



Meet Your City Council: City Council Member Julie Gustafson

Please share a brief description of your professional background (in public or private service):

I have been working in marketing for decades. I lead a team of event specialists who can manage all range of events for major corporations. Analyst meetings, corporate events, trade shows, digital and virtual productions, and general marketing support.

In my personal life I have been a Girl Scout leader and a confirmation leader in Champlin/Anoka. I was active in my home town of Montevideo, MN, helping build a park with the community, a project led by my father Jerry Tilden.

What drew you to serve on City Council?

I was recruited by a former council member (Jon Mellberg) to run for council. I had applied for Parks because I was so frustrated with living here for twenty years and still not having a trail access to the park that takes up a large portion of our town! I wasn't given that position, I think 7 people applied, but did join a marketing effort led by the city and worked with Jon on that. In the end I ran for city council in Dayton because the time was right, I think everyone has a duty to serve, and becoming an empty nester gave me the time to do it.

Which City matters are your most passionate about?

It started with parks and trails, and I am happy that we finally have some direct trails to Elm Creek Parkway. What I have discovered during my time on this council is it is so important for ordinary people without political intentions to run, join, learn and make decisions that they think benefit the city. Get involved, it takes people that care to join and engage in this process It's your city, take your turn and make a difference.

Please share one fun fact about yourself:

Fun fact, I met my husband of 32 years at my third birthday party, he was five!