

Clarence Democrats stand for a better future

I love fall in Clarence. It's a time when we get to see the creativity and vibrance of our community on full display, from local u-picks and corn mazes in the north, to the scarecrows of the Hollow. The beginning of fall also means that an election is right around the corner. The Clarence Democratic Committee is energized to bring the positive change that our friends and neighbors deserve. The past year has been a big one for Clarence Democrats. We've worked hard to grow as an organization by meeting people on the issues that matter to them. Our committee is a group of everyday Clarence residents from many backgrounds and viewpoints.

We're a committee of optimists, people who believe that good government starts from the grassroots. That's why we're excited to support Katie Webster in her campaign for the town board. Katie is the change that Clarence deserves. Together, we're working to bring a desperately needed new voice and a fresh perspective to town hall; a voice that brings us closer to a better future.

You may think of Clarence as a Republican town, and for good reason – Republicans have held total control over our local government for over a decade, but Democrats have more prominence than you may expect. There are almost 8,000 of us and counting. Our voice is growing, and we are ready to have a seat at the table.

We don't just believe in change for change's sake. We've heard the residents' concerns, and want to take action. Over the past year, the Democratic Committee and Katie Webster have pushed for a proactive approach to control overdevelopment, for revisiting municipal waste management in light of private rate hikes, for providing amenities in line with comparable towns in Western New York and for increased transparency and accountability in decision making.

In this election year, the town board has taken preliminary steps to review our zoning code

and assess the feasibility of municipal waste. Clarence needs a steward on the town board who will stand for the interest of the community to ensure that the implementation of these changes are fair to and work for the residents. Clarence needs an advocate to ensure that decisions happen in the public eye. Clarence needs a voice to push the board to act on the residents' concerns regardless of the election cycle. The Clarence Democratic Committee is excited to stand behind Katie as your representative, a life-long Clarence resident, small business owner, mom and friendly face in our community.

I implore you to think outside of the box this election and consider what leadership has led us to where we are today. Early voting runs from Oct. 28 to Nov. 5, and election day is Nov. 7. Please make a plan to vote, regardless of whether you side with us. Your vote is the most direct power you have.



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