



TOWN OF CLIFTON MONTHLY UPDATE

FROM: CINDY BLACKMORE, TOWN MANAGER

TO: TOWN COUNCIL

PERIOD: THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026

ADMINISTRATION

From the Town Manager:

The month of September brought another round of strong thunderstorms and rain. I want to start off this report with a huge thank you to all of the staff. They were all hard at work during each storm event. In particular I want to recognize the work that was done during the storm that came through September 29th & 30th. We were aware that there was a possibility of the river rising to flood stage. Staff had an Emergency Operations Center meeting and worked together to ensure we had plans in place should an emergency event occur. Although the water level in the river reached nearly 20 ft., it did not reach flood levels. Following the event, we had a debriefing meeting where we discussed what we did well and what we can improve on. I want to say a special thank you to our Greenlee County emergency manager Matt Bolinger. He worked side by side with our staff during and after our event and provided valuable information and insight.

I attended the Festival of Lights kick off meeting. The volunteers are hard at work planning for the event. The Clifton Social Club will continue to run the event and the Town will once again be sponsoring the Parade. I have already obtained the necessary certificate of insurance and submitted the permit application to ADOT.

We had our first Fall Fiesta planning meeting. It was well attended with a lot of great ideas and input. Hopefully you have seen our social media posts regarding the event. It is scheduled for November 21st from noon to 7 pm. It should be a great time for all. Look for more information to come.





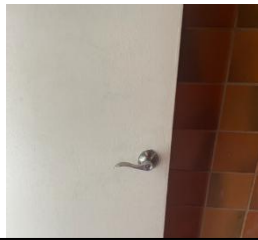
RV PARK

On September 29, the San Francisco River tested us at the RV Park. At 3:00 pm, the crew all came in. I was relieved that we were able to stay calm, get all equipment up to higher ground, pass out flyers, and talk to the tenants to give them the option to vacate early, or wait for sirens if evacuations became necessary. We had 9 trailers leave the park early. We worked together and everything went smoothly.

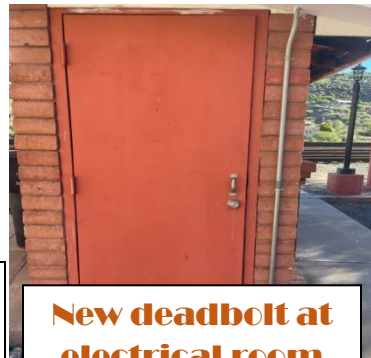
TRAIN DEPOT



**New door handle
in hallway door
leading to the
bathrooms**



**New door
handles on
bathrooms doors**



**New deadbolt at
electrical room**

SIDEBOTHAM PARK

We have purchased the materials to repair the bridge at Sidebotham Park. This project will start as soon as we catch up with the parks. We are keeping caution tape around the bridge to avoid anyone getting hurt.





RIVERSIDE PARK

We are preparing the park for Fall Fiesta. Replaced door handles and vents on bathroom doors at baseball diamond.



VETERANS PARK

At Veterans Park, we will be using CLR to clean the water stains off the monuments. I am researching tables and/or benches for this park. New flags have also been ordered and will be installed before Veterans Day.



SPLASH PAD

The Splash Pad is closed for the season. Sails have been taken down and stored properly. All valves in control room have been flushed and winterized. We will be evaluating the maintenance and repair needs in the coming weeks.

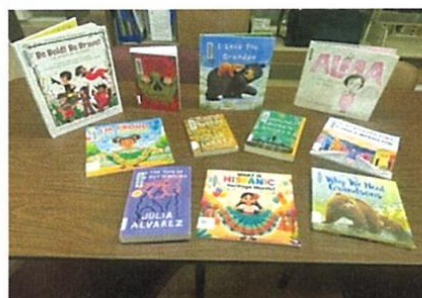


LIBRARY

Library Users	319
Circulation	124
Reference	35
New Library Cards	7
New Items Added	10
Library Programs	6
Program Attendance	77
Community Meetings	1
Meeting Attendance	10
Revenue Received	\$155,76

Library Programs	
Take & Make Kits	24
Book Club	10
Storytime	52

The month of September brought new friends to our library. Along with our regular clubs, we now welcome in Easter Seals Blake Foundation, which specializes in services for Adult Special Needs friends in our area. They visit weekly and work on fun puzzles, coloring pages and games. The month of September is also Hispanic Heritage Month and gave us the opportunity to showcase some favorite Hispanic authors. We also celebrated Grandparents Day with some great Grandma and Grandpa books, which we added to our library.





PUBLIC WORKS

An elderly citizen in our community recently reached out for assistance with removing several unwanted items and junk from her yard. Public Works referred her to Code Compliance Officer Wesley Ralston to see how the situation could be addressed. Wesley went to the property to assess the situation and quickly realized that the steep road leading to the home made it impossible for the Code trailer to safely make it up the hill without a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Wesley is also a firefighter with the Clifton Fire Department, so he reached out to members of the department for assistance. Over the course of several days, Wesley and members of the Clifton Fire Department went up to the home with trucks and dollies to help remove the unwanted items. Public Works was able to assist with hauling the last couple of loads of trash.

The citizen was very grateful for their help and expressed that she could not have gotten it done without their assistance.



Public Works has assigned new employee A. Alvarez to maintain, clean and learn all systems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He is working closely with L. Barela to learn proper plant maintenance and operations while gaining hands-on experience to ensure the plant is running properly and efficiently on a daily basis. He is already making a difference!





Public Works worked throughout the month of September to address storm damage to roads, washes and alleys. The department also worked diligently to prepare for the closure of affected roads, and worked to ensure that the Town was ready for the upcoming weather conditions.





CODE COMPLIANCE

I. Approved and issued building permits

- Copper Clifton Rentals LLC, building permit number 1031, Certificate of Occupancy granted on 9/23/2026.

II. Utilization of dump trailer

- Utilized by 9 people. 11 total dumps.

III. Parking violation identification/ vehicles towed

- 14 vehicles parked illegally or abandoned identified, reported to Clifton PD. 6 vehicles towed.

IV. Warnings for code violations

- 9/1, 251 Chase Creek Rd, litter/debris complied 9/4.
- 9/16, 345 Chase Creek Rd, blocking egress/fire hazard complied 9/19.
- 9/16, 149 Hill St, litter/debris/blocking egress complied 9/22.
- 9/16, 1216 Coronado Blvd, litter/debris complied 9/21.
- 9/16, 201 4th St, litter/debris complied 9/20.
- 9/22, 180 Valley View Rd, litter/debris complied 9/24.
- 9/16 Steven Butler, 75 Laine St, litter/debris/junk vehicles active.
- 9/16, 251 Coronado Blvd, litter/debris active.
- 9/22, 202 Hillside Loop, blocked egress/junk vehicles/litter/debris active.
- 9/22/2026, 146 Outer Loop, junk vehicle towed 9/24.
- 9/28/2026, 589 Chase Creek, litter/debris active.

V. Warnings for delinquent sewer accounts

- 11 door hangers issued 4 verbal contacts were made.



POLICE

Chief Negrete & Lieutenant Aguilar became Taser 10 instructors. They we will be able to certify our officers on the new taser 10's.

Throughout the month we assisted Wesley our Code Compliance Specialist with towing several vehicles around town. One area of town had a block street due to an abandoned vehicle that was towed.

Lt. Aguilar and Chief Negrete attended a ceremony on September 22nd that the Western Pacific Area Vice President recognized Mary Swartz for the event in which she and Aguilar helped save the baby.

Call Statistics:

Nature:	Total Calls:	Nature:	Total Calls:
[No Nature Code	1	Lost Property	1
Abandoned 911	2	Mental Health	2
Accidentally dial 911	4	Medical Emergency	2
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Medical Lift assist	2
Alarm	1	Motorist Assist/Code	1
All traffic complaints	8	Noise	2
Animal Noise	1	Parking Problem	13
Animal Problem	24	Property Damage,	1
Citizen Assist	8	Suspicious Person,	4
Citizen Dispute	1	Test Call	2
Civil Standby	3	Theft	2
Domestic Assault	2	Threatening/Intimidati	2
Domestic Disturbance	3	Traffic Accident with	5
Escort	2	Traffic Accident with	1
Fraud	2	Traffic Hazard	19
Illegal Burning	1	Traffic Stop	35
Incarcerated/Inmate	3	Utility Problem	1
Information Report	21	Verbal Domestic	5
Juvenile Problem	2	Welfare Check	9



VISITORS CENTER

Every day at the visitors center seems to either find us gathering information for someone who is planning a trip, or a student needing information for an assignment at school or just getting to know some really interesting people that come in the center to see all we have to offer.

Some teachers use the outdated magazines and brochures for projects in the classroom or art projects.

Visitors from other states and countries are amazed at the vast amount of information we have to share. And the offerings we have in our gift shop are so nice and have a good variety to choose from, be it local t-shirts, magnets, stickers and Clifton puzzles and coffee mugs, something for everyone. We are always bringing in new items to please both locals and visitors alike.

I invite everyone to stop in to the visitors center and check us out. See all we have to offer, and if you are looking for some information, ask. If I do not have the answer I will find it for you.

I am always available if you would like to discuss any items or have any questions. Please contact me.

Respectfully,

Cindy

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Town Manager



"Where the Trail Begins"