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**News Release**

**MAY PRIMARY DEADLINES APPROACHING**

**JANUARY 14, 2011** – The deadline to file declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates seeking offices in the municipalities of Blanchester and Wilmington for the May 3, 2011 Primary Election is Wednesday, February 2 at 4:00 PM. This deadline also applies to the filing of local questions and issues, including local options.

Blanchester and Wilmington are the county's only partisan municipalities where candidates can run in a primary election for a political party nomination for an office to appear on the ballot in the November general election. However, if a candidate in these municipalities wishes to run as an independent because they are not affiliated with a party, they do not participate in the primary and instead file a declaration of candidacy to run in the general election only. The filing deadline for independent candidates in Blanchester and Wilmington for the November 8, 2011 General Election is Monday, May 2 at 4:00 PM.

In the Village of Blanchester, the offices up for election this year include mayor, two council seats, and two seats on the Board of Public Affairs. All of the offices have four year terms.

In the City of Wilmington, the offices up for election this year include mayor, president of council, city auditor, city law director, three at-large council seats, and one council seat in each of the four city wards. The mayor, city auditor and city law director serve four year terms, while the president of council and the other members of council serve two year terms.

Prior to the February 2 deadline, the Board of Elections office will be closed on Wednesday, January 26 and Thursday, January 27 so the staff can attend the Ohio Secretary of State's Winter Elections Conference. The office will close at noon on January 26 and will not resume normal business hours until Friday, January 28.

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Looking ahead to the November general election, non-partisan offices to appear on the ballot include a mayor and two council seats in the villages of Clarksville, Martinsville, Midland, New Vienna, Port William and Sabina; one trustee and fiscal officer position in each of the county's townships; and two school board seats in each of the county's school districts and any overlapping school districts from neighboring counties. The deadline to file declarations of candidacy for these non-partisan races is Wednesday, August 10 at 4:00 PM. This deadline also applies to the filing of local questions and issues, including local options, to appear on the general election ballot.

For questions or more information on the May 3 Primary Election or November 8 General Election, please contact the Clinton County Board of Elections Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at 937-382-3537. Information can also be obtained through the Board of Elections website at [www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Clinton](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Clinton).

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