



Encourage and Equip Citizens to Vote

Candidate Forum Scheduled for Shenandoah Mayoral Race

The city of Shenandoah (City) and the Voter Awareness Council (VAC) are pleased to announce that they are co-hosting a non-partisan, unbiased candidate forum on Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:30 pm at the City Hall building on the I45 southbound access road (29955 I-45N).

Incumbent Mayor Ritch Wheeler and challenger former Councilman Gary Henson will be present. Early voting is April 23 - May 1 and Election Day is May 5. 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. Cawthon will use questions based on the media's overall awareness of Shenandoah issues, questions submitted to her from anyone prior to the session via email at wcawthon@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 question format, and have the opportunity to comment on every question. 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 both candidates for their Mayor position," says Shenandoah Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher. "We also appreciate *Community Impact Newspaper* working with us, just as they did during our forum last year, to ensure that this will be an unbiased forum for our residents to aid them in reaching their own voting decisions."

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 VAC President Steve Leakey at spleakey@yahoo.com or Debbie Pilcher at dpilcher@shenandoahtx.us.