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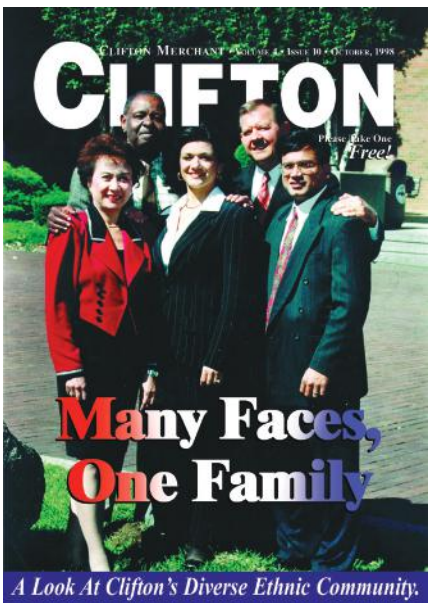
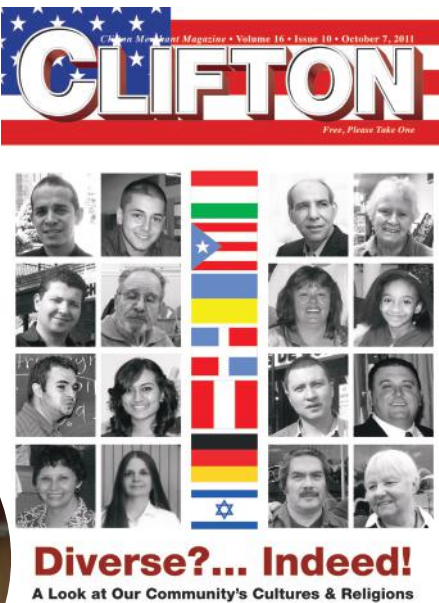
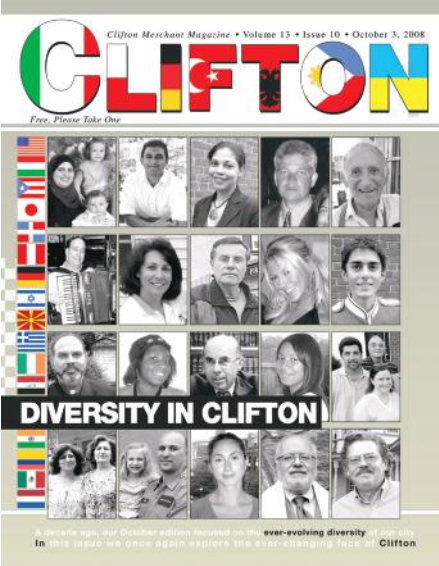
Back in 1998, Clifton Magazine was recognized with an Advocates Award from Gov. Christine Todd Whitman for the Many Faces, One Family project.

It was a tabloid-sized black and white photo essay which accompanied our October 1998 magazine, shown below bottom right. The project's goal was to explain, through stories and photos, more about Clifton's ever-evolving ethnic, cultural and religious landscape.

Since 1998, my staff and I have written hundreds of pages that we hope have encouraged residents to gain a greater understanding of one another. Our mission, while it sounds lofty, is to illustrate that despite our differences, we here in Clifton, no matter where we came from, share many goals and ideals. And that Clifton, for many of us, has been and continues to be, a city of opportunity.

For me, it meant buying a home, raising a family of four, and starting this business. I wish the good fortune and the many friendships I have experienced in Clifton upon all of you.

No matter your race, creed or color, be part of Clifton and contribute to making our hometown a better place to live, work and raise a family.



From the Editor **Tom Hawrylko**

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ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8

City Council Candidates



*All interviews & stories
by Ariana Puzzo*

In our September magazine, we spoke with the first batch of qualified City Council candidates ahead of the Nov. 8 election. When speaking to the 10 initial candidates (*note: Matt Trella has since withdrawn his candidacy*), we asked: What do you consider the most immediate issue facing Clifton, and how would you address it?

Since we went to press before the Sept. 6 verification deadline for candidates, our profiles continue in this magazine.

We asked the remaining eight candidates to offer their insight on the issues and how we should address them. The common answer: finding a way to work together respectfully, as a community. Candidates also discussed what sets them apart and why they think they should get a seat on the dais.

On the following pages, we have also provided a retrospective on past Clifton elections. Using some of our previously written Clifton Merchant stories and archival newspapers from 2002 to the 2018 elections, we hope that we were able to construct a clearer image of what issues mattered to the Clifton voters and the candidates who sought to represent the residents.

We also took a look back at how switching the City Council election from May to November affected the voter turnout, if at all.

Other stories showed how in certain cases — like in 1966 — a traditional political courtesy for who became the mayor fell by the wayside. What happens in 2022 and who will become mayor should be an interesting end to this campaign.



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Dana Beltran

Making citywide improvements is a team effort, and that's why Dana Beltran's campaign slogan is "Off To Work We Go".

"It's not a one-person job or just seven people on the Council, but the whole town needs to work together," said Beltran, 32.

Beltran was elected to the Board of Education in November of 2018. As she finishes her term, she said civic mindedness inspired her to run for a seat on the Council. Beltran added that she felt she contributed to the BOE and would now like to "take my skills elsewhere."

"I don't plan on being a lifetime member of the Council like I didn't plan that for the Board of Ed," she said. "You should come in to serve for one or two terms and then step aside to allow for new ideas and either move onto another position or step out of politics. I'm a big fan of term limits."

An issue that she hopes to address thoroughly if elected is the water concerns — as it relates to flooding and drinking water. She added that the discoloration has appeared "in many sections of town and seems to be only getting worse."



Dana Beltran and Christopher D'Amato.

Rather than trusting water companies, she stressed the need for an independent expert. If there are worrying findings, she said it should "turn into more legal action from the state. We're not putting enough pressure on water companies to ensure that the water is safe," she said. "If it's not safe to drink, then it's also not good for cleaning clothes, putting on bodies, or cleaning children."

Christopher D'Amato

As the newest resident of the candidates, Christopher D'Amato said he wondered briefly whether he needed more time before he ran for a seat.

D'Amato, who moved to Clifton in 2019, realized that the answer was, no.

"I excel as a communicator and a listener ... [and I'm] a property owner here, so I am invested in the outcome [of our city] like everybody else," said D'Amato, 35.

D'Amato began following city politics after he and his wife, Lily, settled in Clifton. He said they wanted

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Dominic Iannarella with his wife Natalie Hernandez Iannarella and their son Nico along with Dom's parents Peter and Cheryl.

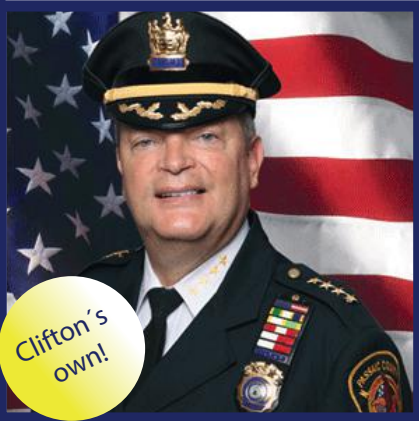
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to “find a community to be a part of for a long time.”

Hurricane Ida’s aftermath prompted D’Amato to run for a Council seat. He said that although he went to City Hall and presented proposals for updated communication efforts and his ideas were well-received, he didn’t see the desired implementation.

Another of D’Amato’s concerns is the Council’s perceived divisiveness.

“On an individual level, there are good people on it — but as a whole group, it is dysfunctional,” said D’Amato. “[We need] at least one set of fresh eyes ... to say, ‘This needs to get done, and we need to do it in a way that’s productive and cooperative.’”

“They bicker in a way that embarrasses us in the press.”

Along with a 15-year career in media and communication, D’Amato said he’ll offer leadership with humility.

“I welcome help and participation from the public,” he said. “I have experience finding the right people to head



Avraham Y. Eisenman and Alessia Eramo.

up various departments and ... making sure qualified professionals in the field have input in any decisions.”

Avraham Y. Eisenman

Openness and honesty are the cornerstones of Avraham Eisenman’s campaign.

The Council candidate said that given his background in

healthcare, he is familiar with having transparent discussions. The medical provider said he will continue to make himself accessible as well to answer residents’ questions.

“I’ll be accountable to the voters so that we can work on solving the big issues like public safety, flooding, and recreation,” said Eisenman, 31.

“There doesn’t seem to be that back and forth [now],” he continued. “I think the voters feel like they don’t have that voice on the Council.”

Eisenman bought his Clifton house in November of 2016. One of the ways that he hopes to deliver an open and honest government is by opening as many

Clifton... *My Home - Your Home*



Ray Grabowski is a lifelong resident of Clifton. He attended St. John Kanty Grammar School, Woodrow Wilson Junior High, and Clifton High School. While in high school, Ray was a member of the famous Clifton High School Mustang Band which won international acclaim in Holland. Ray continued his education at Fairleigh Dickinson University. After receiving his B.A. in Elementary Education, he taught in the Harrison New Jersey school system. While teaching, Ray continued his studies at Montclair State University and received his certification in teaching ESL (English as a Second Language). Ray pursued graduate work in the Counseling & Human Services Department.

Ray has been a property owner for over 30 years in the city of Clifton. Presently Ray is the owner-operator of Ray Grabowski Landscaping LLC (solely based in Clifton, N.J.).

He sponsors an "Adopt A Spot" in the city of Clifton, and has been sponsoring a Clifton Little League team for a number of years. Ray is President of the Athenia Business Association which sponsors the annual "Van Houten Ave" Street Fair, and the Christmas Tree Lighting for the community children every year. He serves as liaison for the Clifton Board of Health along with various other committees. Ray continues his musical interest as founder and leader of Swingman and The Misfit Mutts Band.

Ray has the experience, dedication and integrity to make the right decisions for the people of Clifton; decisions based on common sense and not political positioning.

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documents as possible.

“[The budget] is open but ... it’s not shown on Clifton TV,” said Eisenman. “Some things need to be kept confidential but what’s not, let’s not fight it.”

Eisenman ran for a seat on the Board of Education in 2021. He said that he saw and heard a lot during his run. He is also aware that people are “much more at-tuned ... to local government and the impact it has on daily lives”, as evidenced by this year’s 17 qualified Council candidates.

“It shows that there are a lot of people willing and wanting to be involved and have their voices heard on a local level,” said Eisenman.

Eisenman’s community involvement ranges from joining the Passaic Office of Emergency Management to overseeing the budget of the Jewish Memorial Chapel, at 841 Allwood Rd.

“My big message to the voters is that I’m running to represent you,” he said. “While we may not agree on everything, we have to work together and not divide each other.”



Steve Goldberg and Joe Kolodziej.

Alessia Eramo

Despite running as a newcomer, Dr. Alessia Eramo feels as though she’s inadvertently spent years preparing for a role as a council member.

Eramo, 37, has lived in Clifton for 11 years. One of the ways she feels she has prepared herself is speaking at council meetings for the past decade. She used the opportunity to offer proposals for

citywide improvements.

“I learned a lot about Clifton’s ordinances, their building development, and how the government functions,” said Eramo. “I also met a lot of people inside and outside of the government that face a wide array of challenges.”

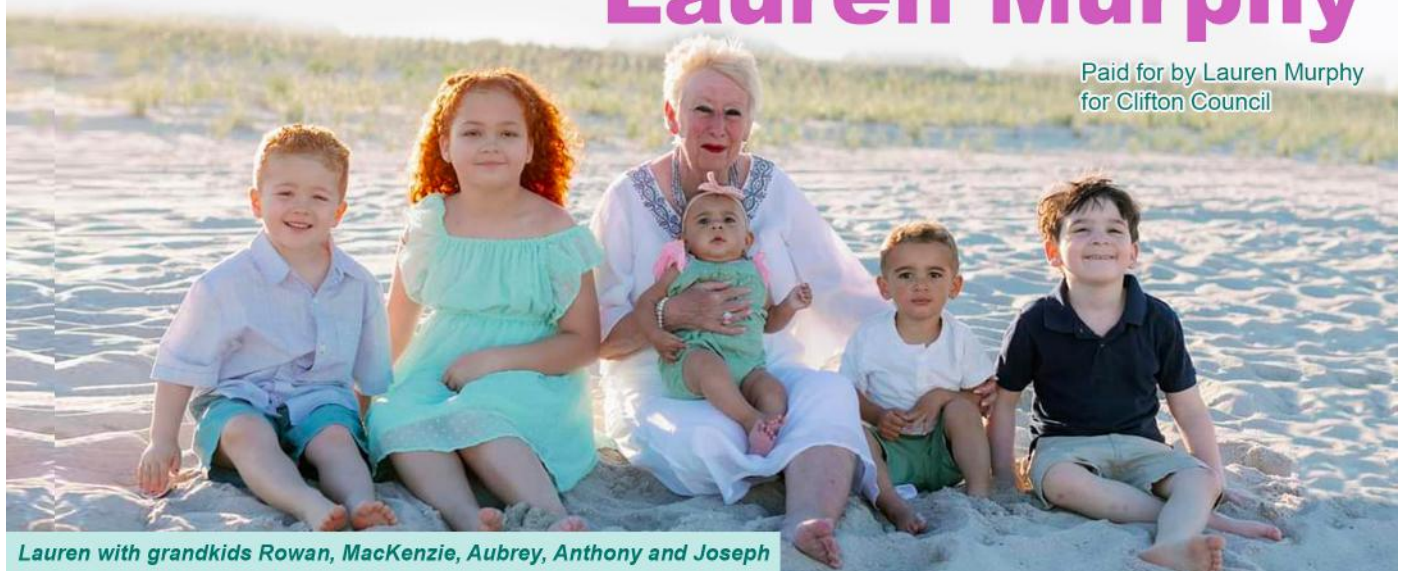
“I have always believed in acting and not complaining,” she added. “I know that I can work with people ... and I’m ready to hit the ground running.”

When asked about the most pressing issues in Clifton, Eramo emphasized that she wants to collaborate with the community and tackle the issues relevant to different residents. She said that means continuing to get out and meet people, while also utilizing community feedback.

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"We're sick of the fighting, nothing is getting done"

The Council election on Nov. 8th is pivotal for Clifton.

People have asked me if I would run for Council again, and have repeatedly told me the same concern - our community has seen enough of personality conflicts that prevent good decisions.

Clifton needs a working council that can find compromise to move forward. Four years of fighting and petty lawsuits have done nothing but waste taxpayer dollars on more legal fees.

We need to focus on infrastructure upgrades, improved communication tools, smart redevelopment and updated zoning laws – Clifton needs a Council that will work together to address quality of life issues!

I was raised in Clifton with a family value of community service. I want to use my experience & education to improve the quality of life in my hometown, and model that value for my two sons now in Clifton schools.

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“A few minutes, two times a month at meetings is not enough of an opportunity for people to have their voices heard,” said Eramo. “I really want to do a service to the people of Clifton.” Eramo cited her professional background as a scientist, engineer, and researcher as assets. “I’m very logical [and], on a personal level, not quick to speak or judge without knowing the facts,” she said. “I make decisions based on evidence and actively seek that evidence.”



Antonio Latona and Rosemary Pino.

“People are tired of that and want some sort of consistency where they can buy a home here and the surroundings kind of stay the same,” said Goldberg. “Things change and get different, but overdevelopment is a big issue, [along with] all of the issues that it leads to, like flooding.”

The current election marks Goldberg’s third run for a seat on the Council. He considers his

openness and approachability as among his stand-out qualities.

Goldberg added that regardless of the outcome, he still wants to be part of the discussion. “Besides overdevelopment, what really spurred me to run this time is the creation of harmony,” he said. “I don’t like what I see on the Council. It’s so dysfunctional and people need to learn to get along with each other.”

“We’re asking to be elected, but we’re also elected as part of a team,” continued Goldberg. “Diversity in Clifton has always been our strength ... [and] I don’t want to see different ethnic groups not getting along with each other.”

Steve Goldberg

Steve Goldberg has a plan and it involves protecting the five H’s — home, health, happiness, hope, and harmony.

One of the ways that he wants to preserve these community pillars is by addressing one major concern. “For years, [Clifton’s most immediate issue was] overdevelopment, and it continues to be the most immediate issue,” said Goldberg, 61. “People are worried about their homes.”

Goldberg, a 27-year resident, continued by saying how residents have protested some form of overdevelopment.

Re-Elect William “Bill” Gibson

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Joe Kolodziej

Putting personalities ahead of principles is the major issue that Joseph C. Kolodziej sees when he considers Clifton's plight.

He said the "dysfunctional" nature of the Council prevents moving agendas forward for specific problems like infrastructure, contract issues with unions, and taxes.

"What's been hindering any kind of progress is one of the more unprofessional Councils we have witnessed over the course of decades," said Kolodziej, 59.

He served on the City Council from 2010 to 2018 and on the Board of Education from 1999-2006, three years of which were as president and three as vice president.

He said that moving the needle starts with showing respect to one another — a principle he's committed to ensuring.

"I understand the need for professionalism on the board, staff, and boots on the street level," said Kolodziej. "That is ultimately what I can bring to the table."

"It's about building consensus," he continued. "What [we've seen] in the last four years at least is an unwillingness to compromise on anything [and] a lot of 'gotcha' politics among multiple members of the Council."

Kolodziej is the son of the late former Mayor and Councilwoman Gloria Kolodziej and the late Councilman Joseph S. Kolodziej. Ongoing civic mindedness has inspired Kolodziej to run for another term. He said hearing people explain that they are tired of the in-fighting and lack of progress "tugged on my commitment to community service."

"Compromise is a virtue that should be cultivated. Not a weakness to despise," said Kolodziej. "It's about being open-minded ... and not seeking consensus, but molding it."

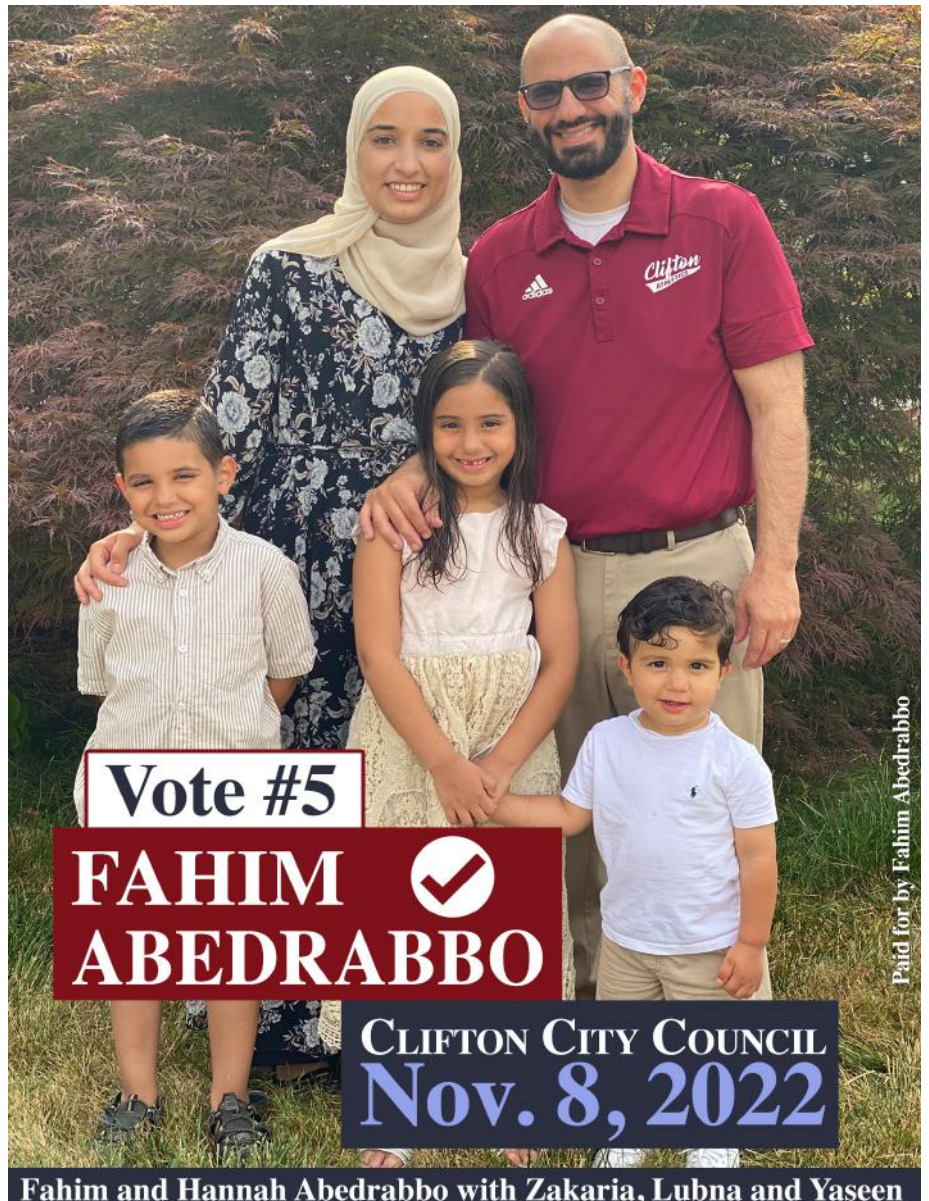
Antonio Latona

Updating Clifton's Master Plan is Antonio Latona's top priority. "The next council must drastically update the

Master Plan to prevent high density housing and high density real estate from being built," said Latona, 48. "Once you do that, it starts to fix the [other] problems."

Latona added that the problems include traffic, infrastructure, quality of life issues, and flooding. He said the process should involve the Council sitting down and making sure that "developers and contractors [cannot] come here" to overdevelop on the land.

Latona (CHS 1992) is a lifelong resident and retired from the Clifton Fire Department in June. He said that the years he's spent in Clifton and working on the frontlines have allowed him to see the consequences of overdevelopment. His ongoing commitment to service is what inspires him to run for a seat.



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Fahim and Hannah Abedrabbo with Zakaria, Lubna and Yaseen

“For my whole life, I’ve been about giving back to the people. From ages 13 to 18, I was a Red Cross volunteer,” he said. “Then I joined the Air Force. I just hit my 30th anniversary, and I am still in the Air National Guard.”

Latona said that part of his campaign is a contract with the voters. If elected, he promised transparency and that he wouldn’t “vote for any development that drastically changes the landscape of [any] neighborhood.”

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#6



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He continued by saying he would provide a voice to Clifton’s veterans and seniors.

“A vote for me will be a vote to actually implement solutions to all of the problems that we’ve talked about for a long time.”

Rosemary Pino

As she strives for a second term on the Council, Rosemary Pino stands by her slogan: Smarter Decisions For A Brighter Future.

Pino, 43, has lived in Clifton for more than three decades. She said she sees a tremendous shift in Clifton’s future, related in part to newly developed businesses and Mayor James Anzaldi not seeking re-election.

“It’s important for us to make smarter decisions,” said Pino. “We are really laying out the future of the City of Clifton.” Pino viewed her first term as a chance to gain knowledge about the city. Now, she’s hoping to continue the work that “I haven’t quite finished in my first term.”

That work involves ongoing attention to quality of life concerns. One issue that she said the Council hears about often is noise complaints.

“Lately, it seems like a trend throughout the city is that residents are not being good neighbors,” she said. “We need to modify the ordinance to make sure officers have the tools that they need to enforce [noise ordinances] when they go out.” Police retention is another one of Pino’s priorities, as well as community engagement and participation. Pino advocated for making sure everyone has a voice and bringing community town hall meetings to different city sections.

“They should not come to us, we should come to them,” said Pino. “I think it’s key to hear the concerns of the residents in a city of over 90,000 people. It’s impossible to think that we’re going to know everyone’s concerns otherwise.”

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When the TOP Vote-Getter Wasn't Selected Mayor

Bill and Clara on the campaign trail in the early days.

By Jack DeVries

In the 1966 City Council Election, Bill Bate burst on Clifton's political scene and kicked everyone's tail. Incumbents, challengers, or the "Big Three," Bate blitzed them all, totaling 16,035 votes—61% of the 26,000 cast and the most ever tallied by a Clifton City Council candidate.

Similar to the city's mood in 2006, voters were sick of politics, infighting, and entrenched elected officials. Bate, a 32-year-old lawyer, represented needed change.

Politically ambitious since he was a boy, Bate worked in Washington D.C. as a legislative assistant to Congressman (later Superior Court Judge) Charles S. Joelson prior to Bate's 1966 council run and enjoyed the ardent support of the Democratic Party.

A lifelong city resident, he was married, ambitious and ready to take on the world.

There were whispers during the election Bate someday would become New Jersey's first governor from Clifton. And, after trouncing the field of 45 candidates, the whispers didn't seem far-etched.

A key to Bate's victory was his strong showing in the Botany section, where he placed third behind two candidates of Slavic ancestry, Joseph Vanecek and Doc Surgent. When the election results were announced, Bate and his

happy supporters, including campaign manager and prominent Botany resident Louie Wasserstrum, marched from his Main Ave. office to Clifton City Hall, then at the corner of Main and Harding Aves., to celebrate.

"After I won the election," Bate remembered in this 2006 interview, "I called City Manager Bill Holster, a republican, and pledged my full cooperation. I think he was shocked. Then I called a meeting of the winning council members to decide who would be mayor."

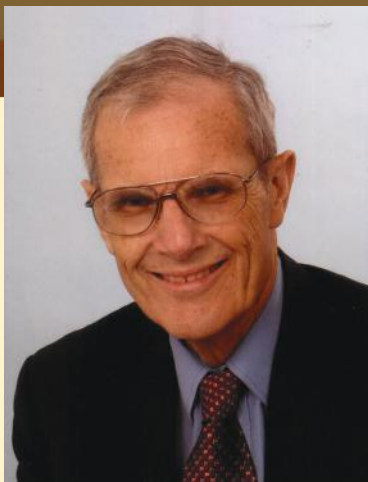
Despite his mandate from Clifton's citizens and the city's 25-year tradition of awarding the top finisher the mayor's job, the 1966 council-elect had a different agenda.

Vanecek, Thomas Cupo, and Ira Schoem—Clifton's "Big Three"—were against Bate. Surgent and Merv Montgomery took turns voting against him, switching their allegiance during the two council votes.

"They knew what they were doing," Bate said. "They kept the vote 4-3 against me each time. Only (Councilwoman) Anna Latteri was loyal to me." Despite polling 1,200 fewer votes than Bate, Vanecek was chosen as mayor by the council. Bate challenged the ruling in court, but was unsuccessful in overturning the decision. Clifton's rising political star had suffered a bitter defeat.

But if you think his first election's outcome would have soured Bate on public service, think again.

"It wasn't personal," Bate said, looking back to 1966, "it was politics. I was the lone Democrat. And since the Board of Education members were appointed by the mayor rather than elected by the people, they weren't handing me the job."



executed in the manner required by law. The surrogate is also used when a person dies without a will and decides who will administer and oversee the estate properly. "I love my job," said Bate. "I love helping people during times of need, especially after a loss of a loved one. I also have a marvelous staff that does a wonderful job helping others." In 2006, he said he planned to run for reelection in 2007.

Life of Public Service

Bate served less than three years on the Clifton Council, leaving in 1969 to become a Passaic County Freeholder "I've always been against holding dual offices," he stated. He later served one term as a New Jersey Senator and four terms as a New Jersey Assemblyman.

Hurt by a territorial redistricting, Bate suffered his first electoral defeat to Joseph Bubba in 1981. However, he bounced back in 1982, winning office as Passaic County Surrogate, a position he held until his death on Jan. 29, 2011. Upon his passing, he amassed 40 years in elective office, the longest of anyone serving in Passaic County.

The word surrogate means "one who speaks for another." To probate, means the will is proved to have been

"If I have my health, I'd like to serve again." He did in fact win another five-year term. Bate's health has never slowed him down, despite many setbacks. At age 36, his heart's mitral valve was repaired and he suffered a stroke at age 43. After building up his strength, Bate had a pig valve implanted to replace his damaged mitral valve.

Fifteen years later, he underwent heart surgery again, this time to implant mechanical mitral valve. To stay strong, he participated in cardiac rehab three times a week.

In November 2005, Bate landed back in the hospital after being hurt in a serious car accident. He spent 82 days recovering from injuries, including 34 days at Clifton's Daughters of Miriam.



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By May 2006, he healed and resumed his hectic schedule. Chances are if you attended a beefsteak, testimonial dinner, or political breakfast, you saw Bill Bate.

During the spring and fall, he attended functions throughout Passaic County nearly every night, including wakes. At each one, he enjoyed seeing the people who supported him throughout his life in politics. "Some might get bored of these affairs," said Bate, who estimated that he spent \$7,000 a year on tickets, "but I like them — I love seeing friends and meeting people."



Bill and Clara Bate.

Bate in 2006 opined about his beloved hometown and said he supported building a school on Latteri Park. "I think the (April 2006) School Board elections, reflected the voters' frustration—(Board President) Joe Kolodziej finished dead last," said Bate.

He said he believed Kolodziej's defeat might hurt his mother, Councilwoman Gloria Kolodziej, in the May 2006 Council elections. "I could see her tumbling to a fourth or fifth finish," Bate added.

As far as challengers, Bate expected Peter Eagler to win a seat. "Of the three who declined to interview then with Clifton

Merchant—Ed Welsh, Stefan Tatarenko, whom I like, and Frank Gaccione, who's done a lot for youth—I believe one will lose. You've had many on that council for a longtime," he continues. "It might be time for a change."

In 2006, Bate said he would like to see the Council's \$4,000 annual salary changed. "When I was a councilman, tickets to political events were \$7 to \$10 (the Council's 1966 salary was \$4,000). Today, those tickets are \$25 to \$35 and the Council's salary hasn't changed in a while."

In 2022, the Council's annual salary remains at \$4,000.

Hometown View

Bate lived in his Allwood section home for 48 years and was married to former Clara Estrela of Santo Domingo, the daughter of a late Dominican Republic diplomat. The couple met when Bate was in Washington D.C. and Clara was working for the Organization of American States. They had two adult sons—William Edwin, who worked for the New Jersey Dept. of Labor, Division of Wage and Hour; and Robert Benedict, who was employed by the Passaic Valley Sewer Commission.

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Is Les On Track?

By Tom Hawrylko in May 2002

Baby, that tough mutt that Les Herrschaft found on Rt. 3, is long gone and the former Councilman was 55 pounds lighter than when this old campaign picture was taken. But Herrschaft—who died in 2006 at age 80—said he wanted to keep Clifton on track, like his old campaign slogan.

In an April 29, 2002 interview, Herrschaft—a revered ‘godfather’ to many politicians—offered his card for the May 14 race in which six incumbents and five challengers vie for seven seats. His comments are at right but Herrschaft, first elected in 1986, then again in ‘90 and ‘94, before retiring in 1998, offered some other nuggets here:

Is there any anti-incumbent sentiment in the community?

“No. The voters are happy with what’s going on. There are no big issues. The Council stabilized municipal taxes and that’s what everyone will remember.”

What about what Bob Sidoti has to say?

“He’s a good kid but his ideas are not viable campaign issues. They don’t register with the voters. If his wife Donna ran, she’d win.”

So all the incumbents are in? Is anyone vulnerable?

“Kowal is a helluva guy but he can’t disappear after the election. I think he’ll make it but he better cut out all that fishing and hunting and start going to more meetings.”

Gaccione walks likes he’s an incumbent. There’s talk he wants to be Mayor. Is he in?

“When I ran in 1986, I missed first place by 80 votes (ed. note: voters select seven candidates and by tradition, the highest vote-getter is elected Mayor by the Council colleagues). He doesn’t look that hot out of the gate. 🐾

Herrschaft’s Handicapp

James Anzaldi: Great Mayor. Big following. Watch him go.

Ed Welsh: A good kid. Great campaigner. He’ll be re-elected.

Gloria Kolodziej: A sure winner. She’s well respected.

Steve Hatala: Smart, well read and a real gentleman. He will be around for a long time.

Stefan Tatarenko: He had a great first term and has strong support. Second term assured.

Don Kowal: A great guy who will be re-elected.

Frank Gaccione: A good businessman deserving of support.

Alina Bladek: Great ballot position. Could be a spoiler.

Bob Sidoti: Looks good but needs to change his attitude.

Beverly Cholewczynski: She’s testing the waters and will make a showing but not win.

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Frank knows the infrastructure in town and through his company, he's worked the sewers all over Clifton. That's what makes him a good addition to the Council. I think the Council wants to work with him."

So who's going to be Mayor?

"Anzaldi. He works hard at being Mayor and has done a good job of it. People see that. You watch when he runs that May 11 spaghetti dinner at the Co-Op in Botany Village. There will be a 1,000 people there. He's got a lot of support... lots of support. Welsh could take a shot too. He's a very honest guy and will get good numbers but I think Jimmy's got it."

What about Gloria?

"She is a force to be reckoned with. I sat next to her for four years. She is smart, does her homework and can charm an audience. But she's tough and can be hard to deal with. There's six guys up there and

2002 City Council Election Results

James Anzaldi*	8,899
Gloria Kolodziej*	7,375
Steven Hatala Jr.*	6,535
Ed Welsh*	6,326
Don Kowal*	5,895
Stefan Tatarenko*	5,701
Frank Gaccione	5,352
Bob Sidoti	4,352
Alina Bladdek	4,050
Beverly Cholewczynski	3,768
Frank Fusco	2,914
Douglas Burg	1,727

** Incumbant*

they don't know how to deal with her. Kowal can schmooze her a bit but Welsh is the only guy to stand up to her. When the Council was discussing the skate park and Gloria started up against it, Welsh finally said to her, 'Look Gloria, you spent \$8,000 for signs at the Arts Center and \$16,000 for a piano. Isn't it time we spent some money on the kids?' She had no defense. The vote went and Gloria was the only one who voted no. She's tough and she earned her stripes."

Will we go back to an appointed BOE?

"No. People want the elected Board but are tired of the shenanigans. If there was another challenger (Board member Marie) Hakim would have been gone too. Hopefully, we'll get a strong superintendent who will reorganize things and we'll get good candidates next election. They need to work in the committee of the whole instead of all these sub-committees."

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Four Incumbents Ousted

By Joe Hawrylko in May 2006

The political revolution that started in April 2006 with the Board of Education election rambled on in May. Residents voiced their displeasure with the stagnation and Clifton status quo by voting for change, ousting an unprecedented four incumbents—Stefan Tatarenko, Ed Welsh, Don Kowal and Frank Gaccione.



Stefan Tatarenko, Ed Welsh, Don Kowal and Frank Gaccione.

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Replacing them would be newcomers Antonio Latona, Joe Cupoli and Frank Fusco—and Peter Eagler, a former Council member who served 1990-2002. The evening prior to the May 9 election, Clifton Merchant sponsored a “Get Out The Vote, Meet the Challengers” night at Uncle Roy’s on Van Houten Ave.

Separate from our strongly worded commentary calling for new leadership, our May edition offered a Voter’s Guide, recapping interviews with each candidate, sans the three who opted to not respond. The big story became the James Anzaldi/Antonio Latona “race.”

While Mayor Anzaldi’s victory as the top vote getter returned him for a seventh term, it almost failed to come to fruition. Newcomer Latona was nipping at Anzaldi’s heels the whole day, just missing the top position by less than 300 votes. Under Clifton’s form of government, the Mayor is not elected by the voters. The top vote-getter is by tradition elected to be Mayor by his or her Council colleagues.

Considering the controversy surrounding Latona’s eligibility to run and serve, imagine how complicated things would have become if he came in first?

With new leaders at the Board of Ed, things were on track at the May 3 meeting, as the Latteri School referendum

2006 City Council Election Results

James Anzaldi* 5,911
 Antonio Latona 5,659
 Peter Eagler 5,514
 Joseph Cupoli 4,793
 Gloria Kolodziej* 4,445
 Steven Hatala, Jr.* 3,864
 Frank Fusco 3,786

Matthew Ward 3,703
 Stefan Tatarenko* 3,583
 Roy Noonburg 3,577
 Joseph Chidiac 3,397
 Edward Welsh* 3,136
 Donald Kowal* 3,037
 George Silva 3,029
 Frank Gaccione* 2,887
 Alam Abdelaziz 1,397

* *Incumbant*

was approved by a 5-3 vote, with Commissioners Kim Renta, Keith La Forgia and Mary Kowal against, and John Traier abstaining.

At the May 16 meeting, Commissioner Norm Tahan introduced resolutions for the Latteri Park site survey and engineering study. Each measure passed by a unanimous 8-0 vote (Commissioner Keith La Forgia was absent). Also, the resolution designating the Latteri School as a 1200-student facility for grades 6-9 passed by a 5-3 margin, with Kowal, Renta, and Traier voting no.

Board President Marie Hakim said that the Facilities Committee was reviewing the feasibility of widening the central hallway at CHS, adding an external walkway on the Colfax Ave. side, and considering class utilization and scheduling to ease overcrowding without necessitating the relocation of the ninth grade.



Councilmen-elect Frank Fusco, Joe Cupoli, Tony Latona and Peter Eagler.

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James Anzaldi is Mayor Again Makes It Sixth In A Row



By Joe Hawrylko in June 2010

Jim Anzaldi, Mary Sadrakula and Joe Cupoli in his March 2010 exit interview

By the time he is up for re-election again in May of 2014, there will be a full generation of Cliftonites that have only known Jim Anzaldi as mayor. He earned his sixth term on May 11 with 5,667 votes—1,400 more than the second place.

Despite the criticism the Council had received over the last four years, four of five incumbents that ran for election—Anzaldi, Steve Hatala, Peter Eagler and Matthew Ward (who as the eighth-place finisher was appointed when Antonio Latona resigned in Oct. 2006)—retained their seats.

Only Frank Fusco failed in his re-election bid. Longtime Councilwoman Gloria Kolodziej retired the previous summer, and Joe Cupoli did not run. Joseph Kolodziej was listed as a challenger, but the former BOE President and son of Councilwoman Kolodziej was hardly new to politics. Mary Sadrakula and Matthew Grabowski earned their seats despite not having any political background.

Other familiar faces in the race included former Councilman Frank Gaccione, who lost his seat in a failed re-election campaign in 2006.

Joseph Chidiac, George Silva and Roy Noonburg also ran in that same year unsuccessfully.

2010 City Council Election Results

James Anzaldi*	5,667
Steve Hatala*	4,251
Peter Eagler*	4,071
Mary Sadrakula	3,277
Matthew Grabowski	3,181
Matthew Ward*	3,170
Joseph Kolodziej	2,968
Frank Fusco*	2,816
Raymond Grabowski	2,808
Suzanne Sia	2,690
Daniel Brown	2,683
David D'Arco	2,586
Frank Gaccione	2,478
Andrew White	2,276
Joan Salensky	1,985
Joseph Chidiac	1,753
George Silva	1,655
Roy Noonburg	1,422
Anthony Genchi	1,123
Robert Klinger (write-in)	306
Joseph Cupoli* (write-in)	30

* Incumbant

A New Voice Emerges

Love her or not, she's the new face of Clifton politics.

Mary Sadrakula, the Rosemawr resident who made her name as a vocal opponent of a proposed school on Latteri Park, earned a Council seat in the May 2010 election and embodies the sentiments disgruntled voter base that has become as vocal as it is disillusioned with the status quo.

Though she's not the first, Sadrakula is by far the most outspoken of the recent batch of newcomer politicians who have made or attempted to make the jump from resident to elected official.

Not afraid to question anyone on the public payroll, Sadrakula was a regular at the podium on Tuesday nights, loudly admonishing the Council on whatever the hot issue was for the month.

While the behavior instantly made her recognizable, it has also given Sadrakula her fair share of enemies along the way. She's been dismissed as cantankerous by her opponents, blasted in the media by Councilman

Joe Cupoli when he announced he was not running, and flat out refused to sit for an interview with this publication in the months leading up to the Council Election.

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But none of that mattered to Mary. She saw her own path and stepped into it. That righteousness and her strength, as well as her business acumen, made her an especially well positioned and articulate opponent.

At the same time, Sadrakula's penchant for standing up and asking why instead of playing nice has endeared her to voters, which propelled her into a Council seat for the next four years.

It's vaguely similar to the anger and outrage that has captivated the disgruntled voters across the nation and spawned the Tea Party movement. Such an ascension to power might not have been possible just a few years ago.

In the 2010 Council race, economic woes, a budget crisis, and other issues, plus two vacant Council seats, created another perfect situation for an outspoken challenger. And with years of hands-on experience as a neighborhood activist for the preservation of Latteri Park, Schultheis Farm and a variety of other causes, Sadrakula was almost a perfect candidate for voters unhappy with the establishment.

The Rosemawr resident placed fourth in the election, tops for any challenger. Now—as we asked in 2010—the question is can a government watchdog be as effective from the inside?



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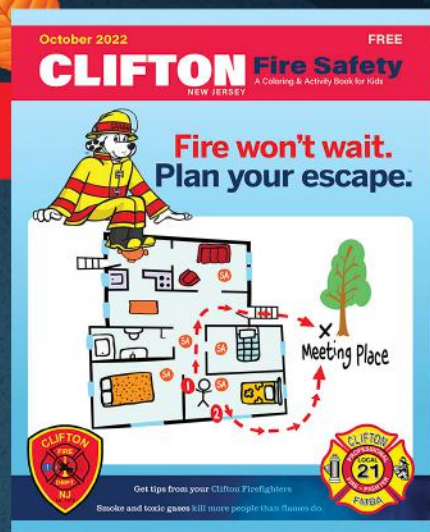


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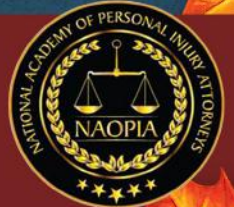


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A New Election Month and An Unexpected Community Loss



At the Jan. 2, 2015 organization of the Clifton Council: Peter Eagler, Joe Kolodziej, Mayor James Azaldi, Lauren Murphy, Steve Hatala and Bill Gibson. Matt Grabowski (inset) was also elected for a second term but could not attend due to his illness.

Clifton’s 2014 local elections—characterized by “dirty politics” on the municipal level, according to re-elected Mayor James Anzaldi — moved from May to November.

The Nov. 4 election revealed some voter apathy on the local level. But that apathy was less to do with the Council members or a new election date, and more about voter perceptions of the country’s trajectory.

One Clifton senior who didn’t vote for any local candidates stated: “I’m more concerned with what’s going on with the country, so I voted straight Republican to get the scum out of office.”

By Nov. 28, 2014, the numbers showed that 15,044 ballots were cast from the approximately 44,000 registered voters in Clifton at the time. A little more than a third, which still fared better than some other jurisdictions.

Despite being a new voice in city politics, Clifton voters unseated Mary Sadrakula. She had previously caught the attention of residents by vocally opposing a proposed school on Latteri Park and for her watchdog style of governing. Challengers William Gibson and Lauren Murphy also prevailed.

Yet a much greater loss would strike the City Council and the greater Clifton community.

After being re-elected with the fifth most votes, Matthew Grabowski passed away at the age of 53 on Feb. 25, 2015,

following a yearlong battle with liver cancer. He was first elected to the Council in 2010.

In regards to why he sought re-election in the face of his illness, the Clifton Journal reported him as saying: “It makes me feel good to better peoples’ lives.”

After a month of mourning, the Council awarded Grabowski’s vacant seat to the eighth place finisher, Joe Cupoli, as it prepared for a special election on Nov. 3, 2015, to finish Grabowski’s term.

The candidates included Raymond Grabowski, Steve Goldberg, and Frank Gaccione.

Ray Grabowski, Matthew’s older brother, took home more than half of the 6,979 ballots cast with 3,702 votes. Goldberg received 1,871 votes and Gaccione finished third with 1,406 votes.

2014 City Council Election Results

James Anzaldi*	8,336
William Gibson	6,007
Joseph Kolodziej*	5,674
Steven Hatala*	5,473
Matthew Grabowski*	5,333
Peter Eagler*	5,199
Lauren Murphy	4,667
Joseph Cupoli	4,543
Mary Sadrakula*	3,991
Steven Goldberg	3,838
Norm Tahan	3,226
John Salierno	3,061
Beatrice Rybak-Petrolle	2,444
Bharat Rana	2,215
Joe Yeamans	1,608

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Ray Grabowski



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Steve Hatala



“If someone needs help— be it from illness, a fire or storms— this town has a big heart. One of our own has a problem, Clifton rallies around them.”

Lauren Murphy



“I’m tough and fight for what the people want, and I don’t back down. I love this city and wouldn’t trade it for the world.”

Twenty-eight years prior, James Anzaldi stepped into the role of Clifton’s mayor by a margin of less than 100 votes. On Nov. 6, 2018, he retained his first-place rank by over 1,000 votes, just like every other race since that first mayoral win.

The election, held in November instead of May since the initial switch in 2014, saw Anzaldi lead with over 11,000 total votes. Clifton voters also secured the seats of four other incumbents, but voted to replace incumbents Joseph Kolodziej and Steven Hatala.

In their stead were Council newcomer Rosemary Pino and a familiar face on the dais — Mary Sadrakula. Pino’s win on the Council meant that she needed to step down from a previous position of the Board of Education. NorthJersey.com reported in January of 2019 that in about 30 minutes, the BOE selected former BOE Commissioner Arlene Agresti from among the eight available applicants. Agresti had served

2018 City Council Election Results

James Anzaldi*	11,105
Raymond Grabowski*	9,700
Lauren Murphy*	9,203
Peter Eagler*	9,067
William F. Gibson*	8,602
Rosemary Pino	7,856
Mary Sadrakula	7,312
Joseph Kolodziej*	6,603
Steven Goldberg	6,013
George Silva	5,923
Steven Hatala*	5,782
Frank Fusco	3,912
Malvin Frías-Asencio	3,268

* Incumbant

as a commissioner for six and half years and previously taught in the school district for 37 years. She had not sought re-election in 2017 due to health concerns.

As for Sadrakula, the 2018 election marked her return to the council after her first term in 2010.

At the time, North Jersey Record reported that “in perhaps a preview of things to come,” six of the other Council members refused in January 2019 to second a request made by Sadrakula.

The councilwoman sought to table the agenda item related to appointing new Zoning Board members. Her reasoning was that to find the best possible people, the Council should seek additional time to review résumés and advertise for an open seat. The other council mem-

bers moved to continue ahead on the appointments, so as to coincide with the Jan. 2 reorganization of the Zon-

Comeback Councilwoman

Mary Sadrakula



“The citizens of Clifton have lost confidence in their elected officials. I intend to bring back open and honest government.”

Bill Gibson



“I’m honest. My heart is in the right place. I work hard for every single person. I’m hands on, and I go out to make sure things get done.”

James Anzaldi



“In politics, not every person will like you. But we can always be civil, agree to disagree, come to compromise, and do good things for the city.”

Steve Goldberg



“If you look at cities with one-party ruling, nothing happens. The answer to solutions always seems to be somewhere in the middle.”

Above and on the next page are the photos of the 2018 council candidates along with their verbatim responses from the interviews and stories Clifton Merchant Magazine published leading up to the Nov. 6, 2018 election.

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ing Board and hearing of applications.

But before the newest-elected council members took to the dais and heard the concerns of Clifton's residents, we spoke with them. Clifton Merchant conducted interviews with 13 City Council candidates shown on these pages.

According to a 2018 American Community Survey, Clifton was the 10th-largest municipality in New Jersey. It consisted of approximately 85,000 residents who all had unique

Peter Eagler



"I'm available, accessible and at every meeting. I'm always available by phone ... if there's an issue, I try my very best to work it out."

Joe Kolodziej



"Knowing I've helped people or created policy or an atmosphere that is fair to all is rewarding ... and my resolve is stronger than ever."

Rosemary Pino



"I go to all sides of Clifton. I take advantage of my city and I want my fellow Cliftonites to do the same and not be fearful to go to other parts."

Frank Fusco



"When you get elected, your job is not to be re-elected, your job is to do a good job. I will listen and take your concerns to my colleagues."

Malvin Frias



"I was raised here in Clifton. I used to be at Sperling Park every day playing basketball with my friends. We grew up in a different era."

hopes, worries, and expectations for their new leaders.

The seven incumbents and six challengers all spoke with us about a number of issues and hot topics. At the time, these issues included low starting salaries in the police department and the redevelopment of the Hoffman LaRoche property. Their pull quotes shown here also told the stories of what it means to serve one's community, how life was for them when they grew up in Clifton, and what qualities set them apart from the other candidates.

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What Are



Thinking?

By Ariana Puzzo

Whether they're lifelong residents or relatively new to the community, Clifton voters tend to speak their minds on the hot topics.

Ahead of this month's issue, we posed several questions to the Clifton community on our social media. The questions that we asked included: What are your top three favorite things about our city? What is your biggest gripe about our city? How has the city's diversity affected you? What makes you proud to be a Cliftonite?

The responses were mixed, with many people responding with improvements that they would like to see around the city. Some of the responses that we included on the next pages

involve voters wanting to see a more harmonious City Council, better water quality, and better roads.

There were positives as well. Several people cited the city's small-town feel, location, and way of fostering lifelong friendships as reasons to stay local.

The residents who responded to our request for their thoughts included young adults, residents for decades, and one Clifton business that sees the benefit of embracing Clifton's ever-evolving diversity. Despite our respondents' specific and individual thoughts, many agreed that Clifton has — sometimes overlooked — great opportunities.



Community Comments

One thing I've never been disappointed about in Clifton is the school system and the small businesses. As a 16-year-old entering my junior year at CHS, I am pleased and satisfied with the education provided to me. The teachers and administrators provide a great educational atmosphere where I feel I can be most heard and understood.

Also, the small businesses are great. You can get just about anything in Clifton. Whether it be dinner, a car wash, or even pet supplies.

I think the biggest improvement that can be made is better care of our police officers. It's no longer a secret that Clifton police officers are often given less than they deserve. We must give them a reason and motivate them to stay. Better care for roads and sidewalks I think could also go a long way.

I am hoping for unity. Despite my young age, I pay lots of attention and get involved with my local community. The fights, arguments, and nonsense have to stop. We elect leaders to run our town to the best of their ability. I believe many Cliftonites are tired of the pettiness and want to see



Alias Ragsdale Lifelong Resident

work done. I hope to see better representation of the town in our public officials. I think many areas of Clifton are sometimes not represented. Is the answer to this a ward system? I don't know, but I do know that everyone must be represented, and I think we need to do a better job at that.

Clifton's diversity has greatly affected everyone. In Clifton, you can get food that originates from just about every culture. Whether it be Mexican, Polish, Turkish, Dominican, Lebanese, and much more.

The city can optimize celebrating its diversity by continuing to do flag raisings and assisting cultures to conduct parades, festivals, and other things to celebrate our community's diversity.

One thing that the city is in the process of doing is establishing the Civil Rights Committee. The committee is something that surrounding municipalities have and it works great in ensuring that all races, cultures, and ethnicities are fairly celebrated and treated. I trust that the City Council will work diligently in beginning the committee.

Helen Talaniec 30+ Year Resident

My most favorite thing and main reason to live in Clifton is that it is convenient to all of the major highways ... 19, 20, 3, 46, 23, GSP, the NJ Turnpike, and it is close to New York. In towns like Wallington and Garfield, it takes about half an hour just to get out of town. Also, people never called me communist or Russian when I was growing up. They actually knew before this past February what a Ukrainian was and did not ask me why I wear a cross if I'm Orthodox.



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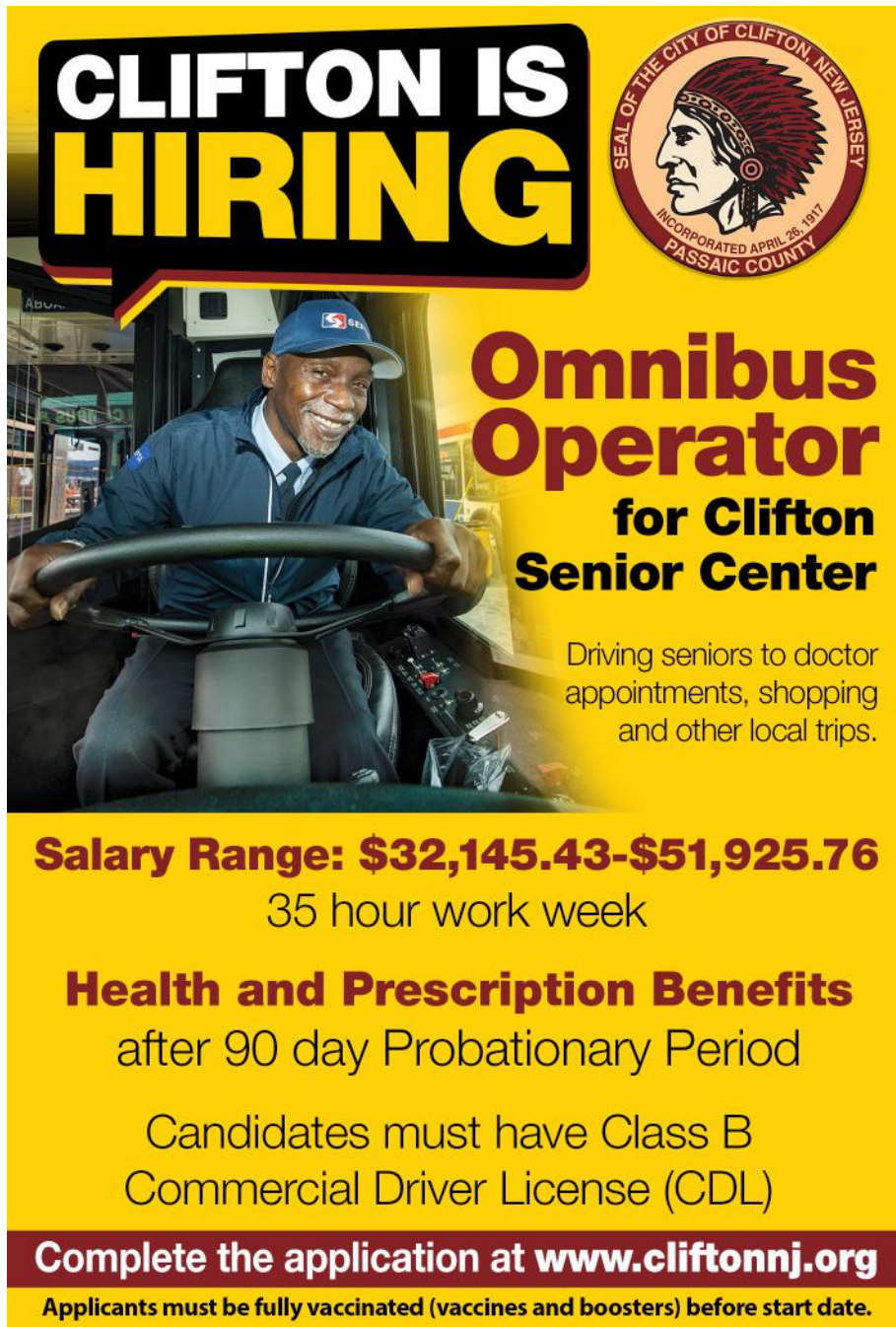
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While I do love this town, they need to time construction projects better with outside agencies (Passaic Valley Water, PSEG, City of Clifton). Sometimes it takes 40 minutes to get to an area of Clifton that should take five to ten minutes because of the street closures and closed streets parallel to those street closures.

This city also needs to rethink building condos and other properties on every single square inch of land. I live off of Valley Road and have seen wild turkeys and deer in areas where they do not belong. The overbuilding is also causing roads to flood — like my street last year — as well as the disastrous traffic circle on Valley Road. I know that the city must go with the lowest bidder on projects, but cheaper is not the solution. The work must be done correctly.



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Linda DiFalco

Lifelong Resident

Even though Clifton is considered a large city, it's a small town to Linda DiFalco.

The CHS 1979 grad works as one of the administrative assistants in the Board of Education's Assistant Superintendent's office. Along with her work, her family and friends have kept her deeply connected to the city.

Her suggested area of improvement is a common one amongst the city's residents. "Traffic," laughed DiFalco. "Getting around all summer is usually a breeze when there are no children around, but [the city] is doing so much work."

Still, she said living in Clifton gives her the best of both worlds. She can remain in touch with friends and since she lives by Richfield Farms, she can enjoy "the mix of farm and city life."

Jonellyn Orellana 17+ Year Resident



I have temporarily moved near Livingston due to a house fire. I miss Clifton, but what I have noticed is a few things, including: Paved and smooth streets, amazing sanitation (my area in Clifton is wonderful, but I know not everyone is happy), and a safe environment at all hours.

Also, children have a school bus pick-up and drop-off even when the school is closed, which means that parents can get to work on time. Even with many strip malls, there is no garbage all over and although there are still some political issues, people are not rude to each other. What it does lack — and maybe it’s because I am not from here — is the sense of community that Clifton does give. Clifton is huge, but everyone knows each other to a certain degree.



Scott Agnoli

Lifelong Resident

Street sweeper operators should be re-tasked to fix the potholes and sidewalks until the DPW is fully staffed. They don’t really clean anyway — it’s just wasting gas and salaries.

DiFalco has a couple of hopes that she expressed ahead of November’s elections.

“I want people on the [Board of Ed] who are there for children ... and the same for the city,” she said. “I want people who are for Clifton and [any improvements].”

How can people show they’re for Clifton? Not over-developing, for starters. “Preserve some of the land,” said DiFalco. “Make sure that the parks and similar areas that we have ... don’t get [taken] away.”

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Robin Gibson with Granddaughter Sydney 28-Year Resident

“One of the greatest things that I love about Clifton is how groups of people come together to help others. When we pull together, our strength is second to none. Our residents always rise to the occasion. Through devastating storms, sickness, or family needs, there are people in Clifton that are always willing to step up and help. There’s a quote that I like to say: “We are born with two hands, one for helping yourself and one for helping others.” Great job Clifton.

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Albert Koodray
50-Year Resident

Clifton needs to improve its lack of vision. While Montclair, Bloomfield, Passaic, and even Paterson are updating, developing, and bringing in businesses and restaurants — and are thriving — Clifton is left behind in time. Examples would be Lexington Avenue with the empty car lots from the 60’s, no development, and the property taxes.

Jennifer Tiscornia-Torres
25-Year Resident

The sewer tax shouldn’t exist, plus there is so much over development and not enough police. Where are our tax dollars going?

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Raul Almendáriz didn't plan to move to Clifton, but he's a firm believer that it's exactly where he's meant to live with his family.

"I'm a true believer of Jesus, and I'm a son of God," said Almendáriz, 38. "I didn't plan to be here right now — it was God's will."

Almendáriz's journey began six years ago when he moved from Ecuador to live with his great aunt. During that period, he was looking for work and lived in Belleville with his wife, Fernanda, and their two daughters, PCTI senior Melany and Leah, a fifth grader at School 4.

He soon found work as the Lead Graphic Designer and Department Manager for the ShopRite Wines & Liquors on Paulison Avenue, where he still works today. After the first year, his family moved to Clifton and they now also have a son Isaac, who is 1.5-years-old.

Along with the ideal proximity to his job, Almendáriz likes living in Clifton for multiple reasons. One of the reasons was the better education opportunities for his children. Another reason is how connected he feels to the community.

"I feel very happy about the city and the place where I work," said Almendáriz. "[Through my work], I have met very important people, like politicians and police officers. When I walk on the street, people recognize me," he continued.

One Clifton figure that Almendáriz works alongside is Councilwoman Rosemary Pino. He said he does graphic design work for her campaign and is also part of the group, Latino Leaders of Clifton.

Other qualities that Almendáriz likes about Clifton is its proximity to New York and nearby cities, as well as its access to public transportation. But he would like to see certain care given to parts of the city.



Raul Almendáriz with his wife Fernanda and children Melany, Leah and Isaac.

"I have a car right now, but I walked a lot and knew every single area [of the city]," said Almendáriz. "Some of the spots, especially close to ... the edges of the city, need to be improved."

He acknowledged that many of these issues are over the Clifton border but that perhaps the city could also work alongside Passaic and Paterson to find some solutions.

"When you cross the street from Clifton to Paterson, you can tell," he said. "On one side of the street, everything is clipped and looks nice. Then you will cross the street, and there's garbage everywhere, broken things, and everything's a mess. That's very sad for me."



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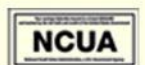
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Tova Felder with her son Jesse 19-Year Resident

My husband, Andy Pfaff, and I moved to Clifton in January of 2003. We both love how diverse this city is with different colors, languages, and religions (and not). The CHS Mustang Band is another favorite thing and was a big part of our son's years at CHS. Jesse (CHS 2022) is now marching with the Rutgers Marching Scarlet Knights and is so proud to be out on that big field. My third favorite thing? The friends that I've made here. People who are passionate about diversity, equality, education, and activism as a form of love. But also, the food. There is so much good food here.

Rickin Sunny Desai Lifelong Resident



One of the biggest problems is the fact that they made Paulison Avenue from two lanes to one lane. Additionally, the left signal on Paulison to Clifton Avenue is too short, which is problematic especially during the school year. This problem will only increase when they open up the residential building where the Black Prince Distillery used to be.

Angel Manuel Hernandez 25+ Year Resident



Right now, the biggest problem is the ability to make a left-hand turn at the corner of Van Houten and Clifton Avenues, right at the City Hall corner. There should be a light allowing for left turns at least for 10 to 15 seconds. I take a different route just to avoid the back-up of trying to turn left and having a head-on collision.

George Hariton 59-Year Resident

Living in Clifton is all about lifelong friends and location for George Hariton.

Hariton, 61, only moved out of the city for two years. It's the history of growing up in the same city that he later raised his children in that makes him remain grounded here after all these years.

"I'm still friends with the kids that I went to kindergarten with, and we're very close to major highways, [New York City], and the airport," said Hariton (CHS 1979). "[Staying] friends with friends from grammar school – that's important." Hariton has seen the good and the less favorable changes in the city over nearly six



decades. While the city has grown more diverse, congestion is one of his biggest concerns. He added that he is concerned with how the congestion affects our city's services.

"I think our police and fire [departments] are stressed enough with the amount of people they need to tend to," said Hariton. "[New developments] may help with the taxes, but it needs to balance out the stress it puts on services."

"It's funny because I watch the council meetings and have gone to them," he continued. "And it seems like everyone wants to build ... but I don't think that there's enough parking spaces for all of these townhouses and apartments."

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Ted Lublanecki

51-Year Resident

The constant road construction and then the terrible patching jobs that follow are the biggest problems. Whether the roads belong to the city or the county, they are still located in Clifton. Someone from our city should be on top of this and make sure the repairs are done properly.



Barbara Levi James

34-Year Resident

The lack of communication between the city government and residents is a big problem. It's 2022 — we need a dynamic city website, an effective reverse call system, and we need to change the structure from a city manager running the town.



Karen Ruiz

14+ Year Resident

I grew up in Clifton, but I moved away for a while. I have been back for 14 years and the only issues that I have are the brown water every other day and the constant street closures at the peak times of the day.

Mike Wines 7-Year Resident

Traffic with all of the construction has become impossible. I work 1.5 miles away and sometimes it takes me 30 minutes. I often walk, but sometimes I have to come home for lunch to let my dogs out and it's near impossible to go three blocks down Clifton Avenue without being detoured multiple times. There is a huge apartment complex being built at the corner of Clifton and Paulison Avenues, which will make the terrible traffic even worse.

The building on the other side of the tracks from the build site is also constantly being destroyed by kids or vagrants. It looks like someone set it on fire and smashed the upper windows out after smashing all of the lower windows out multiple times. Crime has increased recently as well. A car was stolen from in front of my house, and my friend's catalytic converter has been stolen twice in as many months.



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I have lived in Clifton for 65 of my 71 years. I graduated from CHS and along with my husband, Odeh, raised our four children here—all CHS grads with successful careers.

The fact that Clifton is a city and still maintains a suburban look with a diversity of people, food, shops, and activities makes it particularly appealing. Businesses that offer career opportunities and access to major highways and New York City adds to the appeal, as does the low crime rate.

Odeh and I appreciated the many parks, sports and recreational programs Clifton offered when our children were growing up. Our twins learned how to swim at the Boys and Girls Club, as well as play sports, and the staff was just wonderful.

Our children were also involved in many sport programs that the Recreational Center offered. There is the Hamilton House, which shows the history of our town and the Clifton Arts & Sculpture Park to visit that is filled with beautiful art.

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Loretta Ahmad 65-Year Resident

for movies as entertainment. I also feel that the soul of our city is our Mayor James Anzaldi, who has devoted most of his life to serving the people of Clifton.

As the Treasurer of the Clifton Education Foundation (Instagram: @cliftoneducationfoundation), a nonprofit organization that funds grants for special programs and initiatives in all Clifton Public Schools, I get a glimpse of what is happening in our

schools.

We rely on donors — like Roche until it closed its doors in Nutley and Clifton in 2013 — since 100% of all donations go directly to grants in our schools. Unfortunately, we have not had tremendous success securing donations from local businesses, however, we do have a select few businesses that generously contribute, along with individual donors who make up a large part of our revenue.

If there was one major improvement that I'd like to see in Clifton, it would be for more industries and businesses to help support CEF's efforts in funding special projects and initiatives that will benefit Clifton's students and enhance their education.



Nicole Kropinack

Lifelong Resident

My biggest complaint is how immature the Council is. I hope that the next Council can act mature and stop acting like children. We need them to be transparent and work for the community — not fight amongst themselves.



Carol Healion

Lifelong Resident

Brown water is a major problem. So are the loud vehicles driving around at all hours of the day and night with the stereos blasting.



Michael Mecca

63-Year Resident

Overall, Clifton is a great city. Unfortunately, some of the traffic problems and potholes are on county roads like Broad and Van Houten Avenues, which are not in Clifton's jurisdiction.

Roxanne Campagna

30+ Year Resident

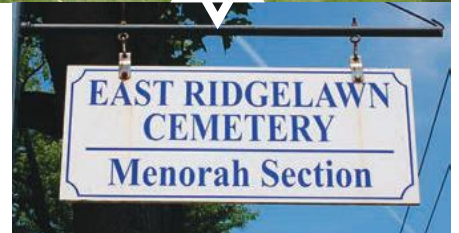
I am proud that our football team usually has a great team and our Marching Band always does well. During the year, we also have many street fairs and car shows to go to.



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Transparency is important to taxpayers like Barry Martin. That’s one of the qualities that he wants to see in our city’s leaders.

“It would be great to hear what’s going on in the city from the government without having to wait for it to be news or until someone complains,” said Martin, 58. “It would be great to hear about plans before they’re imminent or implemented.”

Although Martin is pleased to see commingled recycling, one of his concerns is the trees that the city put years ago on the aprons of neighborhoods in the Maple Valley section.

“The city making decisions for us goes back to that trans-



Barry Martin Lifelong Resident

parency,” said Martin. “The trees have created a bad situation for homeowners ... with heaving sidewalks.”

“We’re told it is a trip hazard and it’s our responsibility to fix it,” he continued, “but the city planted the trees.” Martin maintains that Clifton is a great place to live. He graduated from Paul VI in 1982, but developed friendships with CHS kids that span decades.

“You don’t have to leave Clifton really to find anything that you want,” said Martin. “It has good restaurants, shopping, services, and places of worship. We are still part of the parish that we grew up in – St Philip’s.”



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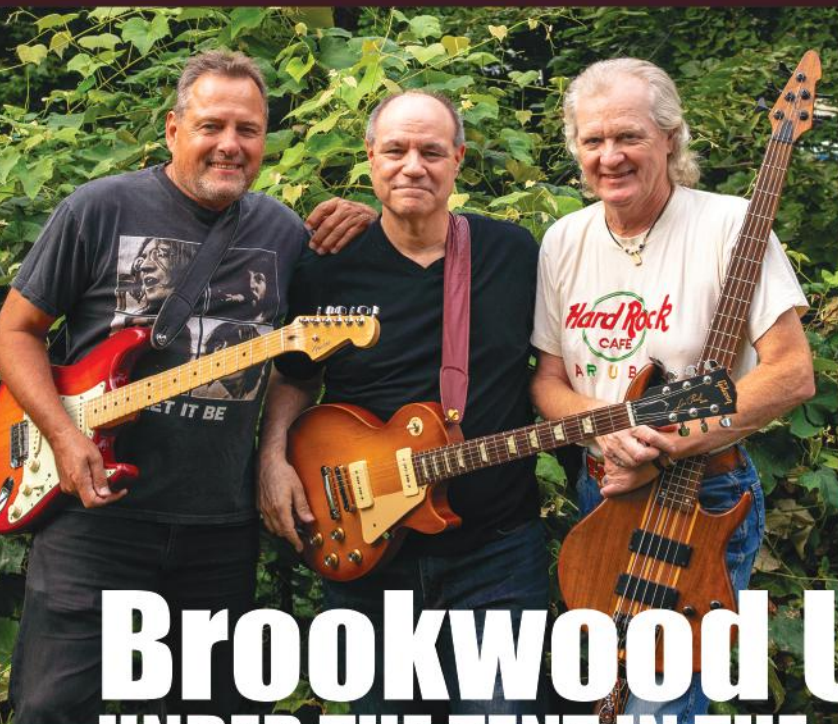
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Being born and raised locally, it always makes you have a tendency to remain in Clifton. I grew up on Trimble Avenue and it was great having Nash Park. The parks have always been a great area for me growing up.

I had a tremendous amount of fun playing baseball and had the Hot Grill right down the street. You can't be a Cliftonite and not enjoy the food that Clifton has to offer. I think our town's services are amazing as well. The snow plowing guys do an amazing job, which is a real plus. Being able to walk through any of our parks and see them clean



Patrick Ferrara Lifelong Resident

and occupied is a wonderful thing to see.

It's hard to think of improvements when you don't have too many negatives, but I would like to see the amount of overdevelopment stop. Knocking down mountains and deer wandering all over the place is disturbing to see.

From the candidates, I am hoping to see peace. I no longer watch the board meetings because I can't take it. I think they don't realize when they get into arguments on the board that it's a reflection of the town, but we as residents hate to see that.

Roxanne Campagna 30+ Year Resident



My favorite things about Clifton are Rutt's Hut, The Hot Grill, and the Tick Tock Diner. My house burned down in 1986, so I moved to Jersey City but have recently returned back and have lived in Clifton for four years. I live on Van Houten Avenue, and we would love to see Clifton get a pool again.

Donna Termyna and Sharon Styborksi

25-Year Residents

Over the past 25 years, Chandelle's has provided us with nothing short of wonderful holiday treasures and excellent customer service. We are incredibly grateful to be part of such an inclusive and welcoming community. We value the pleasant shopping experience that John and his dedicated staff are always willing to provide. We always say Shop Clifton First!

Jeff & Grace Labriola Lifelong Resident

Chandelles is a place that best demonstrates all of the reasons to try to shop local and support small business. For my entire life, I can recall being taken to and then going myself to purchase a card or a special gift for family birthdays and all holidays.

Of course, the annual tradition of going to the Hallmark ornament premiere each summer to pick out the coveted Christmas ornaments from my wish list is a special memory as well. I now continue that tradition with my daughter, Grace. This summer ornament premiere, she picked out several ornaments including Disney Cars, Disney princesses, and a Fisher Price Cozy Coupe. She loved it and took care placing each ornament at the register to check out.

It's a unique store where I always meet someone I know and enjoy catching up. John, the owner, Beth, Lauren, and



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Paulette Silver Donkersloot

51-Year Resident

Ongoing construction is a source of contention for many Clifton residents.

“There is construction on almost every road, brown water, and floods,” said Paulette Silver Donkersloot. “There are also no signs for street cleaning days, therefore the street cleaner drives down the middle of the road.”

Samantha Declat **Lifelong Resident**

Downtown Clifton is full of homeless individuals. They lay out on the benches outside of the Main Library and White Castle, live down by the tracks and panhandle outside of the businesses on Main Avenue and in the surrounding areas.

Besides food pantries like Saint Peter’s Haven, what is this town really doing for them? Upon doing some research, I saw that there was a health/police substation opened in the Botany area. Today was the first I’ve even heard about it and only because I looked it up myself.

The latest article about it from April stated that they didn’t have set hours — I’m wondering if that’s still the case?

How are homeless individuals that don’t hang out in the Botany area made aware of this resource?

Gabriella Marriello **25-Year Resident**

The best part of Clifton for Gabriella and Robert Marriello is Clifton’s P.R.A.I.S.E. team and the P.R.A.I.S.E. families.

Clifton Parents Requiring Action and Information for Special Education (P.R.A.I.S.E.) is a non-profit parent support group for parents and families with special needs children. The group meets each month on the fourth Monday during the school year at Allwood Library, 44 Lyall Rd. Meetings are open to the public.

Following a rain delay a week prior, P.R.A.I.S.E. baseball marked its tenth season on Sept. 18.

“We had three members of the Clifton Fire Department

Lori Struck DeSilva

Lifelong Resident

Cities evolve and there’s always turnover, but some residents worry that people view moving as their only option.

“My biggest gripe? The taxes,” said Lori Struck DeSilva. “How much more can they go up? Everyone’s moving out, and it is so sad that people are forced to move.”



In the brunt of summer and the wickedly cold winters, we have no place for them to go.

As a town, we can’t always deflect them to Paterson. One, there’s a possibility of them being full and two, how are they going to get there? Clifton’s homeless population are humans, too.

Can’t we host mobile showers, offer clean clothes, and do something to give these people purpose and drive? There needs to be something put in place to genuinely help these people and get them off the streets.

Is there a possibility of creating a name-list system where they don’t just get looked at as “homeless”, but as a member of our community who we can work to help get back on their feet and work toward housing to get them off the streets?



and two members of the Clifton Police Honor Guard there to commemorate the anniversary of 9/11 and our tenth season — five years for spring and fall,” said Gabriella Marriello.

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Meet the CHS Presidents for 2022.

This month, we spoke with four CHS student leaders. They told us about the school activities they enjoy and what they want to see improve or change in their high school. We also heard from them about their personal skills that will guide them in making these improvements as class presidents.



Lamarr Olive

President Class of 2025



Marri Gebril

President Class of 2024



Jonas Arias

President Class of 2023



Albaraa Gebril

SCA President

Lamarr Olive

Getting his peers engaged is one of Lamarr Olive's top priorities. The sophomore is the president of the Class of 2025 and has seen the effect of "three years of unorthodox schooling."

"I've noticed that students are beginning to be less interested in attending school events and standing up to express themselves," said Olive. "As a leader ... I want to create fun, inclusive events where students can actively participate in supporting our school."

Olive added that he would like to take it a step further. He wants to ensure the acknowledgment and resolution of all student complaints, requests, and opinions. After graduation, Olive intends to study computer science.

"I hope to absorb as much information on the field as possible so that I can succeed in my dream career as an entrepreneur," said Olive.

Olive was spotlighted in Clifton Merchant's November 2021 edition as the freshman Mustang of the Month. At the time, he said that joining the Cross Country team helped him to acclimate to the school. Last month, he was named as a runner to watch.

Another fact about Olive is that when he sets his mind to something, he sees it through. One instance indicates how it will make him a strong student leader. "I can juggle," he said. "I saw someone do it once and forced myself for several hours to practice until I achieved the skill."

Marri Gebril

Marri Gebril's class ended middle school online and transitioned to CHS behind a computer screen. The self-isolation and social division inspired the Class of 2024 president to promote unity and community.

"Being able to execute plans for fun events and projects that we can bond over and [rebuilding] connections that COVID faded is really important," said Gebril. "We need each other to make it out of the storm."

She stressed the need for people to feel like they're part of one another, as opposed to working against each other. A major priority to meet these goals is securing adequate funding so that it is possible to bring in guest speakers, offer mental health resources, and host events.

"The only way we [will] heal is if we do it collectively," she added.

Gebril describes herself wholeheartedly as an Afro-Arab Muslim woman. She added that her mother is a single mother of three who "made a lot out of a little, so I always saw a lot in a little."

Gebril takes AP Psychology and plans to pursue that area of study in the future. She serves as Treasurer of Key Club, a Superintendent Ambassador, and is part of the Clifton Student Union.

Gebril likes to spend her free time in the community and involves herself in social justice issues. She said she relaxes in nature and taps into her Kemetic meditation roots.

Jonas Arias

Class of 2023 President Jonas Arias has one fundamental goal — giving his classmates the best senior year possible.

“I want to bring back old traditions pre-COVID because we are the last class that has seen what a semi-normal senior year looks like,” said Arias.

Arias hopes to also create new traditions for future Mustang senior classes. In doing that, he will take others’ interests and opinions into account.

“I will make sure to have my class’s voice heard [with] my own,” he said.

After he graduates from high school next May, Arias said he plans to go to college out-of-state. Wherever he chooses to attend will see him majoring in biology or biomedical science. He also would like to get on a co-ed varsity cheer team once in college so that he can keep competing.

“I plan on also getting a job that is related to the field that I would like to be in the future,” said Arias. “I plan on eventually becoming a surgeon.”

When considering a unique fact about himself, Arias said that he is a determined person.

“I am not one to quit unless I have given it my all,” he said. “I am a ‘go big or go home’ kind of person.”

Albaraa Gebril

High school is an opportunity to explore your passions, and Albaraa Gebril has done just that.

The Mustang senior is this year’s Student Council Association President and said he wants “to make it the best year possible.” Among the activities that he’s excited for are honoring athletes through the “Athlete of the Month” recognition and by holding school-wide competitions during “Mustang March Madness”.

He’s also eager to facilitate Culture Day and host the emotional management webinars that are open to the Clifton community.

Gebril planned to major in psychology one day, but that changed after taking an AP Government & Politics class.

“I plan on majoring in political science because politics, with good intentions, is practically the study of making the world a more suitable place for people to live,” said Gebril.

On a personal level, Gebril said that growing up without a father enabled him to observe “the difficulties of growing up in a single-mother household.” That encouraged him to better his life and improve the lives of others.

“When trying to improve yourself, you’re probably going to run into things that make you uncomfortable,” said Gebril. “Confronting my discomfort allowed me to push my limits and expand my horizons, which has helped construct my character.”

Vote #1 Mark Brunciak for Clifton Board of Education on November 8, 2022

Mark Brunciak is a lifelong Clifton resident, a CHS graduate of 1999, and holds a B.S. in Accounting from Ramapo College. He donates to several non-profits, his favorites being St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and Alex’s Lemonade Stand. He is frequently seen at the Clifton Board of Education meetings, fiercely advocating for children’s education and parental rights.

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By Tom Hawrylko • Illustrations by Jack Tulling.

A Federal Bill, approved by Congress in July of 1884, provided funds for establishing and maintaining Animal Quarantine Stations in the United States. The Stations’ primary function was to safeguard domestic livestock and poultry by the proper quarantining of all imported domestic and wild animals.

For the next 16 years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Quarantine Station was housed in many inadequate temporary barns along the East Coast. But by the turn of the century, the USDA had found the perfect site.

The following description is from the magazine “The Country Gentlemen” of December 18, 1902.

“After inspecting the country along the Jersey Coast as close as possible to the port of New York, they settled on Athenia, a quiet hamlet nestled in the foothills of the Orange Mountains— 12 miles from New York—forty minutes from the metropolis —and as picturesque a spot as one might wish to look on.”

The Rolling Hills of Clifton

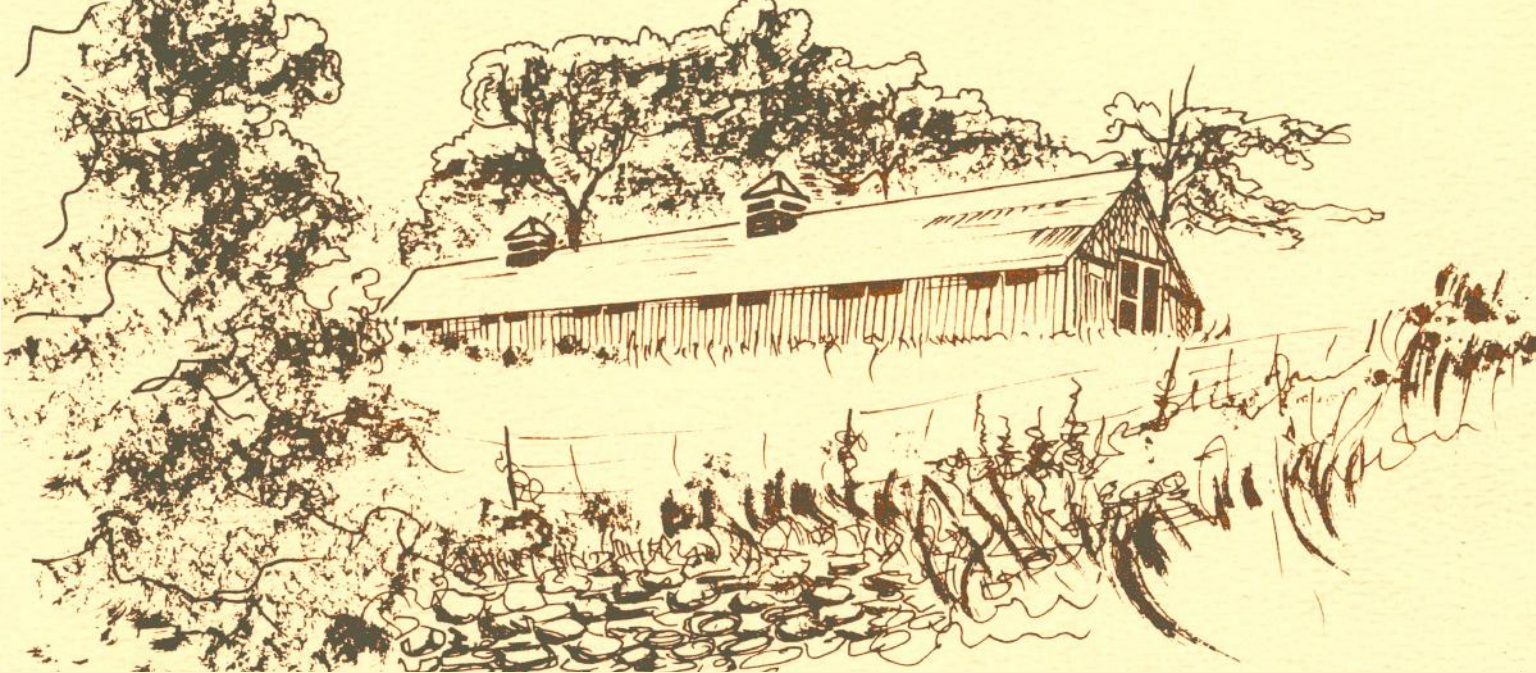
For over 80 years, the USDA’s Clifton Animal Quarantine Station proved to be the City’s most interesting neighbor.

For decades, children and adults from throughout Passaic County would line the Center’s tall fence to catch a short glimpse of the “circus” that would parade past their eyes only to disappear into one of the 18 barns housed on approximately 26 hilly acres of green grass.



From 1900 to 1980, nearly 95% of all imported animals entering the country passed through the Station’s gates — and there were thousands of animals. Million dollar horses from Europe and Africa that would end up in the Meadowlands, Belmont and Aqueduct; prize cattle from Europe and Australia that would eventually go west; wild parrots, mynah birds and exotic creatures from Africa that were sent to zoos and pet stores throughout the U.S.

Actually many of our present day farm animals—sheep, goats, swine and cattle had their origins in countries other than the U.S. and each one of them had to be inspected and certified in Clifton before being able to move on to their destinations.



Until about 1950, the land that surrounded the Quarantine Station was largely undeveloped with considerable farmland and a few small homes.

But by 1960, the population of Clifton nearly doubled since WWII, and what was once considerable farmland and a few small homes began to be developed into stores, supermarkets and new more modern homes.

Before that, in 1956, the growing City began to chip away at the Quarantine land when it purchased 15 acres along the Station's northwest border to construct Clifton High School.

Later in 1959, seven additional acres were purchased for that same use. It seemed the new school was necessary to accommodate the ever increasing post-war baby boom population of Clifton.

By August of 1968, the City of Clifton, again squeezed for space to serve a growing community, purchased the remaining land and buildings of the Station for a bargain price of \$526,000 with the intention of building a new municipal center.

Facing page, the masthead of a long-gone newspaper that touted Athenia as the site for the US Animal Quarantine Station. A station employee accepting animals, above and below two illustrations of familiar barns, which have long since been repurposed as the Arts Center and the Senior Center.



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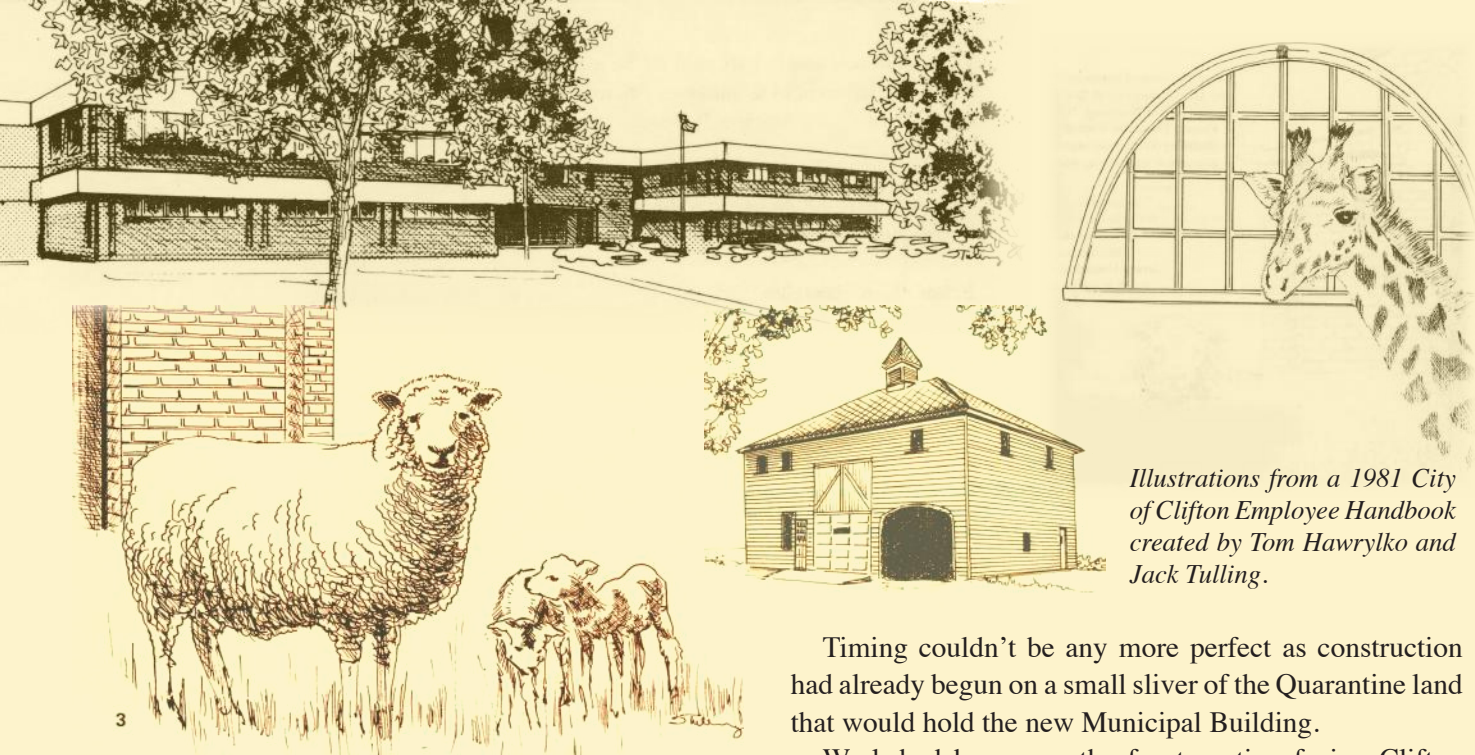
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Illustrations from a 1981 City of Clifton Employee Handbook created by Tom Hawrylko and Jack Tulling.

However, when the City purchased the land there was one catch— the City couldn't actually take possession of the land until the USDA could relocate the Station to another site.

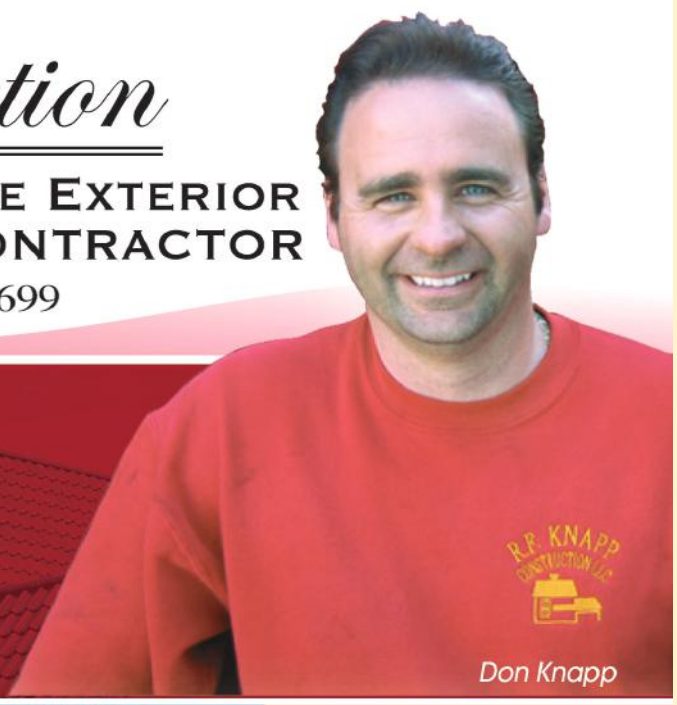
After 14 years of bureaucratic red tape, it came as a complete surprise to City officials when the USDA announced that the import center would be moved in May of 1980 to Stewart Air Force Base in Newburg, New York.

Timing couldn't be any more perfect as construction had already begun on a small sliver of the Quarantine land that would hold the new Municipal Building.

Work had begun on the front portion facing Clifton Ave. on 2.3 acres of land in 1978, and in order to keep the strict quarantine conditions, workmen had to tip-toe around the import center land, being careful to avoid contact with the area where the animals were held.

The new municipal building officially moved from Main and Harding Aves. and the building was dedicated in September of 1980 with the rest of the acreage being left intact for many possible uses.

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Clifton's Role in Preventing the Extinction of Muskoxen

Setting back the Clock on a Species: This shaggy, curly-horned creature seen above can weigh anywhere from 440 to 900 pounds and is ideally suited to live in the brutal and unforgiving conditions of the Alaskan wilderness.

So why were 34 of these rare animals in Clifton during the fall of 1930?

In 1900, the muskoxen was thought to be extinct in our nation's most northern state.

Realizing the impact that this could have on the ecosystem there, the U.S. Congress decided in May 1930 that it needed to repopulate Alaska with muskoxen by taking some from Greenland.

The U.S Biological Survey was awarded with \$40,000 to acquire a herd of muskoxen from Greenland, one of the few places that these rare animals still existed.

The team captured 19 female and 15 male muskoxen by August, 1930 and the animals were taken by boat for the start of an incredible journey.

After a month's voyage, the oxen passed under the Statue of Liberty on Sept. 15, 1930.

The next stop?

The Athenia USDA Animal Quarantine Station.

All 34 muskoxen were housed in the brick and wooden barns and would be exercised on the sprawling grounds of the quarantine station, at Clifton and Van Houten Aves.

Scientific journals stated that the fall heat was unbearable for these prehistoric beasts, which panted constantly

and drank a massive amount of water. Oxen were also given salt licks to rehydrate and the grounds crew seemed to work 24/7 to keep the animal healthy.

Their work paid off: All the oxen ultimately survived the 33-day Clifton visit and were next on a train to Seattle, where they then took a seven-day voyage on a steamship to Seward, Alaska.

From Seward, the Alaska Railroad transported the animals to Fairbanks, arriving at the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines (now the University of Alaska) on Nov. 5, 1930, after four days in a railcar.

The muskoxen remained at the college in a fenced complex for a few years as workers there tried to get the animals to reproduce.

Eventually, the oxen were again introduced into the wild on the island of Nunivak, where the animals flourished. Today, the original herd on the island has grown to about 620 oxen strong.

From that herd, several others were started at other locations, with 23 located at the mainland east of Nunivak Island, 64 at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, 72 at the Seward Peninsula and 70 in northwest Alaska.

It is an incredible story of how humanity realized the error of its ways and set out to thwart the extinction of a magnificent animal.

It was American history in the making and Clifton played a significant role in this chapter.

Uncle Roy Safe & Sober

Roy Stesko has packed much living in his 70-plus years. But to keep living, he needed to beat a demon.

By Jack DeVries

“I was the fun guy, the party guy,” said ‘Uncle’ Roy Stesko about his life. And why not? Stesko loved being around people, especially when they were enjoying themselves at a club or bar. People liked Uncle Roy, too. He was a man full of experiences and stories.

Roy was a former Clifton Mustangs football player who loved to hit. He was a rock drummer whose band played on the same bill with the Shangri-Las. He’d gone to college down south and went to Saigon with the Army.

Stories, tales, and adventures—he had it all, plus Roy was great behind the stick, serving up your favorite drinks at bars like the Surf Club, Bill Budd’s, or his hometown tavern, Uncle Roy’s on Van Houten Ave.

That Uncle Roy was sure a character. And there was one more thing—Roy Stesko was an alcoholic. If he hadn’t gotten help after his three-day bender ended on June 8, 2011—he might have been one more thing.

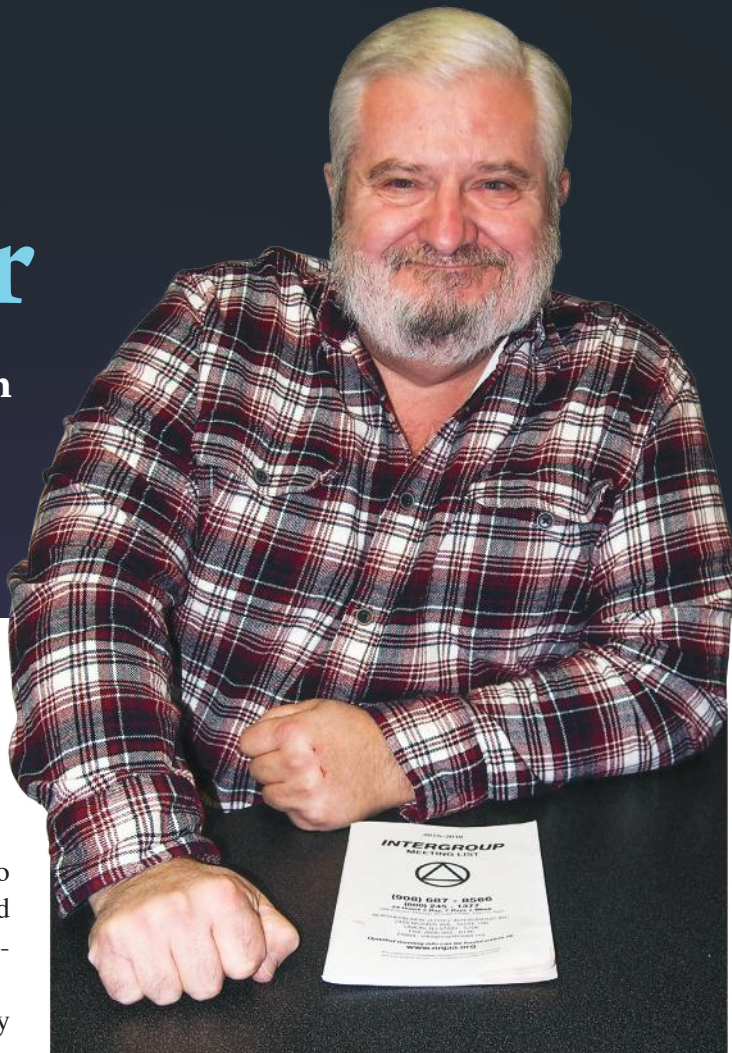
Uncle Roy might have been dead.

Clifton Original

During the 1950s, Stesko, then age 6, had a routine. He’d walk with people on Crooks Ave. where he lived to the next block, talking the stranger’s ear off the entire way. It was good practice for his future career.

What wasn’t good practice was the damn accordion training he had to suffer through. Because he had a great singing voice—something noted by Sister Joan at St. Boniface School in Paterson—Roy’s parents John and Agnes decided he would play the accordion.

“My parents thought that it would make me popular—I’d go to the parties and play,” said Stesko. “An hour-a-day



Roy with his AA book, which lists meetings in North Jersey. You can also find it online at www.nnjaa.org.

practice for nine years—that killed me. Everybody is out there playing, and I’m inside practicing. By the time I was in my teens, nobody wanted to hear an accordion.”

But Stesko loved the drums. His parents wouldn’t pay for lessons, but Stesko did and bought his own drum set. Soon, his band, the “Short Circuits,” was playing dances and parties, performing covers of the Stones, Beatles, and Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels. The show with the Shangri-Las took place at a March of Dimes benefit in Fair Lawn.

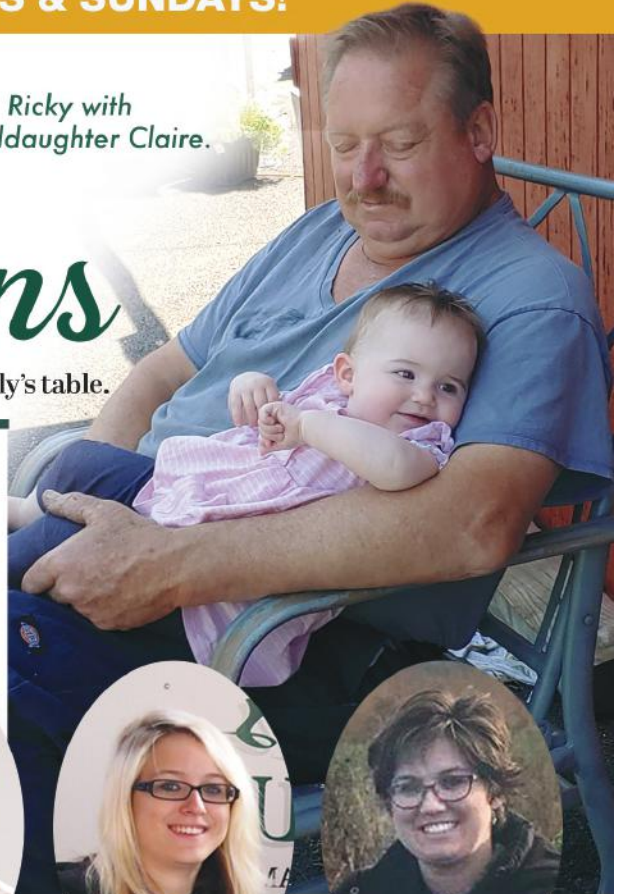
“It was always physical with me,” said Stesko, whose family included younger sisters Joan and Peggy. “After football practice, I’d come home and practice the drums for hours.”

Football was another of young Roy’s great loves. After moving to a home on Third St., Stesko entered high school and became a 160-pound guard and senior starter

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- 1 Large Onion diced
- 2-3 Leeks washed & sliced
- 5-6 Med. Potatoes peeled & cubed
- 1 Quart Chicken Broth
- 1/2 Cup Heavy Cream
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Melt butter in a pot
- Add diced onion & leeks - cook until tender. Add potatoes & broth.
- Bring to a boil & cook until potatoes are soft
- Turn flame to a simmer
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“We were the team that saved Vandy’s job,” he said. “We were the first guys with no (Coach Joe) Grecco influence, never coached by him—we only knew Vandy. We weren’t expected to do anything that year. Our team was small, and Clifton hadn’t been doing good. We wound up becoming state champs.”

Like Stesko, the 1966 Mustangs were unique. After replacing the legendary Grecco in 1964, Vander Closter endured two lackluster seasons, going 7-9-2. “I’d be shopping with my wife,” Vandy told Clifton Merchant Magazine in 2002, “and hide when I’d see (people) so I didn’t have to talk about the team.”

However, Vandy would talk about his 1966 bunch. Behind players like Larry Ferraro, Russ Triolo, Alex Kaplanovich, Richie Tate, Gary Russo, and Rich Lio—as well as the “Baby Bulls,” junior backs Mark Winkler, Larry Malik, and Steve Mac Peek—the Mustangs would go 7-1-1, beating undefeated Garfield in the final game to be co-state champions with Hoboken.

Stesko loved pulling on running plays and hitting the first opponent through the hole. He also loved watching friend Bob Csuka dominate on defense. “He was a monster man,” he said, “in on every play. He was tremendous.”

Away and Back

After graduating, Stesko went on to Beckley Junior College in West Virginia to study business. Two years later, he returned to Clifton “sick of being poor” and took a job at Beneficial Finance, attending night classes at Jersey City State College.

With a low draft number, Stesko decided to enlist in the Army. Because of his college background, he worked in several administrative posts, including during a tour in Vietnam.

When he returned to Clifton, he found employment in the Latham Foundry in Paterson. He also got a bartending job through friend Ed Joose, whose mother-in-law owned a



Roy and Cindy Scudilla at the prom in 1966 and today after they reconnected.

Paterson bar, Ron’s Tap Room.

“Who knew that a part-time job would turn into a career?” he said.

After the foundry closed, Stesko jumped into the bar business. He worked places like Joey Harrison’s Valley Lodge in Clifton and the Surf Club in Ortley; Billy Budd’s Shanty Pub in Fairfield; Raggedy Ann’s in Lake Hiawatha; and the Cheshire Cat in Paramus.

He even worked behind the bar for his uncle, Royal “Abe” Rutt, founder of Clifton landmark, Rutt’s Hutt. “I’m named after my uncle,” said Stesko. “They just dropped the ‘al’ off his name and named me Roy.”

Disease Takes Hold

Stesko loved serving food and drinks. “When work was done,” he said, “we would drink. It was our skull session. We’d drink and complain about the customers. Then I’d go home, have a couple of pops, and go to sleep watching TV.” While working at Billy Budd’s, Stesko met Roseanne DeAngelo, a chemist from Astoria, N.Y. The couple fell in love and lived together more than 32 years. Besides learning about Stesko, DeAngelo would also discover much about the disease stalking him.

Stesko began drinking his preferred Dewars and water throughout the day and night, and it soon became too much for him. He started getting sick and missing time, ultimately losing his job. One day, DeAngelo found him doubled-over in pain.

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“I couldn’t move,” he remembered. “Roseanne stayed with me for three days. She would bring me up water, broth. When I finally came downstairs, I saw two suitcases.

“‘What’s this?’ I asked. ‘She said, ‘I was leaving you. If you didn’t get sick, I was out of here.’

“At that point, I knew I had to do something. I wound up getting myself into the VA (facility) in East Orange, got into a program, and got clean.” And so began a long struggle for Stesko between sobriety and alcoholism. He would drink for two days, then avoid alcohol for two weeks. Sometimes it was six months off, six months on. But never was his drinking completely over.

After finishing the program, he started going to bars and drinking club soda to see if he could handle being around alcohol. “I went back to Billy Budd’s for the summer,” he said. “Made money and paid bills. I was good at what I did. I started working at Ed Hollar’s on Hazel St., and was back to working six days a week, but not drinking.” In 1983, Stesko learned of a bar in Athenia for sale at 819 Van Houten Ave.



Roy shooting pool in his namesake tavern at 819 Van Houten Ave.

It would become the home of “Uncle Roy’s.” “I was going to name the bar after my dog, Brandy, but that name was taken,” he said. “But ‘Uncle Roy’ was available.”


Uncle Roy’s was a fine addition to the Van Houten Ave. bar trail, a poor man’s Grande Saloon. It was comfortable, welcoming, and fun—the type of place to relax, play pool or shuffleboard, and enjoy one of Roy’s great hamburgers prepared in his tiny kitchen. “Being it was small,” he said, “I could move fast without running around.”

“Uncle Roy was always welcoming—a great guy,” said Bob Tulp, a Clifton native and former customer. “He used to come into Henry’s Deli where my mom worked before he opened, and she told him I raved about his burgers. One day he brought her one with fries, and said, ‘I wanted you to try one since Bob said they were so good.’”

Stesko worked nearly non-stop early on as cook and bartender, building his business and staying sober. But at a wedding at the Robin Hood Inn, he fell off the wagon with a thud, consuming a liter of Sambuca.


“A teenaged kid there annoyed me,” he said, “but, as I learned in AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), that was just an excuse—it was going to happen. I had started listening to myself, saying, ‘I take care of all these people, I have a handle on this now. I can drink, no problem.’ I was only fooling myself.”

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“What people don’t know,” Stesko said, “is you don’t start off from scratch when you start drinking again. You start right where you left off.

Stesko owned and operated Uncle Roy’s for 23 years, opening a back room for parties in the process and growing the business—shifting from periods of drinking and sobriety along the way.

In 2006, his landlord decided that she didn’t want a tavern on her property anymore, opting for a fitness center there today, and Uncle Roy’s was no more. On June 5, 2011, more loss followed, as Roseanne lost her battle with multiple sclerosis. Her death brought on Stesko’s raging three-day bender.

“On June 8, I quit drinking again,” said Stesko. “About a month later, Tom Miller, my Passaic County VA rep, suggested I go to an AA meeting.”

Getting His Bearings

Stesko attended three meetings that week, enjoying each more than the last. He continues to attend multiple meetings each week. “Sometimes,” he said, “the meetings get serious and bring back memories, and we get choked up.

But that’s what AA’s about—remembering the pain you went through, whether it’s physical or emotional, and how to get rid of it. Alcoholism isn’t something you ever get over—you’re never cured. Some guys were sober for 18 years and went right back.”

Stesko has been sober since 2011.

“The reason is that I’m connected with AA is that it’s a bunch of good guys who have been through the exact same thing.”

Today, Uncle Roy spends his time socializing at the Clifton Senior Center, not far from his old business. He’s also reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Cynthia (Scudilla) Van Dam, whom he met again at a mini class reunion.

And while life is good, the past is never far behind.

“If you think you have a problem,” Stesko advised, “it doesn’t hurt to go to a meeting. AA is all over the world—there are meetings on cruise ships, meetings morning, noon and night.” Stesko says it’s his belief that he is not alone that helps him remain sober.

“Know there’s a power bigger than you. If AA is that power, then that’s fine. You don’t have to have the answer. It’s not all on you. Find a meeting, a place where you fit in. It’s like finding a bar where you feel comfortable. Go and find the right fit for you.”

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Umbrellas, tents and rain gear were in use at the 9th Annual Boys & Girls Club Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show on Sept. 11. Staged at a new location, 1255 Broad St., over 75 trophies were presented from Best in Show to Best Paint. Spectators took in the show and visited with car buffs from across the region who helped raise funds for the B&G Club. Photos by Jovo Bjelcevic.

Meet the 17 City Council candidates and hear their views and opinions at two upcoming forums. The Clifton Democratic Club is hosting a forum next Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 pm in City Hall. A second forum is on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 pm, which will be moderated by the Clifton Jewish Council, also in City Hall. Both forums are non-partisan events and all candidates are invited. So far, there are no forums scheduled for the eight Board of Education candidates, but we're hopeful a similarly civic-minded organization will arrange such an event. If you'd prefer to stay home and learn more, you will have a chance to "meet" the Council and the BOE candidates through Ballot Box when the candidates are interviewed for the Clifton Cable TV channel (77/40) but broadcast dates are yet to be determined.

Clifton Garden Club's monthly meeting is Oct. 12 at 7 pm at the Main Memorial Library, 292 Piaget Ave. Guests are welcomed. Speaker John Beirne presents "Interesting Varieties of Seasonal Flowering Trees." He is the Director of Horticulture at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit and teaches gardening-related classes at The New York Botanical Garden. The Clifton Garden Club volunteers' mission is to keep Clifton cleaner and greener. Call Donna Fantacone at 973-473-0577 with questions.

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The Passaic-Clifton UNICO chapter returns to City Hall grounds on Oct. 10 at 4 pm to celebrate the ideals of service as it relates to their Italian heritage. The flag raising marks 100 years since the founding of UNICO National, the largest Italian-American service organization in the U.S. and founded in 1922.

UNICO's motto "Service Above Self" has been embraced by the Passaic-Clifton chapter since 1949. It's the oldest of the UNICO chapters and has 50-plus members. The group provides a number of college scholarships for CHS students of Italian descent through fundraising efforts.

The name UNICO is the Italian word for "unique", or one of a kind, which the organization has striven to be for its communities. Its founders believed that the group's existence was unique because it has always placed community service above fraternity.

"At the same time, they hoped that the rest of society would come to know and understand the real contributions of Italian-Americans to our way of life," said member Tony Cioffi. "Its sole purpose was to unite all Italian-Americans and motivate them to become more civic-minded."



Seated from left: Mario DeChellis, Drea DeLuca, Jeremy Macdonald. Middle row: Angela Montague, Isabella Borgese-Cook, Maria Carparelli, Jessica Walker. Rear: Dave D'Arco, Tony Cioffi, Current President Joe Bionci, District Governor Steve Calatone, Tony Delotto.

In the years to follow, UNICO became an acronym that stood for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity. Its unity was showcased more recently when past president David D'Arco was given a photo collage at a meeting last month. The chapter recognized D'Arco for his 16 consecutive years of leadership from 2006 until this year when Joe Bionci assumed the position.

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Boy Scout Troop 21's annual Spaghetti Dinner is on Oct. 23 from noon to 5 pm at the St. Philip RC Church Auditorium, 797 Valley Rd. Funds raised help the scout leaders provide services and activities. The all-you-can-eat spaghetti is prepared by these kids with homemade sauce and served with salad, bread, coffee, tea and dessert and refreshments. Takeout orders are also available. Price is \$12, seniors pay just \$10, kids 4 to 11 are \$5 and those 4 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Purchase tickets at the door. For details about the dinner or joining Boy Scout Troop 21, write: troop21clifton@gmail.com.

The community of St. Brendan and St. George will host a Food Truck Festival on Oct. 15 from noon to 6 pm at the corner of Lakeview Ave. and East First St. Admission is \$2 for ages 3 and up. Enjoy food trucks, vendors, and amusements for the whole family. The rain date is Oct. 22. For more info, call Judith at 973-772-5081.

The Clifton Arts Center presents “**The Art of Living Together**” by Peace Islands Institute in collaboration with the Turkish Cultural Center of New Jersey through Oct. 29. The exhibit's visiting days are Wednesdays through Saturdays 1 to 4 pm. The CAC is on the Clifton Municipal Complex, on Well Road. Info at cliftonartscenter.org, on Facebook, on Instagram or call 973-472-5499.

St. Peter's Haven Annual Tricky Tray is Oct. 21 at the Boys & Girls Club, 181 Colfax Ave. Since opening its doors in 1986, The Haven's food pantry serves 2,000 individuals each month, including seniors, low-income families, and children and adults with disabilities. The Haven's transitional shelter also helps to keep families together. For info, to donate, or for tickets, visit saintpetershaven.org.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In the U.S., 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. Approximately 2,710 U.S. men will also be diagnosed with breast cancer. Women 40 or older should schedule mammograms for every one or two years. Additional ways for men and women to stay ahead of any diagnoses include knowing the breast cancer symptoms and signs, as well as performing monthly breast self-exams to better identify any changes. To find support, lend support, or learn more about breast cancer, visit nationalbreastcancer.org.

Clifton Cares is preparing to send 'care packages' to serving US military members for the holiday season. At this time, no toiletry supplies are needed — Clifton Cares is seeking food and snacks for the next packing. The soldiers' favorites are Ramen noodles, beef jerky, crackers, gum, power bars, cookies, and candy. They also need flavor powders to put in their water. Donations can be brought to the Clifton Cares bin at Clifton City until Nov. 14. Packages cost \$20 each to mail, which makes monetary donations always appreciated. Checks should be sent to Clifton Cares Inc., Clifton City Hall, 900 Clifton Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013.



On Sept. 9, members of the 1972-73 Fighting Mustangs football teams gathered, first at the Grande Saloon and later at Clifton Stadium for the Clifton vs. Ridgewood game. They gathered to mark the 50th anniversary of the first back-to-back championship seasons, and pay tribute to teammates who have since passed away, including '72 team captain Dennis Mikula. At halftime, Pat Donohue, a former teammate and lifelong friend, presented a framed #64 jersey, Mikula's old number, to Dennis' sons, Dennis Jr. and Ryan. Team members, friends and family are pictured from left front: Ralph Davella, Steve Weiss, Joel DiOrio, Dennis Mikula Jr., Pat Donohue, Ryan Mikula and Dom Fego. Back: Chris Conrad, John George, Jim Jenkins, Bob Conrad, Coach Jerry Mangini, Phil Willaimson, Paul Nebesni, Jim Simmons, JD Hill and Joe McGonigle. Photo by Jovo Bjelcevic.

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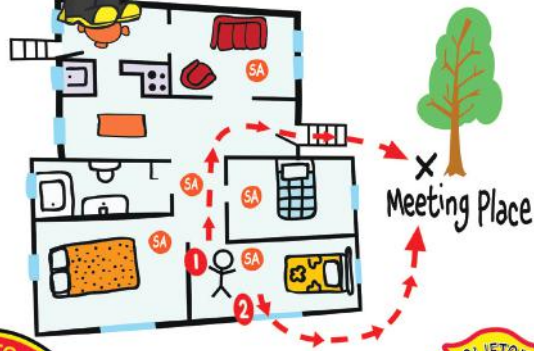
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6,000 books have been published thanks to a team of advocates and sponsors beginning with members of Clifton FMBA 21, the Clifton Fire Department and Fire Prevention Bureau, Tomahawk Promotions, *Clifton Merchant Magazine* and a variety of businesses and schools. Listed below, their sponsorships have paid for the coloring book's printing and help spread the word about fire prevention.

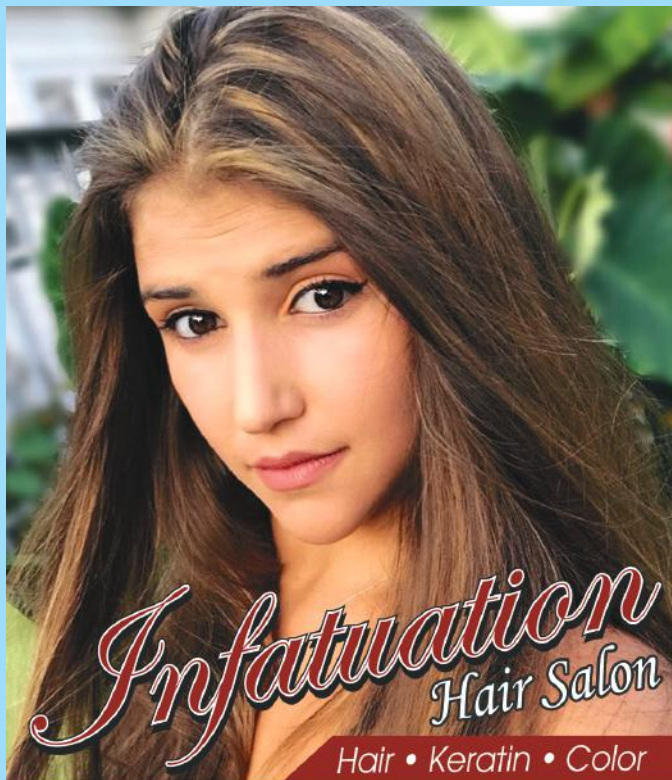
Designed for kids, grade 3 and younger, pages offer simple messages that kids can learn from as they color. They will color a smoke alarm, follow the steps to practice exit drills in case of a fire and they can join Sparky the mascot to cook with care in the kitchen.

During October, Clifton firefighters will visit public and private schools to distribute the booklets.

In case you did not get a copy, the Clifton Fire Safety Coloring & Activity Book are also available by calling 973-470-5804.

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Around the world and close to home, community groups are reaching out to support young Ukrainians and their families. The Fidelity of America donated \$5,000 last month to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church to provide tuition aid for 17 Ukrainian students.

The students and their families were forced to flee their country and have relocated to Passaic, attending the church's school. Organized in 1939, the Fidelity of America started when four Italian-American businessmen met in Paterson to assist the needy.

Since 1975, the organization raises money through fundraising for individuals and groups in need.

St. Nicholas Parish was established 112 years ago and



Rev. Andriy Dudkevych, Pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church with James Marrocco, VP of the Fidelity of America, Sister Kathleen Hutsko, Principal of St. Nicholas School, and Anthony Fiorello, Chairman of the Outreach Committee of the Fidelity of America.

its grammar school has 126 students enrolled in grades K-8. The families of the 17 students consist predominantly of mothers and their children — with fathers remaining in the Ukraine to defend their independence in the ongoing war.

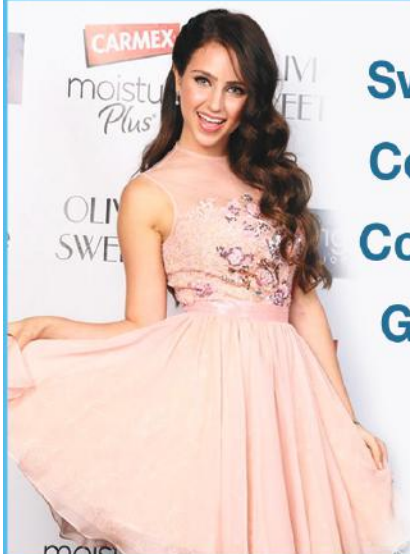
The Tri-County Scholarship Fund will recognize the efforts of Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Passaic next month. The 41st Annual Awards Celebration is Nov. 1 at the Hilton Parsippany, 1 Hilton Ct, Parsippany-Troy Hills, and will honor SNUC for its swift response in helping 20 Ukrainian refugee families who arrived in New Jersey since April from Ukraine.

SNUC contacted Tri-County Scholarship Fund, which provided emergency tuition assistance for the children of families who had to leave their fathers and many belongings in their homeland. According to Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, other funds provided by Tri-County were for programs SNUC is implementing for the Ukrainian refugees, including English language learner programs and helping families with other school expenses. The school and community have further enabled the children to continue their education in an environment that provides safety, as well as a connection to their familiar Ukrainian culture.

To register for the Awards Dinner, take a tribute ad, or donate, visit TCSFund.org/2022Gala. Tribute ads in the evening's printed program are due by Oct. 7. For more info, call Tri-County Scholarship Fund at 973-984-9600.

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VETERANS PARADE

The 2022 Clifton Veterans Parade is Nov. 6. The line of march begins at 2 pm from the Athenia Veterans Post on Huron Ave., up Van Houten Ave., and parades past City Hall through the Avenue of Flags.

Grand Marshal is Carl Crawford, pictured, a Gulf War veteran who is Commander of the Clifton Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans on Hazel St..

The main speaker is Frank "Doc" Schupp, a retired Army Medic/Operation Iraqi Freedom War Vet affiliated with the New Jersey Veterans Network. Schupp is also a therapist with New Bridge Medical Center.

Former Councilman Frank Gaccione, a longtime fundraiser for the Veterans Parade, will also be recognized for his involvement through the decades.



"He's been the one raising most of the money and gets the band," said Keith Oakley. "I'm in my 30th year doing the parade [and] he knows a lot of people and is great at that. ... He was there when the city was doing the parade down on Main Avenue."

Although Oakley and Gaccione aren't veterans, Oakley said their involvement is important.

"You should always honor and remember veterans ... and I think people like me who aren't veterans should be honoring [them]," said Oakley.

Nine bands and multiple groups have already signed up for the parade. There will also be a float for veterans that can't walk sponsored by the Avenue of Flags. To get involved, more details or to purchase a flag, call Oakley at 201-774-6666.



Kevin Kurnath was among the residents who read the names of the Cliftonites who died on 9/11. The event was held on 9/11/22 at the monument in front of city hall. Also remembered that day was Clifton Firefighter John Van Dorn, a 9/11 responder who died on Aug. 8, 2020 as a result of his exposure doing recovery work at Ground Zero in the weeks that followed.

Ivo and Vania Rodrigues of New Trimble Auto Body with their kids Brianna, Michael and Jason who stand next to Frank “Doc” Schupp and Michael Boll of the New Jersey Veterans Network on Sept. 2 after Schupp received the keys to the refurbished 2016 Nissan Rogue.



Ivo Rodrigues of New Trimble Auto Body of Clifton and GEICO Insurance teamed up through the National Auto Body Council Recycled Rides® program to support the New Jersey Veterans Network. On Sept. 2, they provided a refurbished 2016 Nissan Rogue to Frank “Doc” Schupp, who served as a US Army Combat Medic with the 3rd Infantry in Iraq in 2006 and 2007.

Since 2017, Schupp has been the Outreach Director for NJVN where he and his team works with hundreds of vets

annually, doing everything from food drop offs and job coaching to mental health counseling and suicide prevention. It’s a 24/7 job for Schupp, an RN and affiliated with New Bridge Medical Center where he does medical psychiatric therapy and substance abuse counseling.

Michael Boll, President and Founder of NJVN, said this was the 30th vehicle provided to a veteran in this partnership with Recycled Rides. For more on the group go to njvn.org.

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22ND HIGHLANDER BAND TATTOO



The West Milford Highlanders' Military Concert & Tattoo returns for the 22nd year. This indoor musical showcase of West Milford High School's bag piping bands, drum corps and Clifton's high-stepping Marching Mustangs, among others, is on Saturday, Nov. 12, 6:30 pm at West Milford High School, 67 Highlander Drive, West Milford.

Get there early for best seats; doors open at 5:15 pm. Advance tickets range from \$10 to \$20 while kids under age 4 enter free. Go to wmhighlanderband.com to purchase tickets and then mail checks to WMBPA, PO Box 603, West Milford, NJ 07480.

But what's a Tattoo? The word dates to the 17th century British Army. Drummers marched through town to inform soldiers to return to their barracks. Their beats were *doe den tap toe* (old Dutch for "turn off the tap") instructing innkeepers to stop serving beer and send soldiers back to barracks.

While the Highlanders will not be serving beer, the beats of seven bands will keep you entertained. The Highlander's 2022 theme is *When Darkness Falls* and they are led by Drum Major Maxine Kunz. The Marching Mustangs, led by Drum Major Romeo Gonzalez, along with the other bands, will make you understand what a Tattoo means!



Kim Mesiti and Dorothy Dobkowski will perform Oct. 22 and 30 as part of TLC's Great American Songbook series.

The Great American Songbook, performances of live music at the Clifton Elks Lodge, 775 Clifton Ave., is presented by the Theater League of Clifton on Oct. 22 at 7:30 pm and Oct. 30, at 2 pm.

Vocalists Dorothy Dobkowski, Mingo Lane, Kim Mesiti and Jason Tamashausky perform classic tunes created for Broadway theatre and Hollywood musicals. Jalmari Vanamo accompanies them on the piano.

Performances (\$45 per person) include buffet, dessert, soda, coffee, tea, bread and a cash bar. Call 973-928-7668 to reserve or go to theaterleagueofclifton.com. Founded in 2005, the Theater League of Clifton is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering an appreciation of the arts through theatrical performances, while providing quality entertainment for all ages.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, but the work of Clifton's Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities is year-round.

The committee was established in 1980 to advocate and serve as a voice for individuals with disabilities. The current chairperson is Angela Montague and the vice chairperson is Cathy Boseski.

NDEAM is recognized annually and led by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. Employers of all sizes and industries are encouraged to get involved, as well as individuals at the grassroots level across the nation.

Ways to get involved can include putting up a poster, or introducing or expanding upon a disability education program. For more info, visit dol.gov/agencies/odep.

In Clifton, the membership role of the CAC is ever-evolving. Members make recommendations about programs, legislation, policies, and enforcement of local, state, and federal codes and laws.

The issues addressed cover every stage of life, including childhood programs and special education to the needs of disabled seniors. Appointed for four-year terms, the com-



The City Council marked the 77th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month on Oct. 3 with a proclamation presented to Anthony Santiago, Colleen Murray, Angela Montague, Lauren Murphy and Saul Jaffe, who are members of the Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities.

mittee is comprised of a mix of residents. These include people with disabilities, parents, professionals, an elected liaison, a Health Department liaison, and a secretary.

The Committee meets on the third Monday of each month in City Hall's first floor, room 101 at 6:30 pm. Email secretary.ada@cliftonnj.org.



These Mustangs of the Class of 1953 met at Mario's on Sept. 30 to share stories of their CHS days from nearly seven decades ago. From left: Rosemarie(Heimann) Sisti, Carole (Werkman) Leipzig, Marion (Zschack) Mascone, Rich Cimera, Joyce (Pranio) Cimera, John Vanderwiele and his wife Johanna (Dekker), Emil Stumpp and Walt DeGroot. Planning for future get togethers, they said their next reunion will be at The Hot Grill.



Here are some photos at Clifton Schools Stadium.

CLIFTON SPORTS

By Tom Szieber

September was a big month for Clifton boys soccer, who went 6-0-1 and outscored its opposition by a combined score of 15-4.

The Mustangs wrapped up the month with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Paterson Kennedy on Sept. 28. Senior forward Steven Ozga scored the game-winning goal in the second half.

Among the Mustangs' other key victories was a 4-3 win over Wayne Valley on Sept. 15, in which Ozga and senior midfielder Kerim Pescocan scored a goal each, and senior midfielder Dylan Perez scored two.

Perez leads the Mustangs in total points, with 11 on the season (4 goals, 3 assists). Junior forward Vitali Datsyk, for his part, has scored four goals and two assists.

Senior goalkeeper Sebastian Perez has been a big part of

the Mustangs' strong defensive start—in which they have posted five shutouts—leading the team with 14 saves.

Clifton's only non-triumph was a 1-1 tie with Bergen Catholic on Sept. 13.

Wayne Hills won the Passaic County Tournament title on Sept. 30, but Clifton's Anias Jenkins won her second consecutive first singles title, defeating senior GeNye Robinson of Passaic County Tech, 6-3, 6-3. The junior has been outstanding all fall, boasting a 10-1 record as of the end of September.

The Mustang football team bookended September with shutouts.

On Sept. 1, the Mustangs opened the season with a 21-0 win over East Orange Campus that gave them a measure of revenge for their controversial loss in last year's North,

Group V regional final. They crushed rival Passaic, 48-0, to elevate its record to 3-2 on the last day of the month.

Clifton's defense has been the catalyst for their solid start. Senior Joe Abill leads the team in tackles with 37, while junior Nate Ceneri has a team-best three interceptions.

The Mustang boys cross country squad is led by senior Hisham Ettayebi. Clifton is 5-0 in division competition and will compete in the Liberty Division meet on Oct. 3. They won the Season Opener Invitational at Darlington Park in Mahwah and took second and third, respectively, in the Garret Mountain Invitational and Back to the Mountain Invitational.

The girls, for their part, are also a perfect 5-0 in the Liberty, with a victory in the Season Opener Invitational to their credit. Senior Remy Dubac and juniors Viktoria Green and Olivia Green have stood out.



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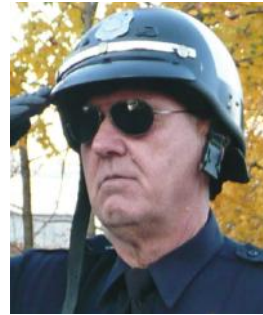
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Brenden Wishard and Meghan Wiemer
married on July 15.



Noel Coronel turns 18 on Oct 16. Our favorite retired Clifton cop **Edward Holster** celebrates on Oct. 18. **Kim Oeffler** has a birthday on Oct. 8. Congratulations to **Orest** and **Barbara Luzniak** who celebrate their 42nd anniversary on Oct. 11.



Susan and Ray Cramer will celebrate 27 years of marriage on Oct. 1. **Steve and Barbara Bivaletz** (at right) were married 44 years ago on Sept. 30!

Sarah Bekheet	10/1	Bruce Merena.....	10/4	Kyle Zlotkowski.....	10/10
Melissa Schwec.....	10/2	Rosalie D. Konopinski.....	10/5	Eileen Patterson	10/11
Awilda Gorman	10/3	Kyle Takacs	10/5	Anthony Shackil.....	10/11
Ashley Messick	10/3	Gene D'Amico.....	10/6	Michael D. Rice	10/12
Christopher Papademetriou	10/3	Nicole Nettleton	10/6	Stephanie M. Palomba	10/13
Charlene Rivera	10/3	Joseph Tahan.....	10/6	Kimberly Beirne	10/14
Grace Robol.....	10/3	Cheryl Cafone	10/7	Lil Geiger.....	10/14
Frank Antoniello.....	10/4	Christopher Phillips.....	10/7	Mary Anne Kowalczyk	10/14
John Brock Jr.....	10/4	Jilian Fueshko	10/8	Andrea Kovalcik	10/15
Kimberly Ferrara.....	10/4	Nick Kacmarcik	10/8	Stephen Kovalcik	10/15
Kayla Galka.....	10/4	Kim Oeffler	10/8	Maria Kulyk	10/15
Lisa Junda	10/4	Michael Biondi	10/10	Marianne Meyer.....	10/15
Alan Merena	10/4	Rich Montague	10/10	Nicole Zlotkowski	10/16



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- Edward Holster, Sr. 10/18
- Jamie Norris..... 10/18
- Brian James Grace 10/19
- Kristen A. Hariton 10/19
- Ben Brody 10/19
- Joan Bednarski 10/20
- Jean Chiariello..... 10/20
- Lea Dziuba..... 10/20
- Patrick M. Doremus Jr.... 10/21
- Eugene Osmak 10/21
- Nathaniel Santelli 10/21
- Katelyn Smith 10/21
- Ted Guzowski 10/21
- Jonathan Rossman..... 10/22
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CELEBRATING POLAND

A little rain didn't stop the Clifton community from coming together on Oct. 1 on City Hall grounds for the Polish Flag Raising. Those who were in attendance included City Council members, with Councilman Peter Eagler as the Commentator. The festivities continued Sunday, Oct. 2 with the 85th Annual Pulaski Day Parade on Fifth Ave. in New York City. The Pulaski Day Parade has been held in NYC since 1936 to commemorate Kazimierz Pulaski, who was a Polish hero in the American Revolutionary War. The Central of Polish Organizations' 2022 Sash Night at the Brownstone honored Marshal Rafał Pisarczyk, Miss Polonia Amanda Modla, Young Marshal Mateusz Wagner, Junior Miss Polonia Gabriela Czyzak, Junior Marshal Jan Pylak, and Little Miss Polonia Audrey Kapturski.



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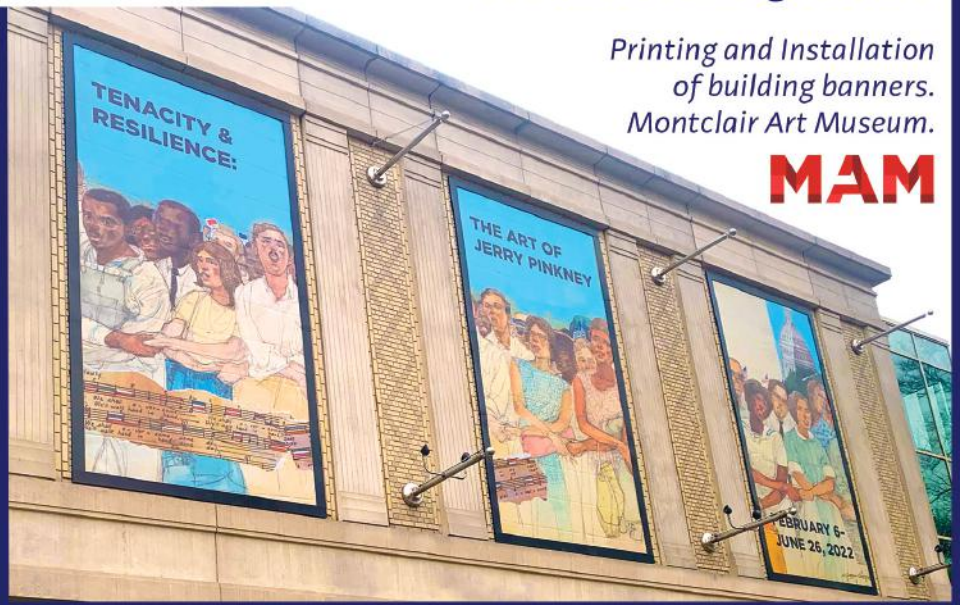
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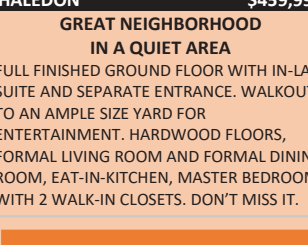
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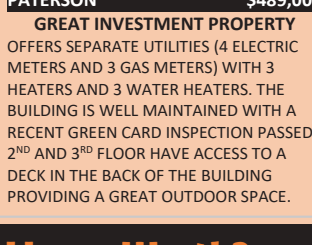
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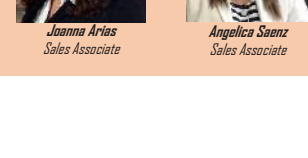
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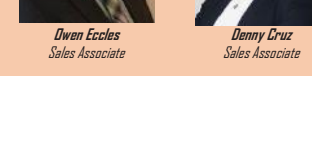
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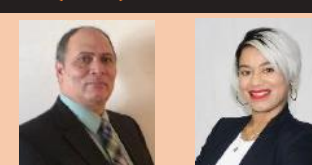
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