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Mayor unopposed, fifteen vying for aldermen posts

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With the qualifying deadline for municipal election candidates passed, the 2017 City of Clinton election season has begun in earnest. Republican and Democratic primaries will be held May 2, with a runoff election, if needed, on May 16. The general election is scheduled for June 6.

Incumbent Mayor Phil Fisher, a Republican who has held the office since 2013, will run unopposed.

Fifteen candidates for alderman have qualified, with only Ward 3 Alderman William "Bill" Barnett unopposed for reelection after the qualifying deadline.

Ward 1 incumbent David Ellis, a Re-

publican, will face Janice McQuirter, a Democrat, in the general election on June 6.

Ward 2 incumbent
Jim Martin will face
Christopher Lay in the
Republican primary on
May 2. The winner of that
primary will face Democrat
Cedric Morgan in the general
election.

Ward 4 is an open seat this election cycle, with incum-

bent Alderman Greg Cronin not seeking reelection. Two candidates cont. on page 6

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list of candidates.

REGISTRATION, ABSENTEE BALLOTS
April 1:

The deadline to register to vote in primary election is noon. The City Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon for registration.

April 22 and April 29:

The City Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon for those registered voters wishing to cast an absentee ballot in the primary election.

May 6:

The deadline to register to vote in the general election is noon. The City Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon for registration.

May 6 and 13:

The City Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon for those registered voters wishing to cast an absentee ballot in the runoff election.

May 27 and June 3

The City Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon for those registered voters wishing to cast an absentee ballot in the general election.

July 3, 2017:

Municipal officer's terms begin.

New Clinton Parkway development started

Special to The Clinton Courier

Construction has begun on a \$4 million, 3.9-acre business center and restaurant on the Clinton Parkway. Planned use for the project includes

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a Merit Health Clinic, Fuzzy's Taco Shop and Drayer Physical Therapy (formerly Performance Rehab).

The property is being developed by Clinton Parkway Development, LLC.

Construction on all three buildings will be done simultaneously. The Merit Health Clinic and Fuzzy's Taco are expected to take approximately six months to complete, and developers expect that the third building's completion should not be far behind.

Merit Health Primary Care, which was approved by the Board of Aldermen in the fall of 2016, will en-

compass approximately 6,000 square feet, housing four medical providers.



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This map shows where the new business center and restaurant will be located on the Clinton Parkway. The development, which will contain a restaurant, medical clinic and a physical therapy office is expected to be completed in about six months.

It is expected that Merit Health will consolidate their current operations

in the city to the one (new) location.

Merit Health currently operates six hospitals and multiple clinics in the metro Jackson area, including a new clinic in Raymond. The Raymond clinic was developed by Clinton Parkway Development, as well

Clinton Mayor Phil Fisher says he is happy to see the development include the Merit Health facility.

"This development will be a great addition to our city. Merit Health is the closest hospital to Clinton, and the Merit medical facility will further cement the relationship between us."

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