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Clinton to save thousands with LED replacements

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The City of Clinton and Entergy Mississippi are continuing to upgrade streetlights to LED throughout the city in an effort to increase safety and lower the City's utility costs.

Over the past few months, crews replaced street lamp fixtures along Lakeview Drive, Clinton Boulevard from the east city limits to Capitol Street, Ridge Pointe subdivision off Pinehaven and the walking trails at both Traceway and Brighton parks. In total, close to two hundred lights have been swapped from existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) and Traditionaire fixtures to LED.

Additional work is now underway along Northside Drive between Monroe Street and Briars Drive (twenty-eight light fixtures) and Cascades subdivision (ninety-six light fixtures). Conversions to LED include cobra head and decorative lantern style fixtures. Along the Clinton Parkway, Clinton Public Works crews have completed installation of LED retrofit kits.

Plans to complete lighting swaps from Briars Drive and in the Cas-

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Christmas season begins with annual parade on December 2

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Saturday, December 2, will officially kick off the holiday season for Clintonians, as the annual Christmas parade will bring holiday cheer through the heart of the town.

With marching bands, pageant queens, cheerleaders, floats, Boy Scout troops, dance groups and others leading the procession from Lakeview Drive, close to Clinton Plaza, all the way down to Capitol Street, at the west end of the Mississippi College campus, Clintonians are expected to line the streets to join in the festivities.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the parade is in its third year of a return to day-

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First responders to have new training facility

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Through the generosity of several local businesses and the CJ Stewart Foundation's Camp Down Range on Clinton-Tinnin Road, Clinton's first responders will soon have their own public safety training facility and firing range.

Clinton Police Chief Ford Hayman noted, "It is with great pleasure that I announce the partnership between the City of Clinton and CJ Stewart's Camp Down Range. This partnership was developed to provide a public safety training facility for police and fire, while further enhancing the mission of Camp Down Range."

Situated on the northern outskirts of Clinton at Kickapoo Road, Hayman says the new training facil-

ity is perfectly suited for enhanced training opportunities for Clinton's first responders due to its location and Camp Down Range's mission.

"Camp Down Range seemed to be the perfect venue for a training facility for the police and fire departments," said Hayman. "Down Range was created with adversity training in mind and corresponds perfectly for a public safety training facility."

The idea for a shared training facility was the brainchild of Chief Hayman, Clinton Fire Chief Jeff Blackledge and Mayor Phil Fisher. The concept was pitched several months ago to Stewart. From the first meeting, Stewart was "all in," and the project was launched," Hayman said.

"This training facility fits perfect-

ly into the City's plans to have the most well-trained and responsive police and fire departments around. I am grateful to the generosity of these businesses for their support of that vision, to C.J. Stewart for sharing the vision and to the Police and Fire Chiefs for working to make this center a reality," said Fisher.

Camp Down Range's Public Safety Training Facility will consist of a ten- to twelve-lane firing range, a Conex city training site, and a fifty-foot rappel tower. Conex is a large, steel-reinforced reusable container for shipping cargo. Conex shipping containers will be stacked and placed in a manner to provide a small replica city for fire and police to train in real-life scenarios.

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