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# APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

*TFRW Region #5*

*Senate District #2*



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***RCRW Mission Statement***

*Promote an informed electorate through political education. Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation. Facilitate cooperation among Republican women of Texas. Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its ideals. Work for the election of the Republican Party nominees.*

***FROM THE PRESIDENT***



Thank you to everyone who attended our Membership BBQ Block Party. I was so happy to see faces I have not seen in a while, as well as, many new ones. Because of your support and those who attended and supported our December Women of Influence event, our scholarship fund will exceed \$16,000.00!

I know this time of year, we are “Spring Cleaning,” tending to our flowers, getting ready for prom and planning our summer vacations, but we cannot forget what is going on in our country and world. We have to prepare now for the fight in November. We know the Democrats want Texas. Can you imagine if Beto becomes our Governor? Or, if we lose any seats in our own House or Senate? What if we lose seats in our U.S. House or Senate? We now have a Supreme Court Justice who cannot define what a woman is. We have to prepare for the challenges now!

What can you do? Make sure your friends and neighbors are registered to vote. Renew your RCRW membership, and have a friend join our group. You can work the RCRW tables at public events and join the Executive Board in the Fall. Soon there will be many opportunities with TFRW to help Statewide. Now is the time to get involved, add the events to your calendar and be prepared.

Early voting for our very important run-off elections is this month and do not forget about our School Board elections. We encourage you to do your homework on the position, the candidates, and their history.

Happy Easter!  
*Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President*  
972-977-3321  
[president@rcrw.org](mailto:president@rcrw.org)



**PROGRAMS**



Spring is upon us and is it an exciting time for new beginnings!

We are so privileged to have an amazing speaker this month -

Republican Party Vice Chair Cat Parks believes strongly in rugged individualism, the importance of education, and the power of the grass roots. She is passionate about creating cohesive relationships to grow the Party by harnessing the talent and conviction of “We the People” of the Lone Star State. Small-business owner, former University coach and college adjunct instructor, cancer-survivor, certified Emergency Room nurse- her path has been diverse. Cat serves as the County Chairman of Hamilton County, a Board Member of the Texas Republican County Chairman’s Association, a Patron of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and also serves on the Communication Task Force.

Please join us, invite your friends and neighbors – it will be a great way to start off the New Year!

Date: April 11, 2022

Meeting Place: Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club

2600 Champions Drive Rockwall, TX 75087

Time: 6:30 p.m.

We will be seated in classroom style seating. Water, tea and coffee will be provided, no food will be served or allowed. If you are interested in joining the Programing Committee, please contact me. We will be setting up the programs and other fun activities for the year.

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:

Website - <http://www.rcrw.org/>

Facebook - @RCRWTX

Instagram – rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen



**RCRW Book Club –**

We had a wonderful time at our 1<sup>st</sup> Book club!

We will meet once a quarter to discuss the current book. Join us, even if you can’t read the book, for a fun time to compare thoughts and opinions about the book.

The second selection is:

**Tony’s Wife by Adriana Trigiani**

We will be meeting at the household of Gail Spann (address to be provided closer to the date), on Sunday, June 26th from 2:00-4:00PM.



**Liberty Ladies Lunching**



**Mark your calendars:**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (April 25, 2022)

Meeting Place:

The Bagel Lady –

316 S Goliad Street, Suite 201, Rockwall, Texas 75087

Meet in the Tea House side

Time: 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

We had a wonderful time last month meeting new ladies and seeing familiar faces. We look forward to our next gathering to catch up and make new friends.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,

*Alma McClintock, Vice President, Programs*

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**



Hello everyone, we are so happy that our Membership “Block Party” was a huge success. The food was fantastic and a big thank you to all that brought a dish. I can’t not mention what an excellent job my husband, Johnny Myers, did on cooking all of the meats. The brisket was absolutely delicious. Definitely award winning in my book, but I guess I’m a little prejudiced. 😊 I am pleased to say that our membership numbers for new members and renewals have increased again this month. Yeah!!!

I have had a few members ask me about their name tags if they were ordered. I can only order name tags for those that have paid the \$10 fee for them. So, with that said, if you don’t have a name tag and still need one, just see me at next month’s meeting with your payment and I’ll get one ordered for you.

Best regards,

*Karen Myers, Vice President, Membership*

**TREASURER’S REPORT**



**Treasure Report as of March 31, 2022**

**Operating Account**

Balance Forward	\$18,115.14
Income	\$10,275.00
Expenses	\$ 585.03
Grand Total	\$27,805.11

\*\*Transfer of estimated funds in the amount of \$8,155.00 to Scholarship Account will take place after April 1, 2022.

**Scholarship Account**

Opening balance	\$2,125.64
Income	\$6,100.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Total	\$8,225.64



*Frances White, Treasurer*

**VP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**



It's time! Please forward your January, February and March hours by April 13th. If you ran a campaign or worked in one, those hours count! Time spent driving, putting up signs, social media, block walking-these are examples of activities you can submit.

Please contact me if you have questions. Also, remember early voting for the May runoff begins April 25th. See below for voting times and locations. Vote early!

God Bless!

*Toni Felts, Vice President Political Activities*

"There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

-Ronald Reagan

**RCRW SOCIAL TIME**



Join us for a fabulous Mardi Gras theme and Republican Candidate Meet and Greet!

**April 19, 2022**

RCRW Happy Hour

6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Manny's Tex-Mex Restaurant

469 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032



**No Bake Butterscotch and Peanut Butter Birds' Nest Cookies**

Spring is here and Easter is around the corner. Easter cookies that are fun to make and look aesthetically appealing with 4 ingredients:

- 2 cups chow Mein noodles
- 3/4 cup Butterscotch chips
- 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1/4 cup chocolate eggs- prefer Cadbury chocolate mini eggs because they fit nicely inside the nest.

**Instructions:**

1. Melt the butterscotch chips with peanut butter in a wide sauce pan over low heat. Stir continuously until melted.
2. Pour the mixture into a large bowl of the chow Mein noodles and stir to combine.
3. Fill up each compartment of a muffin tray with a spoonful of this mixture. To make for an easy removal line the pans with a cupcake liner or use a silicone tray.





4. Let cool for 10 minutes and remove from the tray. Be careful when you are removing the nests, as to not break them.
5. Add in the chocolate eggs

Serves 6

1 cookie is approx. 278 calories

*Jessica Metts, Social Chair*

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### SCHOLARSHIP



Over 112 young ladies applied for the RCRW Scholarship this school year. We are actively reviewing all of the applications. From these 112 applications, we will choose ladies to interview for the scholarships. The top three finalists will present to the club members at the May meeting. I hope to see you there. As always, it will be a wonderful experience to hear from these young ladies.



If you have any questions, please reach out to me at [rockwallcampbells@gmail.com](mailto:rockwallcampbells@gmail.com).

God Bless!

*Anna Campbell, Scholarship Chair*

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### ROCKWALL COUNTY UPDATE



First of all, I want to thank you for being a member of the Rockwall County Republican Women's Club. I mentioned in my last article that only a little over 13,000 Republican votes were cast out of 75,000 registered voters in Rockwall County. Please invite your family members and friends to attend a meeting, join and get involved in ensuring that our conservative values continue to be well represented. I also want to remind all that there are other Republican Clubs that meet at many different times through the month to provide more opportunities for all to be involved. There is the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club, The Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club and the Rockwall County Young Republicans as well as the Rockwall County Lunch Bunch. For more information on each club and meeting times, check out the Rockwall County Republican Website at [rockwallcountygop.org](http://rockwallcountygop.org). A reminder that municipal elections are right

around the corner. Voters in Rockwall ISD have two contested board of trustees positions. The city of Royse City has a contested race, voters in McClendon-Chisholm have a rollback election. Rowlett voters have a contested race for Mayor, two contested full term council positions and a contested special election on an unexpired council term.

Elections in May are not over after the municipal elections! Voters will head back to the poles to select the Republican nominee for Attorney General of Texas, Rockwall County Judge, (I might know someone in that race!) and the voters in the eastern part of our county will decide the Republican nominee for Rockwall County Commissioner in Precinct 4. If you, family members or friends aren't registered to vote, you have until April 25th to be eligible to cast a ballot in the runoff election. Early voting begins on May 16th and goes through May 20th. Election Day is on May 24th. For more information go to [rockwallvotes.com](http://rockwallvotes.com).

It truly is an honor serving as the Rockwall County Judge and I thank you for allowing me to serve you, the Rockwall County Citizens. Please feel free to call me at 972-204-6001, email me at dsweet@rockwallcountytexas.com or stop by and see me in my office at the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse in Downtown Rockwall.

*Thank you,  
David Sweet  
Rockwall County Judge*

**SREC UPDATE**



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Congratulations on being chosen as a state delegate to the State Convention June 16-18 in Houston. We will be having a state delegate training on APRIL 30. The location and time will be confirmed on Monday, April 11. Please watch for an email with the details. We will be discussing how things work at the convention and answering questions about what to expect. Please make plans to attend this training. If you are unable to attend, please email me with any questions. My email address: [jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com). I will be running for re-election at the convention. I look forward to seeing our delegates in Houston.

*Jerry Fisher, SREC Representative for SD2  
214-478-6100*

**SENATE DISTRICT 2**

**Understanding Chapter 313**



Ronald Reagan once said the closest thing to life on earth is a government program. While I love our 40th president, it is time to prove him wrong by protecting taxpayers and not reinstating the tax incentive, crony-capitalism program known as “Chapter 313” in 2023.

The Texas Economic Development Act — Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code — offers businesses tax incentives to invest in local economic projects. When passed by the legislature in 2001, the Act aimed to attract capital-intensive (i.e., business manufacturing) projects to the state, given Texas's relatively high property taxes, when compared to other states, by offering a 10-year limitation on the school maintenance and operations (M&O) portion of property taxes.

It was intended to expand and enlarge the ad valorem tax base of the state, as well as increase surrounding local property values. However, like other corporate welfare schemes, its efficacy is unclear. The 87th Legislature wisely chose not to extend the program and left the current Act to expire on December 31, 2022. Concerns persist about its oversight, transparency, and its value to taxpayers.

Eligible investments and limitations include:

- Manufacturing;
- research and development;
- electricity generation using low-emission technologies;
- nuclear energy;
- computer data centers; and
- Texas priority projects (those with a qualified investment commitment of more than \$1 billion).

## Overview (Comptroller Summary - 2021)

- Of the 509 current and executed agreements, 38 percent are manufacturing, and 61 percent are renewable energy.
- Of the estimated \$217 billion of investments under the 509 agreements, 70.8 percent of the investments are in manufacturing, and 28.8 percent are in renewable energy. Less than 1 percent are in research and development (R&D). Of the 9,116 qualifying jobs committed for creation under the 509 project agreements, 81 percent are in manufacturing and 13.1 percent are in renewable energy. The remaining 5.9 percent are in R&D.

Under Chapter 313, a school district approves a business's application, and the comptroller certifies it. In practice, the comptroller acts as a rubber stamp. The comptroller has wide discretion to approve projects that are “reasonably likely” to generate tax revenue (including all state and local taxes) before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period to offset that lost. “Reasonably likely” hardly poses a robust test of a project's durability. Economic projections of this distance are uncertain at best. At a minimum, that timeline should be shortened. Ultimately, the comptroller may approve a limitation if he determines that other considerations associated with the project result in a “net positive benefit to the state,” regardless of its economic outlook.

Furthermore, the limitation on appraised value must be a “determining factor” of a business's decision to invest in a site, which is difficult to prove and hardly a rigorous test of “but for” that a company would not locate there absent the incentive. Research suggests that companies often move to the state regardless of the tax abatement on offer. More important are the surrounding infrastructure, local talent, and the presence of a top-tier university.

A project entity must create 25 new qualifying jobs in non-rural school districts and 10 qualifying jobs if located in rural districts (though the entity need not be the direct employer). A school district may waive the new-jobs requirement if it finds it exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees “reasonably necessary” for the operation of the facility. This allows for such broad interpretation so as to be of little application. In practice, minimum job requirements are often waived for renewable energy projects, as most of the attendant labor is not permanent on-site jobs.

A “qualifying job” must offer certain healthcare coverage and pay 110 percent of the surrounding county average weekly manufacturing wage. However, an employer is found in violation only if it fails to meet numerical requirements by at least 10 percent, allowing for leeway in terms of work hours, wage requirements, and health plans. This means the job need only match surrounding industry wages.

Egregiously, most project entities make supplemental payments to school districts in consideration for approving their applications. The sizes of these payments suggest the tax abatement is too generous and is not the primary motivating factor. Such payments frequently exceed 40 percent of the total tax benefits. What is more, these payments exist outside the basic school funding formula, incentivizing districts to approve projects regardless of their merit since state funding to districts is not offset accordingly by the payment amount, which hurts taxpayers.

Oversight is sorely lacking. Each year the state auditor is required to review at least three major agreements for compliance. Given the number of existing agreements, this minimal audit hardly constitutes serious accountability. Thus, we will never know just how much these Chapter 313 agreements have cost the Texas taxpayer.

Chapter 313 delays by 10 years the time when new investments appear on the tax rolls at full value. While it is true that foregone taxes during this time represent revenues that purportedly would not otherwise have been collected, if not for the agreement, it is worth asking if such breaks remain necessary to attract investment, or do they merely represent corporate giveaways to companies that likely would have relocated to the state anyway.

New rules:

In late 2021, the comptroller’s office was set to adopt new rules governing these agreements. Amid criticism that these rules would scrap data collection and weaken job reporting requirements, The Comptroller publicly stated he will not adopt them as proposed.



Though Chapter 313 of the Tax Code will expire at the end of 2022, accountability should be no less robust if there are existing agreements. Hundreds of entities are likely to apply before then, and the limitations offered will influence school funding for decades. Information relating to individual agreements must remain broadly accessible to the public.

In public speeches the Speaker of the House, Dade Phelan has signaled his intention to re-authorize Chapter 313 and not allow the program to end. While my preference is for the incentives to end completely, if the Act is to be renewed beyond 2022, reforms must include the more targeted use of incentives and a focus on attracting new investments, as opposed to expansions of existing companies in the state. Additionally, the comptroller must exercise greater oversight of projects granted under this chapter to ensure a clear economic benefit to the state.

The bottom line is, Chapter 313 program is, plain and simple, crony-capitalism. It is not the government's place to pick winners and looser in the public sector. Texas taxpayers deserve better. Time to prove Ronald Reagan wrong by ending the life of a bad government program.

Senator Bob Hall, SD 2

**HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE**



**PROPERTY TAX VALUATIONS ARE ON THE WAY**

Property Tax Valuations are in the mail and we want to make sure you have all the information you need when looking at appraisals. Some common questions we get in our office are: Why are valuations so high, what can we do about it, and what do we need to watch for?

For starters, we need to look at where in Texas law property tax valuations are outlined: [Tax Code Section 23](#). In statute it states, "Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, all taxable property is appraised at its market value as of January 1. (b) The market value of property shall be determined by the application of generally accepted appraisal methods and techniques. If the appraisal district determines the appraised value of a property using mass

appraisal standards, the mass appraisal standards must comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The same or similar appraisal methods and techniques shall be used in appraising the same or similar kinds of property. However, each property shall be appraised based upon the individual characteristics that affect the property's market value, and all available evidence that is specific to the value of the property shall be taken into account in determining the property's market value."

With this information in mind, let's take a look at the causes behind our valuations jumping so much this year.

- The Federal Reserve has kept interest rates near zero, making it cheap to borrow money to buy real estate. Inflation and labor shortages have caused new home prices to increase, allowing existing home to sell for more
- Congress has continued to stimulate the economy with an excess of dollars (also contributing to the inflation we are currently experiencing.)
- Finally, due to Texas' robust economy and low cost of living, we attract 1,000 new residents to our state every single day.

As homes sell for higher prices, the market value for all our homes rise. This is reflected in the home valuations calculated by the local appraisal districts. The Rockwall & Collin Central Appraisal Districts are anticipating a high number of homes will see increased property valuation this year.

An extremely important piece of information to keep in mind: the Texas Legislature placed a cap on how much your homestead valuation tax can be increased from one year to the next. This means your home valuation may go up significantly from last year, but you can only be taxed on up to 10% of the increase, regardless of the market value for your home. We are anticipating a significant number of families in HD 33 hitting this cap this

year. This means many constituents will benefit from these caps set by the Texas Legislature. In addition, the Texas Legislature provides mandatory and optional exemptions for counties and local taxing authorities to adopt to provide homeowners with property tax relief.

The Rockwall and Collin County Central Appraisal Districts will begin sending out notices of appraised values this month. When you received yours, you will have two primary ways to lower your tax bill.

First, you should check that all exemptions you are eligible for have been applied. If you think you qualify for an exemption listed below but did not apply for it prior to this year's valuations, go ahead and fill out the application for exemptions in your respective county. Approved exemptions often help with valuations and tax bills for up to two years prior. Common exemptions:

- General Residence Homestead Exemption: the primary residence of an individual who lived in a residence as of January 1. A portion of the value of the home is deducted and not taxed. If you are not, make sure to contact your appropriate Central Appraisal District and apply for the exemption. (Rockwall CAD 972-771-2034) (Collin CAD 469-742-9200)
- Over 65 Exemption: This exemption might have been applied automatically depending on which County you reside in. However, double-check your valuation notice to make sure this exemption is listed if you are over 65.
- Disabled Person or Disabled Veteran Exemptions
- Surviving Spouse over the age of 55 Exemption
- Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces Killed in Action exemptions
- Disaster Exemption: if your house was substantially damaged in Winter Storm Uri and you applied for a disaster exemption, make sure it is listed on your valuation. This exemption is different from the exemptions listed above because it did need an application last year. If you did not apply for this exemption already, we are past the window to do so, but if you still have damages to your home from any cause, including a natural disaster, you can use that information if you protest your property valuation as it impacts the current market value of your home.

The second option to lower your tax bill is to protest your property value. If you believe your property tax valuation is higher than it should be, you can protest the appraisal online, by mail, or in person. The [Rockwall CAD](#) and [Collin CAD](#) websites have detailed instructions and forms on how to protest your valuation. Some individuals choose to hire a company to protest the appraisal for them, the Texas Legislature recently mandated the process be simplified so a homeowner could protest the appraisal on their own if they desired. Once a protest request is submitted, you are entitled to the documents used by the CAD for determining the value and other pertinent data for making your claim for a lower valuation. These documents include evidence of sales information, which is not automatically publicly available in Texas.

There is another key factor in the determination of your eventual tax bill. That is the tax rate set by your county, school district, city and/or local governing entities. They will set the tax rate based on the total market value taxed to come out to the tax revenue they need to operate and pay debt services. Nearly every taxing entity will see an increase in taxable value and therefore have a decrease in the tax rate.

The Texas Legislature also placed a cap on the amount of revenue that counties, cities, school districts, and other tax entities can collect. That is a 2.5% cap increase for school districts, and for all other entities, it's a 3.5% cap increase in tax revenue without voter approval. If a local entity adopts a tax rate which would collect more than 3.5% in revenue than the previous year, they must go to the voters to approve the rate. Almost everyone should see a tax rate decrease and it **will be up to the voters to keep an eye on local government spending to ensure only the appropriate tax revenue increase is applied.**

We hope all this information is helpful. The Texas Legislature has taken steps to limit the impacts of property valuation increases and the tax rates set by your local governments. We will continue to explore ways to lower your property tax burden and provide updates along the way, but you have a role to play in this as well. It is also

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so important to get involved in your local governments and work with them to ensure property tax rates are set appropriately and limits are placed on spending. Elected officials represent you, and tax dollars are your dollars. Make sure you are involved in the process of choosing your representatives and the process of spending your tax dollars.

God Bless Texas!

*Justin Holland, Texas State Representative HD 33*

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## TFRW REPORT



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I love April! Spring is here and new life can be seen all around. Flowers are blooming, trees are budding, children are playing outside and yes, it is my birthday month. I look forward to celebrating not only my birthday but also celebrating our Savior's resurrection with our children and grandchildren.

I can't believe that April is already here though. It seems like yesterday we were preparing for Leadership Day, but now, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board meeting is just a few weeks away. We will gather on April 29th and 30th at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. As always, we will conduct important business, and hear from inspiring, informative speakers that you don't want to miss.

But during these times when the world seems inside out and upside down, I look forward to the opportunities our meetings provide to simply spend time with each of you. Being with you ladies restores my soul and I leave our meetings refreshed and ready to take on the world. We would love for you to join us at the Renaissance. For details on the Board meeting go to [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org).

It truly is an exciting time to be a TFRW member. VEP volunteers are registering Republican voters and our membership drive is kicking off with thousands of postcards going to Republican women voters who aren't already engaged. You ladies are involved in your communities, you are building your clubs through informative programs and training, and you devote thousands of hours of time and talent to elect Republicans. Enjoy the pictures in the newsletter from just a few of the events that took place during March. You are working around the clock to protect Texas and our country and for that I can't thank you enough.

We can't eliminate all that is wrong in our world today, but we can make a difference by being positive role models and working for what is good, true, and right. I hope each of you can look past the headlines of our times and celebrate the Easter season with love, hope, and bountiful blessings, and maybe some candy eggs and special treats too.

Thank you for the honor of serving you.

Building Strong Leaders for Texas,

Kit Whitehill  
TFRW President



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Kenneth Duncan Dickson*

DECEMBER 29, 1938 - AUGUST 19, 2021

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022**

HIS 45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO JUDY

**1:30 PM**

**LIBERTY HALL**  
ROCKWALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
1111 E YELLOWJACKET LN  
ROCKWALL, TX 75087

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT 1:30 PM

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 2:00 PM

PLEASE DRESS FOR A GATHERING OF FRIENDS AND NOT A FOR A SOMBER,  
FORMAL OCCASION (NO NEED FOR JACKET & TIE), AND BRING A FUNNY  
STORY OR FAVORITE MEMORY TO LEAVE IN KEN'S MEMORY BOX

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD LET US KNOW WHETHER  
YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. RSVP TO THE GOOGLE FORM LINK ATTACHED

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjKzmJNcgaksyb73UaXCviYUdFBiKNuUJPEgY9v1Y-fY1qHw/viewform>

**VDR TRAINING**

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEPUTY TRAINING**

Anyone wanting to become a VDR can study the information online through the SOS website at: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/volunteer-deputy-registrar-training.pdf>

Print and take the test from SOS as well:

<https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/forms/exam-volunteer-deputy-registrars.pdf#search=volunteer%20deputy%20registrar>

(If you do not have a printer, you can take the exam at the Election's Office)

Once you complete the exam, call the Elections office to set up an appointment to bring in the test and complete the required paperwork.

**RCRW UPDATES**

**STAY UPDATED WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM RCRW**



It is finally here!!

Rockwall County Republican Women now has the ability to text by using Remind. Many of you may be familiar with this program.

To receive e-mail and text reminders, follow the instructions below to send a request to be allowed in the RCRW texting. Once accepted, you will begin to receive text messages from RCRW.

Text the message @2474cb to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @2474cb to (205) 703-2109.

\* Standard text message rates apply.

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [www.rmd.at/2474cb](http://www.rmd.at/2474cb) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

**CALENDAR**

*Please see our website for updated event information.*

***Republican Events:***

April 19, 2021 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Manny's Tex-Mex Restaurant, 469 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

April 25, 2022 – Liberty Ladies Lunching: 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., at The Bagel Lady, 316 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, 75087, this is a great chance for Republican ladies to have lunch and meet new friends.

May 4, 2022 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

May 9, 2022 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, we will be recognizing and honoring our scholarship winners.

May 14, 2022 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at the Center At Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen>.

May 14, 2022 – Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club 2nd Annual Sanctity of Life Event: 6:00 P.M. the Center At Rockwall City Place, for tickets or more information go to <https://republicanosderockwall.org>.

May 17, 2022 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., location to be announced soon.

May 23, 2022 – Liberty Ladies Lunching: 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., at The Bagel Lady, 316 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, 75087, this is a great chance for Republican ladies to have lunch and meet new friends.

**Community**

Fridays thru September 23, 2022 – Music on Main at Cookston Court, 111 E. Main Street, Royse City, Texas, every Friday evening there will be artists of various genres on the outdoor stage, feel free to bring lawn chairs for seating.

April 16, 2022 – Heart of Heath 5K & 1M Fun Run: 8:00 A.M. at City of Heath City Hall.

April 21, 2022, Selah Creek 2021 Dessert Banquet/Fundraiser: 6:30 P.M. Cornerstone Rockwall Church, 1565 Airport Road, Rockwall, Texas 75087, RSVP at [selahcreek2022.eventbrite.com](https://selahcreek2022.eventbrite.com).

April 23, 2022 – Aspasiens Spring Market: 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., at Wilkerson-Sanders memorial Stadium, 1215 T L Townsend, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

April 23, 2022 – The Ron Harper Memorial Classic Double Steak Cookoff, presented by Rockwall Lion’s Club: all day event beginning at 10:00 A.M., Downtown Rockwall Square, for more information contact Paul Montgomery at [jpm9007@ymail.com](mailto:jpm9007@ymail.com).

April 23, 2022 – 13th Annual Green Door Race – Hosted by Children’s Relief International: 7:30 A.M., at Harry Myers Park, 901 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, this is a free event with music, photo ops, food, drinks and more, to register or for more information go to <https://greendoor5k.com/race>.

April 25, 2022 thru May 3, 2022 – Early Voting Begins.

**Rockwall County Joint Election**  
*Elección conjunta del condado de Rockwall*

**May 7th, 2022**  
**EARLY VOTING**  
*Votación Anticipada*

**APRIL 25th – MAY 3rd**

The Joint Election will include the following: Constitutional Amendments, Rockwall Independent School District, the Cities of McLendon-Chisholm, Rowlett and Royse City, as well as Bear Creek Special Utility District.

LOCATION (ubicación)	ADDRESS (ubicación y dirección)	CITY (ciudad)			
ROYSE CITY	ROYSE CITY CITY HALL (ciudad pasillo de royse city) 305 N ARCH ST	ROYSE CITY			
ROCKWALL	ROCKWALL COUNTY LIBRARY (conado biblioteca) 1215 E. YELLOWJACKET LN	ROCKWALL			
MCLENDON-CHISHOLM	MCLENDON-CHISHOLM CITY HALL 1371 W FM 550 (Municipal de la ciudad de McLendon-Chisholm)	MCLENDON-CHISHOLM			
MONDAY (Lunes)	TUESDAY (Martes)	WEDNESDAY (Miércoles)	THURSDAY (Jueves)	FRIDAY (Viernes)	SATURDAY (Sábado)
APR 25 8am-5pm Early Voting	APR 26 8am-5pm Early Voting	APR 27 8am-5pm Early Voting	APR 28 8am-5pm Early Voting	APR 29 8am-5pm Early Voting	APR 30 11am-3pm Early Voting
MONDAY (Lunes)	TUESDAY (Martes)	WEDNESDAY (Miércoles)	THURSDAY (Jueves)	FRIDAY (Viernes)	SATURDAY (Sábado)
MAY 2 7am-7pm Early Voting	MAY 3 7am-7pm Early Voting				MAY 7 7am-7pm ELECTION DAY

The Rockwall County Elections Office will be open the same hours as Early Voting.

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**Rockwall County Joint Election**

**May 7th, 2022**

**ELECTION DAY**

**7AM-7PM**

*(Los centros de votación para el Día de Elecciones par el condado de Rockwall)*

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On Election Day, Rockwall County voters may vote at ANY location listed below:

Location (ubicación)	Location Address (ubicación dirección)	City (ciudad)
The Center at Rockwall City Place (El Centro en Rockwall City Place)	108 E Washington ST Rockwall, TX 75087	Rockwall
Heath City Hall (Municipal de la ciudad de Heath)	200 Laurence DR Heath, TX 75032	Heath
McLendon-Chisholm City Hall (Municipal de la ciudad de McLendon-Chisholm)	1371 W FM 550 McLendon-Chisholm, TX 75032	McLendon-Chisholm
Ridgeview Church (Iglesia Ridgeview)	1362 E FM 552 Rockwall, TX 75087	Rockwall
Rockwall County Library (Biblioteca del condado de Rockwall)	1215 E Yellowjacket LN Rockwall, TX 75087	Rockwall
Royse City City Hall (Municipal de la ciudad de Royse City)	305 N Arch ST Royse City, TX 75189	Royse City

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April 27, 2022 - Candidate Forum: 6:30 P.M., at Liberty Hall, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087, candidates for County Judge, County Commissioner Precinct 4 and School Board will appear.



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April 28, 2022 – Art of Advocacy: Exhibit Reception 7 Exclusive Wine: 5:00 P.M. at Springhill Suites by Marriott Dallas Rockwall, 2601 Lakefront Trail, Rockwall, Texas, for more information and tickets go to <https://tinyurl.com/ArtforAdvocacy2022>.

April 29, 2022 – Run for the Roses Ladies Luncheon: Registration begins at 11:00 A.M, Event is 11:30 A.M. until 1:00. at Castle Waterford, Royse City, Texas 75189, for more information and tickets go to <https://www.rockwallchamber.org/events>.

April 30, 2022 – 6th Annual Go Blue For Kids Gala – A Blue Ribbon A – Fair, benefiting Children’s Advocacy Center for Rockwall County: 6:30 P.M. at Boyd Farm, 10350 State Highway 205, Lavon, Texas 75166, for tickets go to <https://bidpal.net/goblueforkids>.

May 2, 2022 – Election Day: 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

May 7- 2022 thru September 24, 2022 - Rockwall Farmer’s Market: 8:00 A.M. until Noon downtown Rockwall.

May 20, 2022 – Meal on Wheels Gold Tournament: 1:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M., at Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 624 Country Club Drive, Heath, Texas 75032, for more information and tickets go to <https://rockwallmealsonwheels.org>

May 12, 2022 thru July 28, 2022 – Concert by the Lake: 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., free concert series, every Thursday night at the Harbor.

May 21, 2022 – Founder’s Day: 10:00 A.M. at Harry Myers Park, all day event with Jack Ingram performing at 6:00 P.M. and Wade Bowen Headlining at 8:00 P.M.

May 15, 2022 – Cars for CASA: 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., at Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information go to <https://lonestarcasa.org/event/cars-for-casa-2022>.

***Our Government Meetings:***

Rockwall City Council – Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

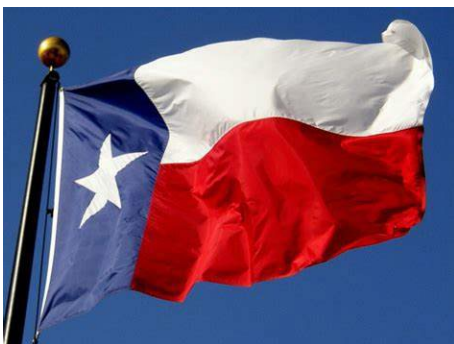
Heath City Council – Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

McClendon-Chisholm City Council – Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

Fate City Council - Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Royse City City Council – Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Rockwall Commissioners Court – Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 A.M.



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