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618Now Candidate Forums FAQ

Q. Why Did We Change the Format?

A. In the past, our in-person candidate forums provided a valuable opportunity for engagement; however, we recognized the need for a more accessible solution that fits into the busy lives of our community members. With this podcast format, residents can now stay informed on their own time, whether at home, on the go, or during their daily routines.

Q. How can I listen to the Candidate Forum Podcast

A. The episodes will be available for streaming on our website, social media, and major podcast platforms, making it easy to listen anytime, anywhere.

Q. When will the podcast episodes be released?

A. Episodes will be released progressively leading up to the April 1, 2025 election, with updates shared via our website and social media channels.

Q. Will all candidates be featured in the podcast?

A. Only candidates running for contested positions in O'Fallon and Shiloh city government and school districts will be featured.

Q. Are the interviews live or pre-recorded?

A. All interviews are pre-recorded to ensure a consistent and high-quality listening experience.

Q. Can I submit questions for the candidates?

A. While the interview questions have been standardized to ensure fairness, we welcome suggestions for future forums.

Q. Will there be any in-person forums or opportunities to meet candidates?

A. No. While the Chamber has transitioned to a podcast format to provide greater accessibility, we welcome and encourage other organizations or candidates to host in-person forums or meet-and-greet events. We are happy to support and promote these events to ensure voters have multiple ways to engage with candidates. Stay connected through our social media and website for updates on additional opportunities to interact with candidates.

Q. How can I stay updated on new episode releases?

A. Follow us on social media and our website for updates on episode releases and other election-related information. Questions? Email communications@ofallonchamber.com