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“Councilman Dick Pfeil”



Dick Pfeil has run in numerous races including five 26.2 mile marathons. He has participated in Mud Runs where contestants were tethered to two other racers and had to maneuver around obstacles while trudging through mud. He's ridden his bike in long rides and across challenging terrains. As a new city council member for Ward 1, he is now hitting the pavement to communicate with his constituents. So far, he has hand delivered flyers with contact information to over 1,000 homes.

“I want people's opinions. I'm asking for suggestions to make the community better and to get as much feedback as possible,” Pfeil said.

It's not that the neighborhood is unfamiliar to Pfeil. When he was very young he lived with his parents, Vern and Elayne on farms near Hadar and Hoskins. When he was in the fourth grade they moved to northeast Norfolk where Dick attended Jefferson Elementary School. His kids

have since gone to the same school. He met his wife, Julee Arment, at Norfolk High School.

Pfeil left Ward 1 for a few years to attend Kearney State College and graduated in 1981 with a Business Administration degree. Since then he has worked for Norfolk Iron and Metal in purchasing and he and Julee are coming up on 31 years at their home on Birch Street.

Their son, Drew, works in Lincoln as a project manager estimator. One daughter, Brittany, is married to Jason Wolfe and works as a pastry chef in a resort in Sedona, Arizona. Their other daughter, Maddie, is an environmental scientist in Omaha.

Pfeil got into the city council race wanting to serve the community in some way and after hearing Vickie Saunders would not be running. “I would like to see more in Norfolk for families. If we have strong families, Norfolk will be strong. We need a good economic program to get them there. The water park was a home run. I'd like to see those type of things continue,” Pfeil said.

He already has a city council meeting under his belt, has met with city staff and gotten a tour of the water department.

“I’m excited to sit down and get to know the staff and what they do- the nuts and bolts of what makes Norfolk work. It’s complex but that’s what it takes to run a town. We have great people that work for the City of Norfolk and we’ve made them do a lot with very little. I look forward to serving my district with integrity,” Pfeil said.