

Hidden Springs 2022 Town Council Candidate Statements

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2022 Goals for Town Council

- Execute the Community Improvement Project.
- Continue quarterly meetings for residents with Town Council (TC) and the Town Office.
- Enhance Resident Engagement/Communication and Volunteer Opportunities.
- Continue best practices for Hidden Springs Sewer Company to enhance operational and financial stability, system upgrades and revised operations required for permit compliance to meet influent/effluent demands.
- Contribute institutional knowledge, consistent leadership and representative voice for the community.

Past Hidden Springs Accomplishments

- Town Council member; 2015-2016, Town Council President, 2017- April 2019, Town Council VP, 2021.
- Negotiated the current AMI contract in 2017, resulting in over \$56,000 in continuous annual savings (Over \$200,000 in recognized savings to our HOA to date), higher performance from AMI and overall increased efficiency for HSTA operations.
- Led the team in 2015/16 for the Maple Tree Recovery Effort, saving our community over \$700,000 and untold esthetic damage.
- Co-drafted the current HSSC Waste-water Treatment Plant operational contract with OMCS.
- Part of the team that recovered HSTA/HSSC from embezzlement, helped increase operational transparency, efficiency and overall improvements for many aspects of our Town Association.
- Negotiated the CRTA temporary pool use contract, \$20,000.
- Negotiated the CRTA water line easements, an additional \$39,998 over what was offered to the Association.
- Part of TC team that kept the above \$60,000 set aside for a community improvement project. The team was delayed in executing this project in 2021 due to significant demands from the Sewer Company, Waste Water Treatment Facility and related contracts. The 2022 goal is to move this project forward with continued community input.
- Co-Chairperson of the Cruisin' Hidden Springs Car Show Committee and part of the team that created this community event and Co-created and ran the Soap Box Derby and Pinewood Derby events.
- Regular Volunteer for HSTA community events.
- Regular Volunteer for many HSTA and Dry Creek Historical Society construction efforts; Designed and built the benches on Hidden Springs Drive and part of the team whom built the DCHS goat/storage building, designed and built; HSTA office furniture and the Community Barn media cabinet.

15 year Hidden Springs resident.

Professional: Director, Microgrids; Schneider Electric. 20 years. BSEE

The Hidden Springs lifestyle is unique in many ways which presents some interesting challenges. Our core values give the community strength and character...a magical neighborhood with a small-town vibe, lots of heart and community spirit. I believe we can continue to enjoy living in one of the best communities in the country with the following approach:

- Working together, it takes all of us. *Complaining and not contributing isn't our way.*
- Open communication and responsible oversight.
- Value each other as friends and neighbors...not forgetting to have some fun together!
- Responsible vision through strategic long-term planning for the future of our community.

I hope to be a part of this strategy by serving again on our Hidden Springs Town Council.

Ryan Luke

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Biography:

Ryan was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho and has lived in five states and a foreign country before returning home to Idaho in 2017. Ryan was raised in both Eastern Idaho and Eastern Utah. Ryan has a degree in Linguistics and later earned an MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management. He has worked in the automotive industry since 2012 and currently works for Nissan North America.

Ryan also worked for the National Security Agency and the Larry H. Miller Group. Ryan has been married for more than 14 years to Christi and they have two sons Dylan and Ethan who are both eight. Ryan loves the outdoors and spends time riding trails, skiing at Bogus and exploring the mountains.

Relevant Experience:

Ryan has held managerial positions within National and International companies. He has also served as a volunteer leader on a school board, and his church. Ryan has experience in politics having volunteered in strategy planning for local Ada County candidates. Ryan studied Geo-Political Economics and has worked with companies to create equitable solutions for problems and has found ways to make sure all sides felt heard and had a voice. Ryan works from a home office and has the flexibility to meet, attend and spend the necessary time required for the Town Council.

Length of Residency/Community Service:

Ryan and his family have lived in Hidden Springs for three years and four months. Ryan has helped previously with the Fourth of July Parade, bike-park, the Community Farm, and Schicks Ostolasa Farmstead. He helped with replacing the roof on the barn on the farm. Ryan has volunteered to move various families in and out of the neighborhood.

Goals:

Ryan's goals for the duration of his service are as follow: 1- Be a strong voice of reason on controversial issues. An example of this would be the pools and clubhouse opening this past summer. 2- Be available and communicate with the community more effectively. This means instead of just waiting for someone to approach the council or guess what the community would like, he would be active and talk to his peers to learn what the community wants.

Plans/Projects:

Create and facilitate frequent town halls/forums/conversations. As a part of this, there needs to be an incentive to: open emails, give feedback, get involved and take more ownership. By more frequently holding forums, speaking engagements and overall transparency from a town council perspective, this creates a sense of commonplace need. The community will feel that the communication is normal and is a part of the day to day of the community and adopt it into being a citizen of Hidden Springs.

Additional Info:

"During my four plus years of living in Hidden Springs I have seen a shift take place. There has been a massive turnover and it feels as if there are not the same sense of community. What make Hidden Springs so unique and special is the community. This needs to be priority #1. While you cannot legislate behavior, we can absolutely promote and encourage it."

Jeff Mousseau – Current Town Council President

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I have served as a town council member for the Hidden Springs Town Association since September 2019, currently as President. My wife and I have lived in Hidden Springs for 7 years and enjoy the rural small town feel and the outdoor lifestyle it offers. It is one of the best communities in the Treasure Valley and I would like to keep it that way.

I retired 7 years ago from a 34-year career in environmental clean-up and nuclear waste management serving roles from engineer to project manager, to general manager with Bechtel Corporation. I am a graduate of the University of Idaho in mechanical engineering and a registered professional engineer in Idaho.

I serve on several non-profit boards including United Payette and the Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, both in McCall with focus on protecting state endowment lands along Big Payette Lake. I am also the president of the Spring Mountain Meadows homeowner's association in McCall where my wife and I own a second home. I am a native of Idaho, married to AJ, and have five grown children and six wonderful grandchildren, and another on the way!

I am interested in the following for our community.

- Implement planned solutions for the Hidden Springs Sewer Company to ensure sufficient uninterrupted sewage processing capacity as well as compliance with the State of Idaho permit for Hidden Springs and Cartwright Ranch residents.
- Ensure value and accountability in every dollar spent and safeguard that appropriate reserves are in place for both the town association and the sewer company.
- Improve fire department response times and maintaining our Firewise certification.
- Maintain the natural quality of our open space areas and providing access for all.
- Engage the community and promote the "small town" feel through community events.
- Maintain compliance with our CCRs that underpin the quality of our community.

The last two years have been a tough year with the Covid 19 pandemic. The town council and association staff have worked diligently to keep our community safe while continuing as many of the benefits of living in Hidden Springs as possible. 2022 should be a better year, and I look forward to further returning to "normal".

That said, I would welcome your vote.

Brad Shafer

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My name is Brad Shafer; we moved to Hidden Springs in December of 2020. My Wife, Brenda, is originally from Boise and graduated from Borah HS. Her parents moved to Boise in 1985 and have lived here since. The driver for our move was to ensure our children had the opportunity to spend significant time with their Grandparents.

We originally chose Hidden Springs because we love the smaller-town atmosphere, culture and safety. I was raised in a similarly-sized town, have fond memories and appreciate its positive influence on me. We have had a fantastic experience with our immediate neighbors, other residents, town events, Smart Start, The Merc and Hidden Springs Elementary. I attended the University of Nebraska for undergraduate and graduate school (both in Education) and also hold a law degree from Creighton University. I worked in Higher Ed. Fundraising for nearly 25 years and now sell/consult in the tech space to university fundraising shops. I've lived in several states and have witnessed/lived the pros and cons of strong/weak town boards and served as a member at large on our neighborhood council in North Carolina. I've also served on and led several volunteer and non-profit boards and committees, continuing some of those roles today, one of which is 23 years running.

Goals:

- Drive increased engagement from HS residents in town events
- Create an increase in the number/type of events that attract folks from the greater area.
- Be a catalyst for creating reasonable policies that result in positive outcomes.
- Ensure growth is managed in an intelligent manner that acknowledges multiple views/interests
- Endeavor to keep HS safe, friendly, tight-knit and forward-thinking.

I appreciate your consideration of my interest in serving on the town council.

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I've had the pleasure of living in Hidden Springs since June 2018; along with my wife of 38 years, and my son and his young family. We recognized immediately what a special community Hidden Springs is. As a retired Transportation System Safety Program Manager, I have time to devote to the Hidden Springs Town Council and the Town Association management team to ensure that Hidden Springs remains the special place that it is.

As a resident, I have consistently participated in Town Council informational meetings, and I volunteer my time to working with a grass roots group of residents (Dry Creek Fire and Emergency Rescue Committee) who are dedicated to exploring solutions with North Ada County Fire and Rescue (NACFR) to staff Fire Station #20 in Hidden Springs full time.

My professional background in management of a major public transportation system in a metropolitan area (Santa Clara County Transportation Authority) gives me useful skills and experiences that I believe make me a strong servant on the Council. I have worked for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for 34 years, my last position held being System Safety Program Manager, overseeing the safety of not just the VTA Light Rail and Bus system operations, but also highway construction projects, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) construction projects, civil aviation and facilities safety in the Santa Clara County area. I have significant experience interacting with various public safety entities in the San Jose/ San Francisco Bay Area including the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and the public works departments of the Cities of San Jose, Santa Clara, Mountain View and Sunnyvale; including their respective fire department, police department and traffic signaling department staff. I also have a strong background reviewing and managing large budgets. I have served as Chair on several high-level committees.

In general, I would like to pursue a broader understanding and adherence of the CC&Rs among ALL the residents in our community and to promote greater participation from our residents to evaluate and facilitate changes to the CC&R's and bylaws, as deemed necessary, and in accordance with the current bylaws.
