



Encourage and Equip Citizens to Vote

Candidate Forum Scheduled for Oak Ridge North

Mayoral and City Council Position Races

The city of Oak Ridge North (City) and the Voter Awareness Council (VAC) are pleased to announce that they are co-hosting a non-partisan, unbiased candidate forum on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6:30 pm at the City Hall building on Robinson Road.

Incumbent Mayor Jim Kuykendall with challenger Dan Broyles and incumbent council member Alex Jones with challenger Martha Stedifor have been invited. Early voting is April 23rd through May 1st and Election Day is May 5th. City and VAC officials will be co-hosting and introducing the session but will have no role in the actual forum.

Wendy Cawthon, Editor of The Woodlands Edition of the *Community Impact Newspaper* will act as forum moderator. Wendy will use questions based on the media's overall awareness of Oak Ridge North issues, questions submitted to her from anyone prior to the session via email at wcauthor@communityimpact.com, and written questions submitted by the audience during the early stages of the forum.

Candidates will make opening and closing remarks, answer questions in a round robin l-r, r-l question format, and have the opportunity to comment on questions addressed to other candidates. Reasonable time constraints will apply throughout the session.

"We are very pleased once again to be working with the Voter Awareness Council on this opportunity for our residents to gain first-hand information and input from candidates for their mayoral and city council positions" says City Manager Vicky Rudy. "We also very much appreciate *Community Impact Newspaper* working with us to ensure that this will be an unbiased forum for our residents to aid them in reaching their own voting decisions" adds Ms. Rudy.

VAC is a local non-profit corporation established by a number of Montgomery County residents designed to help encourage and equip citizens to vote. Totally non-partisan and unbiased, VAC's mission is to inform and educate citizens on our local elections, improve the overall voting experience and to increase voter turnout. See www.vactx.org for more information.

Questions about this forum can be directed to Vicky Rudy at vrudy@oakridgenorth.com or VAC President Steve Leakey at spleakey@yahoo.com.