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# Board of Aldermen gives outlook for 2019

support the goals this board set when we started our term (crime prevention, better fire protection, economic development, and maintaining property values.)

These are the major things I see in Ward Three for 2019. If you have any concerns or problems that you would like to discuss with me, feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 601-924-7249 or cell phone 601-954-9610. My email address is wobarnett@aol.com.

## Jan Cossitt

### Ward 5

"Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead..."

I have pondered all the occurrences that happened this past year, the good times, the bad times, the frustrating times, the fun times. I have thought about what valuable lessons I have



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learned from this past year's experiences, what God showed me, and have marveled at His faithfulness.

Here we are at the beginning of a new year, and I pray the best one ever for every citizen of Clinton. With the anticipation of Continental Tire moving closer to a grand opening, the job opportunities, our schools continuing to reach the pinnacle of educational success, some new businesses opening, some businesses closing, new neighborhoods, older neighborhoods aging, new hotel, reliable City services, my emotions are all over the board.

I have to stop and remember that God is in control, even when everything seems out of control, that we will continue to grow, and He has and knows the plans He has for us. I believe He has new beginnings, new possibilities, new plans, new purpose, new provisions, new growth, new wisdom, new insights, new understandings, all this He wants to impart to me, the mayor, my fellow board members. The question at the beginning of this new year is, "Will we allow Him to?"

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heav-

enward in Christ Jesus.

## Mike Cashion

### Ward 6

One of the most important things community leaders must do is make sure that their finances match the city's functional priorities.

I am excited that this administration takes responsibility very seriously.

I look forward to being part of the expanded effort to increase our economic development activity. With money budgeted to hire an economic development director, we will pull out all of the stops in recruiting retail and jobs to Clinton.

During the first part of the calendar year, we should be receiving \$1 million from the State. We have already had preliminary discussions on the specific infrastructure projects that are being considered. Though infrastructure is not a real fun issue, it is an important issue. We will use that one-time money on



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projects that we would otherwise not be able to fund.

We will continue to invest in paving our streets with additional moneys budgeted every year until we reach the \$1.2 million amount. As we receive money from the Internet sales tax fund, we will be reducing the millage rates commensurate with what we receive in State funds. This was a promise made and will be a promise kept.

I will continue dialogue on speed calming devices on targeted neighborhood streets. We have identified some non-traditional ways to slow down traffic, and it is my hope that we take the first step in trying these various methods.

As Continental Tire continues its building, look for a little uptick in traffic and retail activity. Demand for houses in the under \$200k market continues to be strong, and we will do everything we can as a city to maintain the appearance and conditions of our neighborhoods.

It's a good time to be a Clintonian!  
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ward 1 Alderman David Ellis and Ward 4 Alderman Keith Perritt did not submit columns for this publication.

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