

## **Election Year 2018!**

There are 3 seats (4-year terms) that are up for election this year.

The Mayor's seat and 2 Councilmember seats will be on the ballot in November.

### **These are the profiles for the Candidates running for Shafer City Council**

#### **TWO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR:**

##### **Tony Schroepfer, Candidate for Mayor**

My name is Tony Schroepfer, I am running for the office of mayor for our city of Shafer. I am a hardworking, Christian man. I have been married to my wife, Shawna Schroepfer for 28 years. We have lived in the area for almost 20 years, and raised our 3 children in the Chisago Lakes School District.

My goals as your Mayor will be:

Exploring ways to bring in more Commerce.

Ordinance review.

Future site planning for Community Rec Center.

Water, Sewer and Road solutions.

Thank you.

##### **Paula Hanson, Candidate for Mayor**

I am Paula Hanson, I've been a resident of Shafer for 6 years, but spent much of my childhood at my aunt and uncles on Highway 8 in Shafer, so when my husband took a job with Chisago County, there was no question as where we wanted to live. I've been married to my husband Tom for 29 years and we have two adult children, Andrea (Derek) Hauptli and Adam Hanson as well as 2 grandchildren. I currently work for The Good Samaritan Society as a Provider Relationship Manager, spending most of my career in the non-profit world. I have held several local volunteer positions with the Goal Crease club, Grid Iron Club and being a founder of the Chisago County Sheriff's Foundation as well as numerous civic positions in my former community of Bemidji.

I enjoy various outdoor activities, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and hanging out with all my great neighbors.

#### **FOUR CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILMEMBER:**

##### **Patty Mattson, Candidate for Councilmember**

My name is Patty Mattson. I am running for re-election for the City Council. I have lived in Shafer most of my life. The only time we were gone was when my husband John was in the Navy for 3-1/2 years.

We both worked for Chisago County, he as a deputy and I worked for Chisago County Public Health. We have raised 5 kids that all went to Chisago Lakes Schools. I have seen many changes in this, was small town. I would like to keep us going in the right direction. I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you, Patty Mattson

##### **Diane Chmielewski, Candidate for Councilmember**

I was born in Little Falls and grew up in Mpls., but I have lived in MN, CA, VA, IL and four provinces of China. Over the years I have earned an AA degree from Palomar Jr. College, a BES degree from St. Cloud State University, and a MAR degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. My work experience has included nine years in the US Marine Corps, several years working my way up from a computer programmer to a senior systems analyst in private industry, and nearly 28 years as a missionary in China. Through it all, I have taught computer

programming in the US and English in China; registered an NGO (non-governmental organization) in China through which I facilitated teacher training programs, midwife training programs, a child sponsorship program and multiple medical clinics in poor villages. My last couple years in China were spent running my own small restaurant in a small town with all local staff. All of this was done while also engaging in church planting activities in tribal minority villages during the last 16 years. I returned to MN from China in April of 2016 and retired shortly thereafter. I then moved to Shafer, MN in May of 2017 where I would like to put my broad education and experience to work by serving on the Shafer City Council.

### **Tamara J. Hessler, Candidate for Councilmember**

I was born and raised in Mankato, MN and I have 3 children and 1 grandson. After living in SC for almost 15 years, I closed the books on my own business of 21 years and moved back to MN in June 2017 with my daughters. I started my new job in White Bear Lake shortly after our move back, while I continued to look for a home to purchase. I was intending on living closer to my work, but found myself gravitating back to the Shafer area during my search.

People often ask why I live so far from my work? My response is simple. I love this area, I love the beautiful drive, the lakes, the farms and the fields. It makes me happy.

I have many years of experience in finance as I was a financial secretary for IBEW LU 949 in Burnsville, MN and a large law firm as well as St. Pius Church and School in La Crosse, WI. I am currently in the finance/credit dept. for a company in White Bear Lake. I also have many years experience in management as I held this position for several different retail chains.

After attending several city council meetings, I was voted in for an empty seat on the council this past June. I have found this to be rewarding and educational in learning the way the city works. I am also on the street commission and planning commission seats as well. My goal is to be a voice for the community and its needs to make the city of Shafer the best it can be for all its citizens. We may be a small community, but this is a tight knit community that I am honored to be a part of.

### **Nick Brehm, Candidate for Councilmember**

Occupation: Executive Sales Manager

My name is Nick Brehm; I have lived in the city of Shafer for 3 years now in the Buffalo Ridge community along with my 3 children and girlfriend. I grew up in Lindstrom, MN over by the ball park. I ended up graduating from High School in Hinckley- Finlayson district. Studied Computer Networking at Pine Technical College and I am now an Executive Sales Manager for a National Abrasives Company. Over the 3 years of being in Buffalo ridge and the Shafer community I have grown to know some of our great residents and becoming friends with most, also some being old classmates of mine and also relatives. I have spoken with many about issues and concerns affecting our community and certain things that should be addressed. I feel that I would be a Great voice of reason for our community; I do believe that we have a great neighborhood for our children to grow up in, not only is it safe but it's peaceful. If elected into office I will do my part to make sure that our community stays that way and I will be YOUR voice to try and make sure that this community stays strong and that we keep it a small town feel. So vote for me NICK BREHM in NOVEMBER to be your next city council member.