

Nick Sortal Group 5

Nick Sortal was elected to Plantation City Council in November 2018.

Nick grew up in Herrin, Ill., where his father was the basketball coach and junior high assistant principal. A gym is named in Mike Sortal's honor. Nick graduated from Southern Illinois University with degrees in mathematics and journalism and worked in Carbondale, Ill., Owensboro, Ky., St. Louis and Indianapolis before moving to Florida and a 30-year career at the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.



Since leaving the paper in 2015, he has been a free-lance writer for the Miami Herald, the professional adviser for the American Heritage School's Patriot Post newspaper and a basketball coach at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. His book "Basketball Tip-Ins: 100 Drills and Tips for Young Players," was published by McGraw-Hill in 2001.

He has been a Plantation Athletic League volunteer basketball, flag football and soccer coach, a Plantation Christmas Eve volunteer Santa and a volunteer for the Plantation Relay for Life.

Nick has been married since 1993 to his wife Robyn, the first woman to become an assistant sports editor at the Sun-Sentinel. They have three children: Diane (married to Nick Kiefer), Michelle and Aaron. He has one adorable granddaughter, Mia Kiefer.

Nick's hobby is triathlon racing, competing in 8 to 10 races most years.