

## Where is the equipment?

Where's the \$65,000 Skate Park Equipment?

In March 2015, this council approved spending \$65,000 to buy skate park equipment from Fort Lee, an action I strongly applaud. Yet, seven months later this equipment still sits in Fort Lee (Clifton only sent the check a few weeks ago) and our skate park sits in disrepair and is now used as a construction dumping site with pipes and huge mountains of dirt. What is the purpose of buying equipment and not putting it to use for the children of Clifton? There is no excuse that this equipment was not immediately installed in our skate park. Monday, Oct. 26 is the first time an outside company has started to demolish the old equipment.

It is appalling that this equipment has not even been picked up from Fort Lee seven months later. An entire spring, summer and fall season went by with nothing done and it is obvious this equipment will not be installed until next year. I can't wait to hear this council and administration's nonsensical excuses why this \$65,000 equipment hasn't been installed. They should remember "actions (or in this case lack of action) speaks

louder than words."

Parks by definition are "public land set aside for recreation or a preserve." Nowhere is the definition is that parks should remain "locked and unused" or used as a construction site. The time to fix this skate park has long since passed. It is time this council and administration do what is right for the children of Clifton and restore this park to a functioning skate park. Once this park is restored, I suggest we invite Clifton's own famous skater, Bobby Puleo, to Clifton to dedicate this park to all the

future famous skaters from Clifton.

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