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LONGWOOD AND OVIEDO VOTERS HEAR THEIR CANDIDATES IN CITY ELECTIONS

November 3, 2009, Longwood and Oviedo will be hold municipal elections. Carroll McKenney Foundation for Public Media is presenting audio interviews with the candidates on-line at www.cmfmedia.org. These interviews are part of a series on CMF media called “**Voting Smart.**” The series will provide an objective on-line location where voters can hear information about the candidates and their positions. At the web site the program can be streamed or downloaded. This allows voters the flexibility of listening to the candidates at a time and method of their choosing.

For Longwood city commission **Bob Costes** and **Mike Holt** are running for District 1 and **Johnnie Richardson** and **Brian Sackett** are competing in District 5.

In Oviedo, the mayoral race sees **Mary Lou Andrews** running against **Darrel Lopez** and **Jeff Hartzler**, **Stephen Henken** and **Judith Dolores Smith** are in a three-way contest for city council Group 1.

On the CMF Website, each candidate interview will consist of a question and answer session with producers Desta Horner for Longwood candidates and Stephen McKenney Steck for Oviedo candidates. Each candidate will be asked to state their qualifications/experience, their approach to the budget crises, their position on maintaining services and personnel while revenues are declining and the assurances they offer the voters as to their personal integrity if elected.

Following the Q and A, each candidate will have 2 minutes for a direct appeal to the voters.

The Q and A sessions will be posted on the CMF media web site on October 8, 2009.

The two minutes candidate statements will be posted on October 29th, one day before the early voting begins.

This new public media alternative to helping citizens make more informed choices at the ballot box is part of the mission of CMF Public Media. CMF was created, as its motto states, to cover the “Issues and Voices that Matter” in East Central Florida. Certainly municipal elections matter to our residents.

The interviews will be available on Oct 8 and the candidate personal statements on Oct 29. Both can be accessed at www.cmfmedia.org

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