: Best - ask your guests to bring their own reusable drinkware - BYOC (bring your own cup)

Straws: Best – Skip them all together

Drinks: Best – Bulk, such as kegs, large beverage coolers, and multi-serving containers with reusable drinkware

Avoid juice boxes and pouches as much as possible; use #1 PET plastic instead (like water bottles.)

Snacks – pre-packaged, individual servings are incredibly wasteful as the packaging is not recyclable. Best - buy in bulk and use a reusable serving utensil to distribute

Avoid cling wrap which is not recyclable or reusable.

Table covers: Best – Cloth or fabric

Avoid multi-material products like plastic lined paper - search Amazon: compostable table covers

Napkins & towels: Avoid colored or dyed paper napkins - search Amazon: compostable towels; compostable napkins

Use reusable bags for shopping, carrying items to the event, and brining leftovers home.

With a few conscious choices, you can significantly reduce the amount of material you add to the already overfull landfills. If you have any questions, please contact us at ed@recoveringresources.com #wastenot #cleananddry #resourcerecovery



Membership Tea at RWC and More!

Activity continues in full swing for 2022 for the Republican Women of Clifton. We celebrated our Membership Tea on April 24th with a fantastic guest speaker, Kim Klacik, Republican nominee for Maryland's 7th Congressional district, who garnered a lot of attention during the 2020 elections. She is an entrepreneur whose business Potential Me, has been empowering disadvantaged women in more ways than Baltimore residents could ever dream of. Klacik, whose campaign video went viral for the way she revolutionized bringing attention to much needed change to the Baltimore area, by walking through dilapidated streets and buildings in bright red pumps, brought attention to the real issues. This Maryland resident, married, mother of a precious little girl and an accomplished young lady got tired of the excuses from politicians in power in Baltimore. She decided to run for office with the ideal of correcting much of disastrous consequences as a result of bad policy in place for the last 35 years.



From Left, Lin-Dai Kendall [RWC Pres. 2010], Kim Klacic, Bonnie Fite [RWC Pres 2022]



The Republican Women of Clifton were honored to host on our May Meeting, talented author Jonathan Emord, constitutional lawyer, and health freedom advocate, who gave an impassioned lecture on some of the topics that he addresses in one of his latest books The Authoritarians. Mr. Emord is also the author of Global Censorship of Health Information, The Rise of Tyranny, and the incredible Restore the Republic. He is a force to be reckoned in matters of Constitutional Law, the defense of liberty against government encroachment and regulatory compliance matters.

The Republican Women of Clifton have also embraced with enthusiasm the races in the eighth 10th and 11th district in Northern Virginia and are proud of the incredible candidates who prevailed in contested primaries. We are looking forward to pouring our efforts in supporting our candidates and bolstering them over the finish line. We remain focused on election integrity, improving the focus towards academics and stem in our K-12 education spheres, promoting school choice and fighting to restore parental authority to our Northern Virginia Communities.

We welcome you to join us, learn about our endeavors to restore sound policy, as well as grow our community of strong, patriotic women who believe in the greatness of America and work tirelessly to restore First Principles, to restore our standing in the world as a beacon of liberty. Visit us at www.cliftongop.com or Cliftongop.com or <a href="mai



The Democratic Women of Clifton and Northern Virginia (DWCNV) invites you to participate in and join our organization. We have been meeting virtually each month and will host in-person summer events as we continue our mission 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. Members receive newsletters, campaign and election news, and political action alerts, participate in events like Clifton Day and the Adopt-A-Highway program on Clifton Road, and enjoy social events.

Through these activities and others, we offer members many opportunities to learn about important issues and to meet other Democratic women and enjoy a variety of social interactions

Our Book Club met virtually throughout the spring with a thought-provoking line-up of books and will resume in September. In February, as we celebrated our 17th Anniversary, we heard from former residents and the Executive Director of Friends of Guest House (FGH) in Alexandria about their work with formerly incarcerated women and their needs. In honor of our 17th Anniversary and In keeping with one of the DWCNV's missions of "women helping women," members contributed directly to FGH to help fund the hiring of staff for a new parenting program. In March we heard about Fairfax County School issues from School Board members and members of other organizations including the PTA.

April brought us a meeting that was full of helpful information on the environment, along with recommendations for actions that members can initiate right in their own backyards. Three outstanding speakers educated us on environmental legislation in VA and what we can do to improve the environment around us. They were Del. David Bulova, Barbara Tuset, Co-Director of Audubon at Home and VA master naturalist, and Clifton Resident Margaret Fisher, a Fairfax master naturalist, who works with Plant NOVA Trees, part of the Plant NOVA Native campaign.

In May we had an excellent guided tour followed by a luncheon at the newly opened national Turning Point Suffragist Memorial at the Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton. This outing was our first in-person get together in a while. We plan more in June as we host a backyard family picnic for members and prospective new members, and in July, when we will meet at a restaurant in Reston for dinner.

We only have one local Democratic primary on June 21st in the 8th District, and we are already gearing up for the important November 8th elections, in which we will support all of our Virginia Democratic Congressional candidates and some important U.S. Senate races. Volunteers are needed for many tasks—working inside and outside at the polls, helping to get out the vote with phone calls, postcard writing, canvassing, delivering yard signs, and much more, so if you are able to help, we welcome your participation.

For more information about our organization and activities, see our web site at http://www.democraticwomenofclifton.org/ and our Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/DWCNV. Also feel free to email any questions to cliftonwomen-dems@aol.com. We hope to hear from you.



Guided tour docent speaks with DWCNV members Turning Point Suffragist Memorial



After tour lunch at Brickmaker's Cafe at Occoquan Regional Park

Clifton Cares!



Resource Recovery Tip

You probably know that most big retailers will take back plastic bags. But did you know that they also take dry cleaning bags, bread bags, Ziplock type bags, bubble wrap, ice bags, and more? The recovered plastic film is reprocessed into new bags, pallets, containers, crates, pipe, and composite lumber for making decks, benches, and playground sets.

Some items that are not included are compostable bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, and cut flower sleeves.

Some tips on how to tell if an item is plastic film.

Is there a #2 or #4 in a chasing arrows recycling symbol on the item?

Does the item hold its shape when it is crumpled?

Does it stretch instead of tearing like paper?

If you answer yes to one or more of these questions, then the resource can be recovered.

Resource recovery is more than recycling. It is finding the highest and best use for items including reuse, repurpose, rehome, and recycle.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed at ed@recoveringresources.com







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Stop Recycling! Start Recovering Resources!

Current recycling programs are inefficient, ineffective, and don't deliver what they promise. According to The Recycling Partnership, "Curbside recycling in the U.S. currently recovers only 32% of available recyclables. "Of that abysmal number, nearly 40% still ends up in the landfill. That means only three in ten items are actually sent to a recycling facility. From there, **only about 1.8 out of ten items are truly recycled!**

The Resource Recovery Project (RRP) was created to reuse, repurpose, rehome, and recycle as much material as possible. After 10 months, 28 households in the greater Clifton, VA area collected <u>over 12 tons</u> of resources, 98% of which was recoverable.

As a "true, single-stream, curbside program", we collect almost all resources (except liquids, organics & food, and medical waste) as long as they are clean & dry and fit in the provided durable bag.

We challenge the idea that recycling is not easy, cheap, efficient, or effective - it can be!

If you are in the greater Clifton, VA area, we invite you to join The Resource Recovery Project at recoveringresources.com You can also find us on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/resourcerecoveryproject If you have any questions, please contact Ed at ed@recoveringresources.com





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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

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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. Cubbage 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 17th.

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 or (703) 764-0269.



The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will be running N Gauge model trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 1-4 p.m. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA 22039. Admission: Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-12, \$3; ages 13 and older, \$5 (\$6 special events); seniors and military, active and retired, \$4. www.fairfax-station.org, www.fairfax-station.org, <a href="https://wwww

The Washington, Virginia and Maryland Garden Railway Society will have Garden Gauge (G Gauge) model trains running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, July 24, 2022, from 1-4 p.m. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. Admission: Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-12, \$3; ages 13 and older, \$5 (\$6 special events); seniors and military, active and retired, \$4. www.fairfax-station.org, www.fairfax-station.org)

703-425-9225.

The Potomac Module Crew will have HO Gauge Model Trains running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, July 31, 2022, from 1-4 p.m. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. Admission: Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-12, \$3; ages 13 and older, \$5 (\$6 special events); seniors and military, active and retired, \$4. www.fairfax-station.org, <a href="https://www.fairfax-station

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.

There will be a new online registration and renewal site launching soon or you can send the form from the Clatter with payment.

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 CBA.VA.Membership@gmail.com (703) 307-3747 A friendly reminder to please clean up after your furry friend.



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!



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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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

We will do our best to include it in a future edition.



Clifton Betterment Association Clifton, VA 20124 www.cliftonva.org

CBA Membership Form

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QUESTIONS? Contact Jennifer Lowe-Davis, Membership Chair, 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

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