

# Clifton Clatter



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## President's Corner

Thanks to those who completed the Halloween survey. It clarified that our community is split on what to do. Everyone would like it to be a safe event and would like to limit the crowds. We just do not have a way to do that. Of parents with kids: 24% responded their kids will be trick or treating, 17% said no, 24% were "Yes if there are precautions". There are town residents who responded that they were handing out candy but 20% will not be participating. If the CBA receives donated candy, it will be made available to town residents wishing to hand out candy. If October 31<sup>st</sup> is a beautiful day, I may be outside with candy...but anything could happen to change my mind. Predictions in 2020 are impossible. We are working on holiday season plans and are sponsoring the live nativity at the Presbyterian Church. Hope you enjoy!

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

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

October 11	Clifton Day—Canceled
October	Clifton Haunted Trail—Canceled
TBD	Clifton Caboose Twilight Run
December 6	Live Nativity—4:00–6:00



For information on the live nativity, see page 4.

# Historic Clifton

A look at Clifton's History and Legacy through the years.  
by Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commissioner

With our active Racial Justice Group taking off in Clifton and a nod to better understanding our legacy of African-American heritage, this column from the September 9, 1927 *Fairfax Herald* spoke to me. While activity in one's church can encourage neighborly behavior, acting on it and writing about it are a closer move to equality and justice. Only a short reference herein – so do read this article carefully and look earnestly for same. During a time when Jim Crowe and periodic lynchings were still a way of the world in the south, noting special care given this child mentioned in this commentary touched my heart. I hope it will do so for you, too.

You will also find what Clifton folk did with a plethora of squirrels! And who could imagine cooking without water?

Enjoy!

“Rev. Wm, Keith Custis preached his final sermon of the summer in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday on “Christian Completeness”.

Miss Mabel Thurston of Washington, gave a very interesting talk on “Where Do You Live” at the Christian Endeavor meeting in the evening. Miss Thurston was introduced by Miss Catherine Doak, president of the Christian Endeavor Society.

Rev. C. Taylor preached in the Baptist church Sunday morning. His service is at night next Sunday.

Rev. L. V. Shermerhorn of Vienna will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Purdy and children, of Englewood, N.J. have been recent guests of Mrs. Gibson Kemper, their cousin.

Miss Ruth Richards, who returned last week from a two month tour of Europe was given a surprise party by the Christian Endeavor Society, Thursday night last.

The young folks were entertained at the Quigg home, Saturday night.

Walter Quigg of Langly Field, was home for the weekend and the holiday.

Labor Day had its quota of accidents for Clifton. Mr. Brock ran his auto off the road and Mrs. Brock's nose was broken. A child of Emlen Bryant, colored, had her arm broken. Dr. Sanford rendered first aid in the absence of Dr. Ferguson.

Misses Sammon and Pace wrecked their auto, Saturday last, when in order to avoid a collision, in making a turn at Centreville, they struck the gas pump at the garage.

From the amount of shooting heard the squirrels must be quite plentiful.

Mrs. Fleet Harrison, formerly Miss Johnson of the Clifton school faculty is seriously ill in Washington. She will not be able to teach this term, as she is suffering with an ulcerated stomach.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adair is reported ill of pneumonia but is said to be slightly better.

The housewives of the community were given a demonstration of waterless cooking at Mrs. John Elgin's home, last Wednesday, and another demonstration will be given Wednesday of this week at Mrs. Inez Kincheloe's.

Friday last, Mrs. J C Rogers of Round Hill and Mrs. Ashton Jones of Clarendon, met with the ladies of the Clifton Baptist Church and gave talks on the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. The ladies elected the following officers for their Society: Mrs. Ruth Pyles, president; Mrs. Fannie May Kindhelo, vice president, and Mrs. Inez Kincheloe, treasurer.

There will be preaching at the Clifton Baptist Church next Sunday at 7:30pm.

# DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF CLIFTON & NORTHERN VIRGINIA



The Democratic Women of Clifton and Northern Virginia (DWCNV) continues to be an active and connected organization during these many months of pandemic. We have supported our candidates for President, Vice President, the Senate, and the House of Representatives by registering voters, calling, writing letters and postcards at home, and preparing to work at the polls during early voting and on Election Day, November 3rd. A steady stream of political action alerts and reports from our Campaigns and Elections Committee have kept members informed about how they can be involved in the days leading up to this crucial election. Because we believe that this election will determine the course of our country for many years, we are dedicated to encouraging every voter to participate. Now more than ever, we must vote, stand up and be counted.

Thanks to technology, our commitment to educating members has been fulfilled through virtual monthly meetings. In August, we hosted a virtual session featuring State lawmakers Del. David Bulova (37th), Sen. Jennifer McClellan (9th), and Sen. George Barker (39th) who spoke to us about environmental issues and current legislation during the special session taking place now in Virginia to address the budget, social justice, and COVID. In September, we held another virtual meeting where we heard from Fairfax County Board of Election Secretary Kate Hanley about how to vote and the voting changes the General Assembly made this year. We also received training on how to phone bank effectively and had lively conversation on many other topics. In October we met to hear about election efforts and from Congresswomen Abigail Spanberger (7<sup>th</sup> CD) and Elaine Luria (2<sup>nd</sup> CD).

The DWCNV Book Club has not missed a beat during the pandemic! This large and enthusiastic group has met throughout the spring and summer using Zoom, and its book line-up for the coming year is already in place. The Book Club is open to all DWCNV members and is a much-enjoyed bonus for our members who are avid readers.

Although DWCNV is not a community service organization, we do contribute to the Northern Virginia community in many ways. On October 4th and 5th, members and their families could be spotted along Clifton Road resuming our highway cleanup under the direction of our new coordinator, Elizabeth Blacklin of Clifton. In November, the DWCNV will again sponsor a toy collection and grocery store gift card drive for Britepaths and for Fairfax County Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue. Anyone who would like to contribute to these projects, which benefit children and families throughout Northern Virginia, can read more about them on our website or Facebook page (links below).

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 social events.

For more information about our organization and activities, contact us at [cliftonwomendems@aol.com](mailto:cliftonwomendems@aol.com). You can also check out our website at <http://www.democraticwomenofclifton.org/> and our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/DWCNV>.



# Around Clifton



*Clifton Presbyterian Church*

*Invites the community*

*To our Living Nativity*

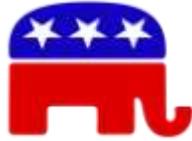
*Sunday, December 6, 2020*

*4:00 – 6:00 p.m.*

- *Drive by or walk from town*
- *Wear a mask*
- *Stay 6 feet from others*

**Goodbye and Thank You to the Clifton Cleaners.**





Unmasking for the photo, RWC members Sally Segal, Judy Flaig and Donna Curtin celebrate “100 years of Women’s Right to Vote” at the Burke Farmers Market. Photo by Bob Segal

### In Support of Voting and Law Enforcement

The Republican Women of Clifton and surrounding areas (RWC) are directing a large part of their volunteer efforts toward supporting fair voting and bolstering law enforcement morale.

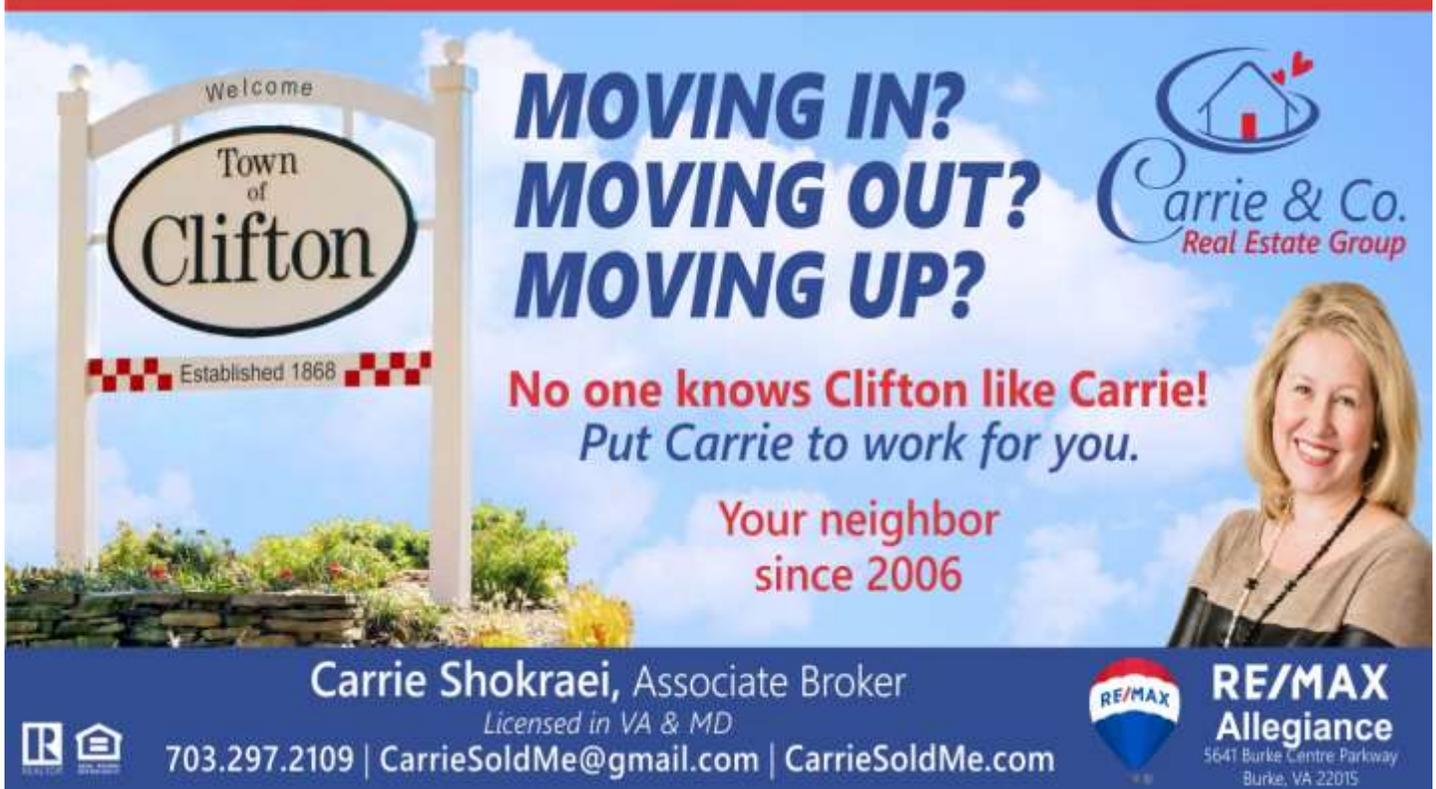
In August, we celebrated in style the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, “Women’s Right to Vote.” We donned period dress and handed out purple and yellow ink pens inscribed: “2020—100<sup>th</sup> year—Women’s Right to Vote” to the shoppers at Burke Farmers Market. These colors represent this voting movement. In addition, if you wore a yellow rose, you were in favor of the women’s vote. If you wore a red rose, you were in opposition. We wore yellow roses on our hats. The activity was a fun way to underscore the importance of the struggle for a right to vote that today seems common place.

RWC volunteers are handing out Republican Sample Ballots at all satellite polling places where early in-person voting is now underway. We are volunteering as poll watchers to help counter any infringements in the voting process. RWC volunteers are door knocking throughout Fairfax County in support of our candidates and to personally clarify the voting procedure and answer questions that voters may have. We are asking voters to vote “Yes” on Amendment #1: Bipartisan Redistricting. We are asking voters to support our candidates: Trump/Pence, Gade (U.S. Senate), Andrews (Congr. District 10) and Manga (Congr. District 11). They are running on specific platforms to “Make America Great Again.” Check them out.

We are in total support of our law enforcement community. As our bumper sticker says: “Law and Order: It’s not just a tv show.” We are rallying with Support the Blue and Bolster the Blue to influence legislation and to increase morale. The really exciting weekly occurrences are the Flash Mob Fridays at a selected police station. The police force loves it! We have special yard signs to distribute to voters as well as miniature Thin Blue Line flags. Our “Blue Light Special” is a growing “movement” to put blue light bulbs in lamp posts or house windows as just another way to show support for our law enforcement.

We invite you to learn more about our group and, if interested, join us in our efforts. We work hard, but we have fun. Patriotism is a feel good activity! Visit [www.CliftonGOP.com](http://www.CliftonGOP.com) and become involved either a little or a lot. We look forward to welcoming you!

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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 Steeplechase Tailgate Buffet Section . Enjoy!

Note: When you substitute milk chocolate chips for raisins, you must hunt twice a week to keep off unwanted weight!

Robert Kirk McRae

## MOTHER'S APPLE CRISP

1 c. flour  
¾ c. sugar  
½ tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
1 egg

8 c. sliced apples  
¼ c. maraschino cherries  
½ c. walnuts  
¼ c. oil  
Cinnamon

Preheat oven to 400°. Mix all dry ingredients in a bowl. Add egg and mix until crumbly. Put apples in a large baking dish. Sprinkle flour mixture, cherries, and walnuts over apples. Pour oil over the top and sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake 35 minutes. Serves 8.

Note: Make several batches in the fall when apples are fresh and plentiful and freeze until needed.

Helen Esser



## Around Clifton

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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## 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

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



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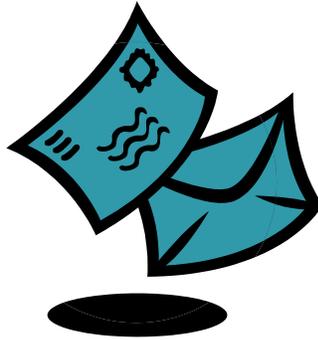
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## **Green Space in Clifton**

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](mailto:villagetimesaver@aol.com).





# CLIFTON BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

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

## CBA Membership Form

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### 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)**

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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.

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