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## Rolling Hills Community Association

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself"  
Galatians 5:14

January 2026

Meeting on January 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Chaparral Hills Baptist Church

### Agenda

- Kent Meyer of 7:12 Homes
- Chili Supper Location
- Chili Supper Planning
- Silent Auction Planning

### A Note from Carol Van Buskirk

Here is the SHORT list of topics at our 7 pm meeting, Monday, January 19, Chaparral Hills Baptist Church:

- Discussions, question and answer regarding a proposed residential development east of RH. The developer, Kent Meyer of 7:12 Homes, will be with us to answer questions.
- Planning for the Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction, which will be held Monday, February 16 at *The Barn*, event center east on Willow Creek.

at the address and links listed in this newsletter. And certainly by meeting Kent in person at the Jan. 19 meeting.

As a way of taking the pulse of our community toward such a development, he will be at our January 19 meeting, 7 pm at Chaparral Hills Baptist Church. It will be a question and answer session for both Kent and our community. If, and only if, the general opinion is favorable, he will be willing to pursue plans to get permits, etc. He may also speak with us at the Chili Supper to answer questions and give further details.

### Here is the LONG version:

Friends, I recently visited with a gentleman who is interested in his company developing the section of land east of Rolling Hills. His company is 7:12 Homes, the group which developed The Vineyards. **IF** Rolling Hills is agreeable, and only if, they would develop a neighborhood in the style of Rolling Hills. The section of land is east of Rolling Trail all the way to Broadway. Only one of the three sections to our east. He calls it, "Country Style" residential neighborhood with large 1 or 2 acre lots. His name is Kent Meyer owner and GM of 7:12 Homes.

NO Apartments or industry in this development plan!

He would proceed to acquire the land only **if** our neighborhood is agreeable. He attended the big meeting with Xcel at PVMC and knows the resolve of the River Road community! I told him I would ask your opinion. You can respond with your thoughts on our Facebook page or website

One thought which came out of the big solar farm meeting with Xcel, is that *something* is more than likely going to be developed there. With the completion of the loop, a boom in construction due to the data center between here and Panhandle near the Pantex plant, we strongly suspect such developments are coming. And obviously the Bivins group is ready to do something with the land. There is going to be growth into our area.

Look at the new housing development over by Tascosa Country Club near Hester Road. There is a demand for housing. With the proposal by 7:12 Homes, we are getting a chance to have a say in the style of housing we get next door.

Right now the RHCA is not advocating either for or against this proposed development. The RHCA is only offering a chance to communicate with 7:12 and have input in this decision. At this time we are all at a wait and see stage. We need all the information we can get as we decide whether

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or not we give 7:12 our blessing! Kent is only interested in this project if we are agreeable.

Should be interesting! Please plan to attend the January 19 regular meeting to learn more. Or make your thoughts and wishes known on our two media sites, [in-fo@rollinghillsamarillo.org](mailto:info@rollinghillsamarillo.org) or our Facebook page. I'm sure there will be opinions and updates on them as info becomes available!

I will say, let's be kind to Mr. Meyer. He is only making a proposal, hoping to find out our openness to this project. He is coming in good faith to propose and seek our opinions. *This is NOT the solar farm meeting where there was zero communication from Xcel and it was handled so badly by them.* Mr. Meyer is inquiring our willingness to have such a development nearby. Much info and discussion will help us all make decisions.

The company has a "client first" philosophy. The "7:12" name is based on the Golden Rule to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," from Matthew 7:12 in the New Testament. Let's give them a good listen before we decide whether or not to give them our blessing.

Our united front and prayers protected us from the solar farm, and we must remember to thank God. Perhaps now He is giving us a chance to have a say in future developments right next door.

**ALSO: Get your appetite ready for the upcoming February 16, 2026 Chili Supper and Silent Auction! Get a great deal on a great meal and help RHCA build our neighborhood community spirit!**

**NOTE:** This year, the Chili Supper and Silent Auction is going to be at *The Barn*, event center east on Willow Creek! NOT at Chaparral Hills Baptist Church this year! Being in a one room event center allow us to have speakers such as area candidates able to address the whole room at once, allowing for good discussion.

So, as we go forward in 2026, let's continue to pray for Potter County, Amarillo, America, Texas, and the Panhandle!

And pray for our Rolling Hills neighbors!

*Carol Pierce Van Buskirk*  
President Rolling Hills Community Association



## News from the Sheriff

Hello Rolling Hills community, I pray each of you had a wonderful Christmas and the New Year is starting off right for you. The Sheriff's Office has been busy. Community wise we are keeping up with the calls for service, hopefully you're seeing our guys in your neighborhoods. Currently we are short-handed on folks so if you know anyone that is interested in a job as a corrections officer we would love to visit with them about a job. Currently we have 11 spots open. With the Jail Commission regulating how many staff we are required to have, our guys are working a LOT of overtime.

Speaking of the jail, that has become an issue and one that has hit catastrophic numbers. We are currently over our allotted folks and have been for almost a year. We have 599 beds but we can house about 540 due to classifications. Those deal with who can be in cells with others. Over the past year we have spent right at one million dollars, sending inmates to several other jails to house them, not including overtime and wear and tear on our vehicles.

Lots of folks believe we are housing minor offenses and we should let them out. As of today, January 7, 2026, here is our jail count: 571 in jail, 45 housed in other counties, Pre Trial Misdemeanors, (that is a Class A down to Class C) we

have 27, waiting for trial, or bonding out. We have three misdemeanants sentenced to our jail. Which means they are sitting out a sentence handed down by the courts. On the other hand, we have 349 pre-trial FELONS, 3rd degree and up to include Capital Murder.

We currently have 41 PEOPLE IN JAIL ON SOME TYPE OF MURDER CHARGE. We have 22 that have violated their parole and have been sent back to jail. We have 39 in jail that have a parole violation along with a new charge. We have 20 folks that have made it through court on felony crimes and are sentenced to our facility to serve their time.

We also have 99 that have been convicted and are being sent to State Prison - we have to get them paper ready before they can go to State Prison. We have another 90 that are paper ready to go to the State - just waiting for them to come pick them up. The question often comes up, "Why don't they come get them?" They do each week and it depends on THEIR bed space on how many they can pick up. Remember they have 254 counties to pick up inmates from so they are limited on how many get picked up each week.

Why all the information? Our jail is FULL. Our jail is old. It is 30 years old however it never stops so running 24/7 it is like it is 90 years old. We have HVAC equipment that is

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worn out and needs to be replaced, we are having a hard time finding companies to come work on it due to its age and difficulty getting parts.

I know the question has come up and I am sure someone is asking themselves, "Why not use the Neal Unit at TDC, its empty?" I have been there 3 times now, the last time at the request of the commissioner's court because they didn't believe I had been there. So I and two commissioners and our now retired Facilities Director went over. The two man cells do NOT have the required square footage we are required to have by Jail Standards, so one bed in each cell would have to come out. Also they had almost 50 beds in a dorm style area which again we don't need that many. There is no air conditioning, (required by jail standards, TDC does not fall under them), and we would have to put cameras in every cell along with two-way communications. Also they only had community type showers. Just in those upgrades the facilities director estimated between 40-50 million to get it up to Jail Commis-

sion standards.

So according to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 351, it explicitly states the Commissioner's Court must provide the jail, while the Sheriff operates them, making it a shared duty with funding decisions often at the court's discretion.

I send this out so people are aware of the issues we are running into. The two options of funding are Certificates of Obligation or Bond election. If we go for a bond election and it fails, we cannot bring it back to the people or use Certificates of Obligations for currently 3 years, and there is talk that the legislature could change that to 4 or 5 years. Trust me I live in the County as you all do, and I don't wish to have my taxes raised for a jail either, but in MY OPINION, we are wasting lots of money housing inmates elsewhere and in travel time and overtime.

Again, not trying to sway you either way. I want you to know the FACTS regarding our jail. If any of you have questions I invite you to come visit with me anytime!

Sorry for the long commentary.

*Brian Thomas*

Sheriff, Potter County

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Sunday School – 9 to 10 AM

Worship – 10:30 to 11:30 AM

# Election News

The upcoming Primary Election is a big one. There will be Federal, State and Local candidates.

**Information for the Texas 2026 Primary Election is as follows:**

**Election Date: March 3, 2026**

<https://www.pottercountytexasvotes.gov/election-day-voting-locations>

**Early Voting Dates: February 17-27, 2026**

Early Voting Locations can be found at: <https://www.pottercountytexasvotes.gov/early-voting-locations>

**Last day to register to vote:**

Monday, February 2, 2026  
Information on Voter Registration can be obtained at: <https://www.pottercountytexasvotes.gov/register-to-vote>  
Register to Vote or Update Your Voter Registration at: <https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/update-voter-registration.html>

**Candidate List:**

Website: <https://goelect.txelections.civixapps.com/ivis-cbp-ui/candidate-ballot-order>  
Select Year: **2026**

Select Election: **2026 Republican Primary** (Democratic Primary may also be selected)  
Select County: **Potter**  
Click on the button to run the report: **Ballot Information**

Ballots will eventually be available at: <https://www.pottercountytexasvotes.gov/sample-ballots>

**Planned Events:**

**2026 Primary Election Candidate Forum**

Date: January 27, 2026, at 6 p.m.  
Location: First Family Church, 6101 Bell  
Hosted by High Plains Republican Women.  
Information at: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HBeZdU4LG/>

Lincoln Reagan Dinner 2026

Date: February 7, 2026  
Speaker: Ben Carson  
Sponsored by Amarillo Republicans and High Plains Republican Women  
Prime Rib Dinner, \$100 per person  
Full Information at: <https://www.amarillolincolnreagandinner2026.com/>

**What to watch for:**

**Special Events to Celebrate America 250<sup>th</sup> Founding Year**

**Route 66 Centennial Celebration**

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**ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION**

**WHEN:** Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6 p.m.

**LOCATION:** The Barn on Willow Creek

4801 E Willow Creek Drive, Amarillo, TX

**MORE INFORMATION:** <https://rollinghillsamarillo.org>



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## News from Our Commissioner

Good morning, everyone. Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting with the developers of a major new project coming to our area, the Rock Ridge Community, located on the west side of the county, north of Hester and south of Loop 335.

This development, led by Elliot McKinney and Josh Langham with Llano Real Estate Group, will bring approximately 1,100 new homes in its first phase. Lennar will be constructing the most affordable homes in the community, while Llano's own product line will offer higher-priced, up-graded homes for families requiring more space and amen-

ities. Home sizes will range from 2-bedroom cottages to larger 3–5 bedroom traditional homes.

With a development of this magnitude, we can anticipate a significant increase in student population in the northern part of the county. This growth will likely necessitate AISD to reassess classroom capacity and possibly adjust school boundaries. It may also prompt AISD to consider reopening Pleasant Valley Elementary School to support the influx of new students.

Rock Ridge represents a genuine opportunity for housing, education, and the future of Potter County. Numerous positive developments are on the horizon for our community. Groundbreaking is expected to take place in January 2026.



Thank you,  
John Coffee  
Potter County Commissioner Pct. 3  
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## News from RRISD

Howdy, Rolling Hills Community,

It's hard to believe we are in the second semester of this school year. Time is flying by!!!

January is School Board Appreciation Month. The River Road community is blessed to have a board of trustees that has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the success of all students. Their unwavering support for all programs and continuous push for excellence make them a high-performing, dedicated group.

Our school board consists of the following individuals

Butch Dawson - Board President  
Danielle Coleman - Board Vice-President  
Nikki Forrest - Board Secretary  
Copen Smith - Trustee  
Lori Hall - Trustee  
Ryan Dawson - Trustee  
Mike James - Trustee

Each of these individuals is passionate about Public Education, the River Road Community, and making sure River Road students are prepared for the next level. They genuinely make me want to be a better Superintendent.

January and February are also considered the perfect storm. We have so many activities going on that it is hard to keep up with them all. Between Basketball, the start of Softball, Baseball, Ag, Show Season, and UIL activities, our kids and staff are going in every direction. If you ever wonder what is going on, please check our website calen-

dar at [www.rrisd.net](http://www.rrisd.net) or follow us on our many social media platforms.

A big shoutout and thank you to all of our parent volunteers. These individuals are invaluable to us and help with everything from serving Thanksgiving lunches to substitute teaching and the various committees they serve on. If you are interested in volunteering, don't hesitate to contact my office or any of the campus principals.

We want to know about any concerns in the district. It is essential to the staff that we build a strong relationship in which people can talk to us about issues, volunteerism, and Public Education services. Please give any of us a call regarding any questions you might have.

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It's a great day to be a Wildcat!!

*Richard Kelley*

Superintendent, River Road ISD\



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