

Chamber hosts Meet the Candidates event

Members, guests get to meet those running for office in Valdosta

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VALDOSTA — If you've driven around Valdosta lately, chances are you have seen one of the many candidate election signs posted in conspicuous areas.

For many of the folks who have seen them, they may have never actually met the candidates behind the signs.

From 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce hosts its Meet the Candidates reception, where chamber members and guests will be allowed to meet the local candidates running for offices in City of Valdosta.

The event is held as a benefit to chamber members and provides them the opportunity to have some time with all of the contested candidates and some uncontested candidates, said Erika Bennett, business advocacy and marketing coordinator.

Contested candidates will have a booth or table for the first 45 minutes of

WHEN AND WHERE

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Where: James H. Rainwater Conference Center

When: 5-7 p.m., Oct. 11

Sponsored by: Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce.

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the event at no charge. Afterwards, they will speak to the audience about whatever they want for about five minutes.

"I think it's important for business leaders to get in front of these people and make an informed decision by giving them the chance to meet face to face and ask questions and raise concerns," said Bennett. "I personally have never met any of the candidates, but I've read and seen their signs and I'm looking forward to meeting them."

While the event is technically open only to chamber members and guests, Bennett said Chamber of Commerce membership is not checked at the event.

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