The Clifton Public Library provides many services including the following:

* Over 180,000 circulating books, videos, DVDs, CDs, downloadable audio books and ebooks
* Over 300 magazine subscriptions
* Access to online full-text articles
* Internet computers for public use
* Wi-fi
* Exhibits and programs
* Children’s programs
* Interlibrary loans
* Book discussion group
* Telephone and email reference services
* Homebound services
* Foreign language collection

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City Facts*
Website: www.cliftonnj.org
Year of Incorporation: 1917
Land: 11.30 sq. mile
County: Passaic
Legislative Districts: 8th US Congressional
34th State Legislative
*The New Jersey Municipal Data Book, 2009

Census Facts*
Population: Total 84,136
   Median Age: 38.4
   Under 18: 18,506 or 22%
   18-64: 53,918 or 64.1%
   65 and over: 11,712 or 13.9%
*2010 Census, US Census Bureau

Clifton’s Government
Form of Government: Council–City Manager
   (adopted in 1934)
Mayor: James Anzaldi
Municipal Council: Peter C. Eagler
   Matthew Grabowski
   Steven Hatala, Jr.
   Joseph C. Kolodziej
   Mary Sadrakula
   Matthew J. Ward
City Manager: Matthew U. Watkins

Interesting Facts
The City of Clifton was incorporated in 1917.
Acquackanonk Township was formed in 1693.
According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Fact Finder an estimated 57.3% of the city’s residents speak a language other than English at home.
Clifton has the most linguistically diverse school district with 68 languages being spoken in student’s homes. (The Record, Back to School, Aug 19, 2005).
The Clifton High School Mustang Band was organized in 1938.
Clifton’s first library opened in January 1921.
On September 15, 1960, John F. Kennedy campaigned in front of Clifton City Hall.
Styertowne Shopping Center, which opened in the early 1950’s, was “touted as America’s first suburban shopping center.”
Bond Parade Floats on Clifton Boulevard has been creating floats and displays since the time of World War II.
Fairyland Amusement Park, one of America’s first amusement parks, opened in Clifton in 1905.
In 1948, Route 3 was linked with Route 46.
Numerous movies, television shows and commercials have been filmed on location in Clifton, such as The Sopranos, The Wrestler (2008), Donnie Brasco (1996).
Recycling Department

Clifton’s Recycling Program, a national sustainable model, offers both curbside and drop-off recycling of numerous types of material. For details call: 973-470-2239


Awards and Grants received by the Recycling Department include
2007 Take Pride in America National Award.
2008 Recycling Grant

Industries Historically Found in Clifton

- Pharmaceutical/cosmetic
- Retail
- Dairies & Farms
- Photographic
- Textile

Currently Clifton is home to diverse light industry, retail, office facilities and many shopping centers.

Historical Sites and Landmarks

Historical Sites: Hamilton House, U.S. Animal Quarantine Station (Renovated barns currently serve as part of the Municipal Complex), Morris Canal Park, Lambert Castle (Clifton/Paterson border)

Landmarks Featured in the Media: Rutt’s Hut, Tick Tock Diner, Hot Grill

Schools

Public: 14 Elementary schools, 2 Middle schools, 1 High School, 1 High School Annex
Clifton Public School System
www.clifton.k12.nj.us

Private: 5 Schools
Parochial: 5 Schools
Charter: 1 School
Special Needs: 4 Schools

Area colleges: Berkeley College, Bloomfield College, Dover Business College, Felician College, Montclair State University, Passaic County Community College

Healthcare

Area Hospitals:
St. Mary’s Hospital, 350 Boulevard, Passaic
St. Joseph’s Hospital, 703 Main St, Paterson
Mountainside Hospital, 1 Bay Ave, Montclair

Professional ambulance service provided by Clifton Fire Department.

Additional services provide by Clifton Health Department (973-470-5758).
Religious Groups

Groups with Houses of Worship in the City of Clifton:
- Apostolic
- Assemblies of God
- Baha’I
- Baptists
- Episcopalian
- Evangelical
- Greek Orthodox
- Hindu
- Islam
- Jewish
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Pentecostal
- Presbyterian
- Evangelical
- Russian Orthodox
- Syrian Orthodox
- Ukrainian Orthodox

Surrounding Communities

Bergen County:
- Elmwood Park, Garfield, Lyndhurst, Rutherford

Essex County:
- Bloomfield, Montclair, Nutley

Passaic County:
- Little Falls, Passaic, Paterson, Woodland Park (West Paterson)

Transportation
The main highways of Routes 3, 46, 19, 20, 21 and the Garden State Parkway crisscross the city. In addition public transportation consists of two train stations (the Clifton Station and the Delawanna Station) and two park & ride areas (Allwood Road and Clifton Commons.)

http://www.njtransit.com

Parks

The Clifton Recreation Department provides a full range of activities and programs for all ages.

For more information call 973-470-5956 or visit them on the web at
- www.cliftonnj.org/RecreationDept/Recreation.aspx

City Parks: 37 (including Clifton Skatezone)
County Parks: 1 (Weasel Brook Park)
Full list of parks available on-line:
- www.cliftonnj.org/recreation/parks.htm

Art

The Clifton Arts Center gallery and studio provides various exhibits and programs for the community.

The Sculpture Park is located on the grounds of the Clifton Municipal Complex.

www.cliftonnj.org/MiscDept/ArtsCenter.aspx

Geographical Features

Rivers/Brooks: Passaic River, Third River,
- Weasel Brook, Plog Brook,
- Wabash Brook

Lakes/Ponds: Dundee Lake, Yantacaw Pond
- Main Memorial Park Pond
- Basking Reservoir