



**Tuesday,
November 7,
2023**

The in-person voting site for registered voters of North Newton is the City Hall Community Room. Polls are open 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. **Please use the East door at City Hall and don't forget to bring photo I.D.**

If you have any questions about the election, advance voting or your voter registration status please call the Harvey County Election Office at 284-6840 or go to



www.hvcoksvote.com.



**You are invited to a
Candidate Forum
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Kidron Bethel Chapel
3001 Ivy Drive**

Mayor Ron Braun has decided not to run for re-election after 16 years of service. There are two candidates for Mayor and two candidates for two City Council seats. Please take time to read these brief sketches on each candidate.

MAYOR CANDIDATES



KEITH SCHROEDER

Keith Schroeder and his wife may have lived in North Newton just over a year now, but he grew up in Newton. He states "North Newton is a very attractive community with lots to offer from its great

location, walking trails, retirement facilities, college, nice housing, friendly people, and a rich Mennonite culture."

It is Keith's hope that the community maintains a high level of safety, educational opportunities, and amenities with well-maintained public areas and efficient services while maintaining the cost of those services. If elected he hopes to continue to lead our city with integrity, providing a welcome place to attract families and business.

Keith attended Wichita Technical Institute. Most of his career was with the Williams Corporation where he held positions in communication technology in Hesston, technical specialist in network services in Tulsa, and management positions in the IT department in Houston. Prior to the Williams Corporation Keith worked in the avionics industry. He retired in 2021.

Keith claims he is a lifetime learner. He loves building home automation devices, enjoys music, going on walks and being involved in church activities.



RON RATZLAFF

Ron Ratzlaff has the familiarity with the community and city staff that comes with 21 years of experience on the City Council, ten years as Council President. If elected he hopes to serve the city

and its citizens by working together to maintain and enhance our community. He states that North Newton strives to maintain a great quality of life for its residents by providing services in a friendly and efficient manner, maintaining reasonable utility and tax rates, and respect for our physical environment.

Ron holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is Director of Human Resources for Bluestem Communities-Kidron Bethel Village and serves on the First Mennonite Church board and the Kansas Insurance Group board.

The pastime activities that Ron enjoys are family vacations, attending community and cultural events, sports, movies, and doing home and yard projects.



COUNCIL CANDIDATES

MARISSA MURPHY

Marissa Murphy has grown up in North Newton. She has a love for this community especially the calming effect the walking paths instill. If elected she feels she will add diversity to the city council as a female and a younger voice.



Marissa holds a BSN with a minor in music from Bethel College. She is a wife, mother of two and a critical care nurse at NMC Health. She serves on the Newton Public Library Foundation Board. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, reading (74 novels in 2022!), and family time. She has a love for cats, chocolate, and coffee.



KURT FRIESEN (INCUMBENT)

Kurt Friesen is running for his 2nd term on the council. Having lived in North Newton for 33 years he has come to appreciate the feeling of community and the quiet, friendly, welcoming place North Newton is. He believes in pursuing a higher quality of life for North Newton's residents while pursuing fiscal responsibility.



Kurt is a graduate of Bethel College and employed at Friesen Tool Company. He has served on the boards of the North Newton Community Foundation and the North Newton Housing Authority in the past. In his down time he can usually be found working around the house or watching Chiefs football.



Plastic Bag Collection Challenge

For those of you in North Newton who have asked how to recycle plastic bags, there will be a short-term opportunity available soon. Beginning October 1 Bethel College Mennonite Church will be participating in a six-month collection challenge to gather 500 lbs. of plastic film and bags. They will place collection boxes at various locations, including City Hall. Start saving those clean, dry bags and wraps.

What can be recycled for this project? Grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwraps, salt pellet bags, pallet wrap/stretch film, wood pellet bags, produce bags.



North Newton Public Shred Event

**November 7, 8,
and 9
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
City Hall Lobby**



- You bring your documents and empty them into bins in City Hall lobby.
- Bins will be locked at night and stored securely.
- Bins will be transported off-site at the end of the week for shredding.
- Paperclips and staples are allowed.
- NO CD's, non-paper media or hardbound books.



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