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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

Meeting on September 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Location: Chaparral Hills Baptist Church



Agenda

- Review the plans for Mike Murphy Memorial Ice Cream Social scheduled for October 7
- Wheels in the Hills for Operation Christmas Child, Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chaparral Baptist Church
- Review logistics of door knocking in Rolling Hills and Ranch Acres to sign up members for digital newsletter delivery
- Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser for Pleasant Valley / River Road Revitalization Group, Saturday, September 13, 6 pm, Pleasant Valley Methodist Church, 316 Valley Ave.
- Announce Constitutional Election dates and local locations
- Open Rolling Hills Officer candidate positions for opportunities to join

Mike Murphy Memorial Ice Cream Social

(and National Night Out)

Meet your neighbors, EAT ICE CREAM,
Meet with Potter County Sheriffs, EAT MORE ICE CREAM

Tuesday, October 7 at 6 p.m.
Ricky and Lonna's barn, 208 Ramada

Don't forget to bring ice cream or toppings

A Note from Carol Van Buskirk

Warning! 🤖 Warning! 🤖 Warning! 🤖

**There will be strange people knocking on
your door this fall!**

(Please answer the door)

Because members of the Rolling Hills Community Association will be coming around to ask you a few questions. **We are updating our mailing list to get current names and info, as well as asking as many of our neighbors as able to start receiving the RHCA Newsletter via email or on our new website as possible.** The cost of stamps keeps going up and it is not the best use of the funds your support throughout the year helps us raise.

Association Officers

President – Carol Van Buskirk, 817-371-9805

Vice-President – Randy Jones, 806-679-5684

Secretary – Eddie Murphy, 806-683-1293

Treasurer – Beverley Newman, 806-674-2913

Social Media/Newsletter Editor – Beverley Newman,
806-674-2913, beverley.newman@yahoo.com

Basically, the info we will be requesting will be making sure we have the current resident at your address. We spend \$1,848 in printing and postage, which could go to RRHS scholarships and sharing with Angel Tree families at Christmas. If you are on the internet, we are offering to email our Newsletter to you or show you where to click to find our website and access it there.

If we miss your house in our survey or you are not home when we come by, you can also update your info three other ways:

- Our Website: <https://www.RollingHillsAmarillo.org> and click "Get Newsletter"
- Email us at: info@rollinghillsamarillo.org
- Call Tracy Roper: 806-670-1388

This effort will also give those in surrounding areas to Rolling Hills and Ranch Acres the opportunity to receive the newsletter and participate in our neighborhood events.

Please help us be more efficient in handling the funds raised to better our community. We understand not everyone is going to switch over to electronic delivery of the newsletter, but any percentage of homes that convert to electronic will help.

Fall Also Means Fair Days!

So, lets get out and enjoy the fall weather and have some funnel cakes at the Tri-State Fair! September 12 through the 20th are the dates. Monday, Sept 15 is Senior Day, us old timers 55 and up get in free! The Fair Parade will be 10 am Saturday, September 13. I'm sure the Rolling Hills Riding Club will be in the parade. It is always fun to see them and all the cool cars and monster trucks rolling down Polk Street! I expect it will be shown live on one of our local stations, but Al couldn't find it for me. Hopefully there will be info available on your local listings.

We already are missing Burger Barn!

We want to thank the owners of Burger Barn for their support throughout the many years gone by. They always gave us free breakfast burritos for the first 100 and a really good price on the second 100 during our Garage Sale Concession Stand each spring. Sadly, Burger Barn has had to close its doors. Best burgers in town and onion rings too. Y'all were always the best!

Let's make sure we are supporting Wesley's Bean Pot and BBQ so we can keep it going!

Mike Murphy Memorial Ice Cream Social

And finally, this year's Ice Cream Social (and National Night Out) will be at Ricky and Lonna's barn, 208 Ramada, 6-8 pm Tuesday, October 7, 2025. Our county sheriffs always show up, and it's fun to get to know them in a relaxed place. Come as you are able, and we are asking you to bring your favorite home-made (or store bought!) ice cream or toppings. We will have a great evening just visiting. And did I mention, it's FREE!

God Bless you and yours as we go on with life here in the Hills. No place I'd rather be!

Carol Pierce Van Buskirk

President, Rolling Hills Community Association



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Chaparral Hills Baptist Church

Sunday School – 9 to 10 AM

Worship – 10:30 to 11:30 AM

News from our Commissioner

Hello, Rolling Hills Community and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the start of a new season here in Potter County. I'd like to take a few moments to share some important updates regarding the Potter County Budget, which was officially completed during Commissioners Court this week.

The budget process is one of the most important responsibilities of your county leadership. It requires balancing the needs of our community with the resources available, while also planning for growth and preparing for future challenges. This year was no exception, and I am very proud of the hard work, collaboration, and dedication shown by everyone involved. When budget discussions began, Judge Nancy Tanner presented a 5.3% tax increase as part of the preliminary proposal. That figure served as a starting point.

Over the following weeks, your commissioners, elected officials, department heads worked to refine and adjust the budget in a way that reflects both fiscal responsibility and the safety and well-being of our citizens. Through careful review, concessions, and creative problem-solving, we were able to reduce costs in several areas. For example, by eliminating a number of unfilled positions, we freed up funds that allowed us to make meaningful salary adjustments for our Sheriff's Office first responders. These men and women serve on the front lines every single day, and ensuring they are compensated fairly remains a priority we all share. The Court also approved enhancements to the compensation system for our Peace Officers, rewarding them for the training certificates they have earned. This creates a fairer and more motivating structure while helping us retain experienced professionals who are vital to public safety.

Another major accomplishment in this year's budget was the addition of six new Fire Department employees. With these new positions, Potter County will now be able to operate two fire stations on a true 24/7 basis. This is a tremendous step forward in public safety and will significantly improve emergency response times across our community. As we all know, minutes and sometimes even seconds can make the difference in an emergency, and this investment will directly serve the citizens of Potter County.

We also created a new Fire Marshal position for the County. This role will be responsible for working fire scenes to determine cause and origin, conducting building inspections, and supporting our Fire Department with both fire and medical emergencies. This is another important step in strengthening safety and prevention efforts across the county.

Beyond public safety, the Court also wanted to recognize the hard work of all County employees who keep our offices running day in and day out. This year's budget includes a 3% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for staff. While modest, it helps our employees keep pace with rising costs and shows that we value their dedication to serving the public.

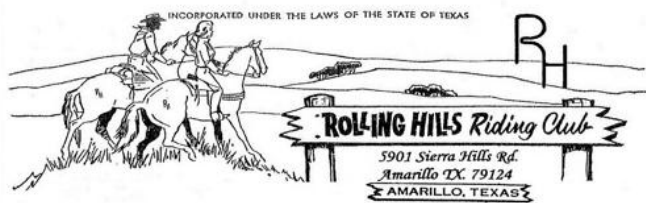
Finally, after weeks of thoughtful discussion, we were able to lower the proposed tax rate from 5.3% to 4.70%. While raising taxes is never an easy decision and there was no increase last year this adjustment is necessary to maintain essential services, support our first responders, and ensure that Potter County continues to be a safe, well-run place to live.

Overall, I believe this year's budget is a success story of teamwork and responsible leadership. It reflects a balance between keeping taxes as low as possible while making sure we continue to invest in the people and services that keep our community strong. I am deeply grateful for the cooperation of the Commissioners Court, our elected officials, department heads, and staff. Together, we demonstrated what can be accomplished when we all work toward a common goal: the health, safety, and prosperity of Potter County.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss the budget in greater detail, please do not hesitate to reach out. My door is always open, and I value your input as residents and friends of this great community.

Thank you for the honor of serving you.

Thank you,
John Coffee
Potter County Commissioner Pct. 3
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President – Michael Rolan 806-231-0102

Election News

Constitutional Amendment Special Election on November 4th

We have a Constitutional Election coming up in November. Many of the propositions on the ballot have to do with taxes and exemptions. It is important that you become familiar with them BEFORE you go vote so that you know how you want to vote and don't have to spend extra time digesting them in the voting booth.

There are 17 Propositions currently on the November Constitutional Election Ballot for Texas.

Here is a link to the list and the verbiage that will appear on the ballot:

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/november-2025-ballot-language-17.pdf>

Here is the **link to the Potter County Elections Office website** that gives information on all details you need to know for voting in this election. This includes **Early Voting Locations and Voting Day Locations**. They will also eventually have Sample Ballots.

<https://www.pottercountytexasvotes.gov/>

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Key dates for the November 4, 2025, election:

- Voter registration deadline: October 6, 2025
- First day of early voting: October 20, 2025
- Last day of early voting: October 31, 2025
- Voting day: November 4, 2025

For you that live inside the Amarillo city limits, there are five propositions on your ballot. All of them look to be important. The effort make Amarillo a Sanctuary City for the unborn had made it to the ballot along with four propositions that affect the procedures and term limits of the Amarillo City Council.

You can become familiar with these propositions at the link below:

<https://www.newschannel10.com/2024/10/15/city-amarillo-propositions-ballot-this-november/>

GET INVOLVED!

I will continue to remind you that We, THE VOTERS, need to be paying attention to how the people we have voted into office are representing us. We must encourage them to stand up for the promises they have made with our visible presence at their board meetings.

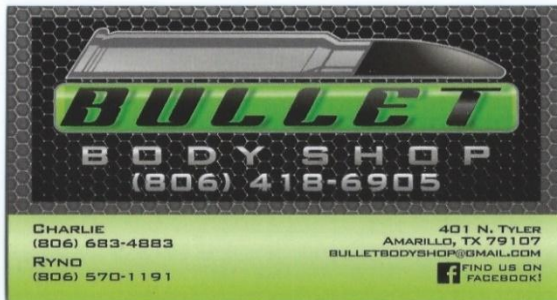
Let's ask the hard questions.

Board and Schedule

- **Potter County Commissioners** - Regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 9:00 am at Potter County Commissioners Courtroom, 350 S.E. 6th Avenue, Suite 2141m Amarillo, Texas 79101.
- **Randall County Commissioners** - Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Commissioners' Courtroom, 501 16th Street, Suite 305, Canyon, TX 79015
Join Remotely: <https://www.randallcounty.gov/222/Commissioners-Court>
- **Amarillo City Commissioners** - Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall - Council Chamber, 601 S. Buchanan Street, 3rd Floor, Amarillo, Texas 79101
Join Remotely: <https://www.amarillo.gov/view-city-council-meetings/>

- **Amarillo ISD Board** - Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Amarillo ISD administration building, 7200 Interstate 40 West, Amarillo, Texas 79106
Join Remotely: https://video.amaisd.org/show-videos?g=f271a284&p=a6c9d750&deep=true&p_age=1&filter=live
- **Bushland ISD Board** – Meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Bushland ISD, 2400 Wells Street Amarillo, Texas 79124
- **River Road ISD Board** - Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at 9500 US Hwy 287 N, Amarillo, TX 79108
- **Highland Park ISD** – Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. No time posted on website. 15300 Amarillo Blvd. East, Amarillo, TX 79108.

Tracy Roper
Potter County Republican Precinct 323 Chair
806-670-1388



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Donations at the door!

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Wheels in the Hills

To benefit
Operation Christmas Child

Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**At Chaparral Baptist Church
4000 W Cherry Avenue
in Parking Lot and Field**

**Antique Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles
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