



TOWN OF CLIFTON MONTHLY UPDATE

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TO: TOWN COUNCIL

PERIOD: THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026

ADMINISTRATION

The Town Manager, Mayor and Members of Council attended the annual League of Cities and Towns conference. This was a great opportunity to connect with leaders throughout the state and discuss common issues.





Mayor Dorrell and I met with Senator Gallego and his staff. We went on a driving tour where the Mayor provided information about our past history, current issues we are dealing with and future needs. These types of visits are so important. It builds relationships. In this case not only with the Senator but with his staff, who are so instrumental when we need to contact the Senator's office.



CONGRATULATIONS

I am very pleased to announce that April Fox has been promoted to Town Clerk. Her work history along with the work she has accomplished during her appointment as Interim Clerk set her above the rest of the applicants. I look forward to working with her and seeing all she can accomplish as she serves her community in this capacity.

Please join me in welcoming Wesley Ralston to the team. He will be serving as our Code Compliance Specialists. You may notice the position title has changed from Code Enforcement Officer. The new title better reflects our commitment to assist people into coming into compliance with our Town Code.

You will see more job advertisements as we work to fill two additional vacancies.



RV Park

We are currently trying to get all the electrical pedestals working properly to avoid any problems in the future. Park is full. Still working with Hannah Waters for the online reservation system.

I am also researching and comparing companies to replace picnic tables, here at the RV Park and the other parks.

SPLASH PAD

The Splash Pad is closed for the season.

The new sails lasted throughout. During the off season we take the opportunity to do necessary repairs. There will be water leaks that will need to be repaired and we will also be exploring having it freshly painted.



SIDEBOTHAM PARK

During maintenance inspections, it was discovered that the bridge at Sidebotham Park has planks that are deteriorating. Staff will be making necessary repairs.



VETERANS PARK

At Veterans Park, we are going to plan out a new sprinkler system, so that the water does not hit the monuments.



SOCCER FIELD

We will be replacing one soccer net and as the budget allows, we can replace the second one.





LIBRARY

The month of August flew by. Our Storytime program took our little friends on an exciting pirate-themed adventure! We learned all about pirates through engaging activities and concluded the program with a fun and interactive treasure hunt! Kids and parents both enjoyed all the loot that was found in the treasure chest. Our Golden Gatherings numbers have also been increasing with senior friends coming to do painting and puzzles. We are looking forward to fall with some great activities just in time for the cooler weather.

Library Users	286
Circulation	113
Reference	38
New Library Cards	4
New Items Added	10
Library Programs	6
Program Attendance	55
Community Meetings	1
Meeting Attendance	8
Money Received	175.50

Library Programs	
Take & Make Kits	24
Book Club	8
Storytime	51

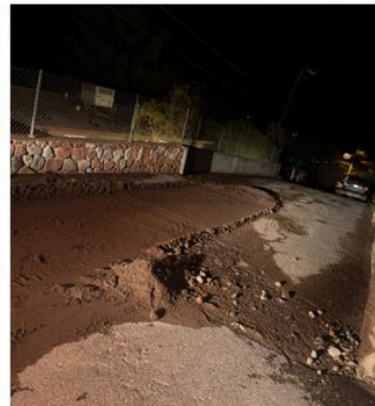




PUBLIC WORKS

The monsoon season keeps our Public Works crews extremely busy. They are hard at work night and day keeping our community safe.

Clean up after a major storm the first week of August, clearing debris, mud and rocks.





Public Works addressed several sewer issues this month, including repairs needed at the Wards Canyon Lift station to prevent overflows. Larry Barela was able to obtain the necessary parts from Arrowhead Pump through emergency expedited shipping, allowing the needed repairs to be completed quickly and helping ensure the lift stations remain operational.



A resident reported a dangerous sidewalk; repairs were quickly made.



Islands were cleaned along 191



Alleys in South Clifton were cleaned.



VISITORS CENTER

Did you know that Arizona is not the only state with a town named Clifton? I never thought about it much until a couple came in and were all happy that we were named Clifton. They were from Virginia and had seen our name on the map and they decided to come and see us, another Clifton. Looking at the map, they had also seen that there was a town named Clifton in several states including, New Jersey, Texas, Colorado, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, and Massachusetts. They were taking a trip to visit all the other towns of Clifton.

They were so excited to see all the Clifton items we have for sale in our gift shop that they bought one of each. A coffee mug, t-shirt, leather magnet, postcards and a couple stickers showing different sites in our town. I don't know if they enjoyed our visit more or if I did. I love Clifton and it was so nice to find others that loved us too. A very happy visiting couple and a happy manager. They got all kinds of Clifton items to remember their trip and I was so glad to have another great day at our visitors center.

We often have guests asking for our Arizona state travel maps, and have a good supply on hand to give out. We also have people asking for maps of other states close in our vicinity. Mainly New Mexico. I have always had a supply of New Mexico maps to give out also, until the last couple of years, the New Mexico Department of Transportation had always been happy to send us a box of their NM State travel maps, but the last few years when I called, they were not very helpful. So, I decided to go to Lordsburg and visit the Visitors center there and ask about exchanging Az maps for NM maps. I called ahead and the manager there was very happy and was good with the ideas of exchanging our state maps to accommodate both Az visitors as well as NM ones. We talked about the two of us being sister visitors centers, helping each other out whenever the need presents its self.

So, another great month at your visitors center.