

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER ELECTION
CITY of ROCHESTER HILLS

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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2 Candidates for Council Member At-Large for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for Council Member At-Large ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	Question 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for city council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the city should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them?
<p>KEVIN S. BROWN 1419 Chevy Circuit Rochester Hills, MI 48306</p>	<p>I am 44 years old, married to my wife Leslie for 21 years, a resident of Rochester Hills since 2000, and have two children in Rochester Community Schools. I have an engineering degree from MSU, an MBA from U of M and served as a nuclear power submarine officer in the US Navy. I have been employed at TE Connectivity for over 16 years and currently supervise a global sales team that is responsible for over \$60 million revenue. I was elected to City Council in 2013 and have served on a variety of committees: OPC, RAYA, Water/Sewer, Liquor License, and Strategic Planning. I am seeking re-election because I believe that my military background, professional experience and service on Council has prepared me to make sound decisions on behalf of the residents, conservatively manage the cities finances, and foster an environment that will attract residents and businesses to Rochester Hills. I have been proud to contribute to the award-winning success of Rochester Hills and ask that the residents give me the honor and opportunity to continue to serve as their At Large Representative.</p>	<p>Financial Stability – The 3-year budget cycle and long-term conservative financial planning is the key to enable our local government to continue to provide the services that our residents deserve. Maintaining a sound fund balance ensures that we can continue municipal operations without placing any additional tax burden on our residents.</p> <p>Security and Safety – Rochester Hills owes a debt of gratitude to those that serve in our local Oakland County Sheriff’s Department and the Rochester Hills Fire Department. We must continue to monitor the staffing, equipment and service levels of both departments to ensure our residents are safe and have the best possible response time for emergency services.</p> <p>Attracting Businesses/Residents – Rochester Hills should continue to look for creative ways to attract new businesses/employers and further invest in the quality of life amenities our residents enjoy - quality local roads, new parks, Green Space, and our trails. Our residents and corporations make this community great and we owe them the best quality of life experience we can offer.</p>

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<p>JENNY MCCARDELL 738 Baylor Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48309</p>	<p>My service to my country began when I joined the US Navy in 2002. I was a medic for Marine Corps and Navy members and families at Camp Pendleton in California. My husband Nathan and I moved back to Rochester Hills in 2008 to raise our family. We have 3 kids in Rochester schools. I earned my Bachelors of Science and Masters of Public Administration from Oakland University. While at OU I was recruited to work for the Food and Drug Administration as a public safety investigator, keeping our food and drug supply safe.</p> <p>City Council nominated me to the Rochester Hills Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Committee in 2016 and I have already hired 4 firefighters and 2 police officers at no additional cost to the tax payers. I have also reworked a special assessment district to make it more fiscally sustainable to the residents. If I can achieve this while on a City Committee, imagine what I can do on City Council!</p> <p>I am running for Rochester Hills City Council because I am passionate about making our local government reflect the values of the people who live here.</p>	<p>Represent the residents of Rochester Hills.</p> <p>Greater transparency and access for our residents to their local government through personal outreach with the community.</p> <p>Advocate for county and state funding to improve the quality of life for our residents including for critical infrastructure repair, parks and greenspaces.</p> <p>Ensure the growth in our city represents the best interests of our residents and not just the business community.</p> <p>Prioritize public safety including fire and police.</p>

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1 Candidate for City Council District 1 for ONE 4-year term

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<p>STEPHANIE MORITA 2881 Portage Trail Rochester Hills, MI 48309</p>	<p>I first moved to Rochester Hills in 2001, and chose to again locate within the City in 2004. I am a 23-year attorney specializing in municipal and property tax law, after graduating from the University of Michigan with Honors in 1992, and Wayne State University Law School in 1995. My experience gives me the ability to truly serve Rochester Hills residents with the level of professional excellence they deserve. I am also a hockey mom, little league baseball fan, and wife of 14 years to my husband, Todd.</p> <p>My community Involvement includes: 2007-2015 - City of Rochester Hills Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; 2013-present - City of Rochester Hills City Council and Avondale Youth Assistance Board of Director; 2015-present – City of Rochester Hills City Council Vice President and Planning Commission Member, Older Person's Commission (OPC) Board of Directors, Rochester Hills Museum Foundation Board; 2017-present - Michigan Municipal League Finance Committee; Former 2-term HOA president.</p>	<p>Development Concerns: On Planning Commission, the concerns of residents must be represented to minimize the impact of new development on residents. In District 1, traffic concerns on Adams Road continues, and requires thoughtful and deliberate planning.</p> <p>Maintaining Quality of Life: As a member of the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) Board of Directors, and its Finance Committee, I have initiated changes in the manner in which OPC funds are held, so that they are more secure in order to ensure the OPC exists for years to come and continue to provide services to our community. Additionally, though the development of Rochester Hills' Innovation Hills Park continues, I will also work with the city to develop underutilized parks in northwest sector of the City to provide a better quality of life and walkable options for residents in those areas.</p> <p>Professionalism and Conservative Fiscal Spending: Council should be prepared for meetings and question spending. This promotes timely action by Council, and thoughtful decisions on finances that may effect the City for years.</p>

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1 Candidate for City Council District 2 for ONE 4-year term

<p>CANDIDATES for Council District 2</p> <p>ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>	<p>Question 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for city council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p>Question 2: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the city should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>JIM KUBICINA 2423 Chalet Dr. Rochester Hills, MI 48309</p>	<p>I retired from Delphi Corporation in January after 40 years as an Industrial engineer, and have held several different management positions in manufacturing, engineering and quality control. I want to give back my time and passion to the community that helped me raise my family. As a 29-year resident of Rochester Hills, I am committed to seeing the community I love continue to grow and thrive. I am seeking re-election so that I may continue assisting residents with their needs and concerns. I started doing community service in 1988 as a coach for his children's various sports teams. Over the years, I have coached more than 30 teams covering all sports for both boys and girls. Over the past 2 years, as a city councilman, I have demonstrated a proven track record by serving on the following committees: Older Persons Commission, RARA Board, Liquor Licensing Board, Rochester Area Youth Assistance, Advisory Traffic & Safety Board, Riverbend Naming Committee, Strategic Planning & Policy Review, Pine Trace Committee, Sister City Committee (Auburn Hills), and Trailways Commission.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiscal Policy, such as taxes, budgets and providing services. At Rochester Hills, we work on a 3-year budget and have expanded our thinking out to 7-year budget. We have not yet recovered our peak property tax revenue figure from 2008, yet we keep growing our fund balance and have money available for improvements to our infrastructure, roads and utilities. I strongly believe in a conservative fiscal policy in order to keep taxes low. 2. Public Safety, I strongly support our police and fire departments. I have done ride a-longs with both organizations in order to get a better feel for what they do. I want them to always have the best equipment available so they can perform their jobs to the highest possible level. 3. Listening to Residents, I have demonstrated a willingness to always listen to residents to see if I can assist them in any way to resolve their questions and concerns. I try to make myself available to as many functions as possible. When a resident calls with a concern I try to go out and visit them in person, so that I get a complete understanding of the issue.

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2 Candidates for City Council District 4 for ONE 4-year term

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<p>RYAN J. DEEL 704 Bliss Dr. Rochester Hills, MI 48307</p>	<p>My wife, Melinda, and I have lived in Rochester Hills for over 14 years. We are the proud parents of twin sons, Jack and Brennan, who attend Rochester Community Schools.</p> <p>I have a bachelor of arts from Michigan State University and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. I have been an attorney for 16 years and am the judicial staff attorney for the chief judge of the Oakland County Probate Court.</p> <p>I am active in our community and have a record of public service. I am the vice president of the Rochester Hills Public Library Board. I was appointed to the Library Board in 2014 and elected to serve a full term in 2015. I am a member of the Rochester Hills Building Authority and the president of the Arcadia Park Homeowners Association.</p> <p>I am a member of the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library, Oakland County Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan.</p> <p>As an attorney and with my record of community involvement, I have the skills and experience necessary to work with the mayor and city council to keep Rochester Hills moving in the right direction.</p>	<p>We live in a thriving community filled with wonderful people, safe neighborhoods, fantastic amenities and dedicated public servants. We need to keep Rochester Hills on the right track by focusing on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: As we recover from the economic recession, it is important to continue to build our fund balance, reduce expenses by collaborating with local stakeholders to secure private funding and invest in our infrastructure (roads, parks, green spaces and water system). 2) PUBLIC SAFETY: We need to continue to be vigilant and look for innovative ways to keep residents safe by consistently evaluating the effectiveness of police and fire services. 3) QUALITY OF LIFE: Rochester Hills is a vibrant and prosperous city. We need to keep up the momentum by continuing to attract and retain businesses in high-growth sectors. This will drive property values up and keep unemployment low. We also need to continue to invest in the things our residents love, like our parks, trails and green spaces.

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RYAN SMITH 1475 Dawes Ave. Rochester Hills, MI 48307	I was born and raised in Berkley Michigan, I decided after the floods of 2014 to move to the Hills, Rochester Hills. I bought my first home in Rochester Hills because of its incredible reputation. I am extremely proud to call Rochester Hills my home. Why Rochester Hills? Well, it's the premier city to, live, work, and raise a family. And I want to do just that. I'm running for City Council to give the residents in District 4 a voice that they can count on. I'm a passionate people person, who has blue collar work ethics and demands the best foot forward from my-self. I believe that the passion I learned from the community I grew up in, makes me the strongest person for that position to relate to the residents. I don't just talk the talk but I've walked the walk. Literally, I have walked thousands of miles in my 15-year career as a corporate Security Officer.	<p>Safety - Enhanced programs to secure our safety for the streets and business. I would like to suggest a program involving the residents for a police and fire academy that would emphasize the job that the men and women provide and the respect they deserve. Call it a Citizens Academy.</p> <p>Parks - Rochester Hills has one of the best park and trail systems in the state, which I use quiet often! We need to make sure they stay that way but enhance those gems for not just not just for us but future generations. Emergency phones, and trails camera are just one way we can enhance our park safety. Many of our residents and their family would love enhancing our parks with a splash pad, and a bark park really can make those summer day at the parks truly refreshing.</p> <p>Infrastructure - Clean water, steady power grid, a drainage system, and roads need to remain updated to handle the growing community that Rochester Hills has become. I would like to see that engineers and city officials work together to find innovative ways innovative ways to provide cost effective solutions and quarterly town halls.</p>

2 Candidates for Library Board for TWO 6-year terms

MARY JEAN LAWSON 1277 Dutton Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48306
CHUCK STOUFFER 3310 Longview Ave., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

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