

COMMUNITY



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Pine Hills Retirement Community marketing director Barry Epstein, standing, introduces the Hot Springs City Council and Mayoral candidates during a forum held at Pine Hills last Thursday evening. The night prior, a Fall River County commissioner candidate forum was also held.

Fall River, Hot Springs voters go to polls today

HOT SPRINGS - Pine Hills Retirement Community held a pair of candidate forums last week to help educate voters about the candidates in today's primary election.

Last Wednesday, Fall River County Commissioner candidates utilized the first hour of the forum making introductions to the audience of between 50-75 people. The second hour was spent answering questions concerning economic development, the role of the county commissioners as it pertains to private enterprise, how to get young people involved in government and their individual philosophies on problem solving.

Commission candidates present at the forum included Mike Ortner, Paul Nabholz, Anne Cassens, Bill Clark, Joe Allen, Norm Pudwill, Bill White and Jose Trinidad.

On Thursday, Hot Springs City

Council and Mayoral candidates participated in the forum and answered questions regarding how to revitalize the housing market, their personal commitment to the community, how to save the City money, the City's relationship with the Chamber and how to address the empty storefronts in downtown Hot Springs.

Ward 1 candidates present at the forum included Charles Easterby, Brian Crawford and Craig Romiey. Ward 3 candidates in attendance were Carolann Schwarzenbach and Georgia Pomrenke. Mayoral candidates were Don DeVries and Harry Burdette.

There are eight different polling places for the 16 different precincts in today's combined city-county-district election in Hot Springs and Fall River County. In all precincts, polls will open at 7 a.m. and will remain open

until 7 p.m.

The Argentine, Cottonwood-Provo, Edgemont 1, Edgemont 2 and Edgemont 3 precincts will all cast ballots at the St. James Parish Center. Voters in the Beaver precinct will vote at the Oral School and Cascade voters will cast ballots at the Cascade Fire Hall.

In Hot Springs, precincts 2A, 2B, 3 and Jackson will all vote at Case Auditorium, while precinct 1 will be voting at the Evans Apartments, and Hot Springs 4 will vote at the Brookside.

Limestone and Oelrichs precinct voters will cast ballots at the Oelrichs School and Sue Olofson's residence will be the place for Smithwick voters.

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.