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Ellis County GOP's Monthly Newsletter  
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July 2023 Edition

## A Message from the Chair

Ellis County Republicans:

Happy 4th of July. As we celebrate the birth of our country we must always remember that freedom isn't free. As the campaigns are starting for the 2024 primaries, it is imperative to be involved so that the best candidate will come forth. There are 26 races that will be run including: President of the United States, Texas US Senator, Railroad Commissioner, Supreme Court Place 2,4, and 6, Presiding Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 7 and 8, Congressional District 6, State Representative District 10, and Chief Justice 10 Court of Appeals. These races are all National and Statewide races. Our countywide races include the following: 387th and 434th District Judge, County Court at Law Number 3, County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Tax Assessor Collector, County Commissioner Precincts 1 and 3, Constable Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4, County Chair, and Precinct Chairs. There are quite a few races that everyone should be informed on in order to get the vote out.

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, July 4th. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 1st. We will meet at 1511 Ovilla Road Waxahachie, Texas 75167.

We ask that you come out and celebrate Independence Day with us at one of the local parades. The Midlothian (10AM) and

Maypearl (6PM) parades will both be held on July 1st, and the Waxahachie (10 AM) parade will be held on July 4th. I pray you have a safe and celebratory 4th of July.

I hope to see you at our August 1st meeting.

Randy Bellomy  
Chairman  
Republican Party of Ellis County



## BRIAN HARRISON

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 10

### Press Releases & Announcements

**PARADE SCHEDULE**

**JULY 1**  
MIDLOTHIAN- 10:00 A.M.  
LINEUP 9:30 A.M.  
COMMUNITY PARK 3601 S. 14TH ST

**JULY 1**  
MAYPEARL- 6:00 P.M.  
LINEUP 5:30 P.M.  
MAYPEARL HIGH SCHOOL  
600 PHILLIPS ST.

**JULY 4**  
WAXAHACHIE- 10:00 A.M.  
LINEUP 9:30 A.M.  
PARADE STARTS AT GETZENDANER PARK  
NO PARKING ALLOWED IN THE PARK

Contact Bettie Gray:  
469-441-0881

## Legislative Update

\*\*\*The Texas Senate has set rules for the Impeachment trial of AG Ken Paxton. SR35 was adopted for the trial which will begin on September 5th. Whichever side of the issue you stand on, it is duly noted that the rules set forth are fair.

\*\*\*\*Gov. Abbott has vetoed 76 bills: mostly as punishment to the Senate and House for not getting his version of Property Tax relief passed.

\*\*\*\*On June 27th at 3:00PM Gov. Abbott issued Special Session #2. and issued a proclamation identifying agenda items for the Special Session:

Special Session #2 agenda items include:

- ~~~~ELIMINATING A PROPERTY TAX IN TEXAS: Legislation to put Texas on a pathway to eliminate school district maintenance and operations property tax.
- ~~~~LASTING PROPERTY TAX RATE CUTS: Legislation to cut property tax rates solely by reducing the school district maximum compressed tax rate in order to provide lasting property tax relief for the Texas taxpayers.

With the 1st Special Session being an utter failure, will Round 2 find favor for Texas Tax Payers?

It is mind boggling that We The People are still being put on the back burner in regards to Property Tax relief. With a \$35 billion dollar surplus and the biggest

spending budget passed in Texas history, We The People are carrying the financial burden of the state on our backs.

Congratulations to State Rep, Brian Harrison for his 96 score on the Texans for Fiscal Responsibility Scorecard. That is #2 in the Texas House right behind Rep. Tinderholt.

Congratulations to Texas Senator Bob Hall for being tied for the #1 position in the Texas Senate.

Brian and Bob prove that Fiscal Conservatism does matter.

Here is the Index:

[Scorecard](#)

Here is the Rice University Texas Senate rankings:

[Rankings](#)

Here is the Rice University Texas House Rankings:

[Rankings](#)

On a final note for this month here is an excellent Op-ed by Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller. Yes, fellow Texans, we are getting "shafted".

[Sid Miller](#)

#Onward #txlege

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## Ellis County GOP Precinct Corner

[Precinct maps and Chair listing found HERE.](#)

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Often social media or network news serves as the primary sources for information consumed by voters. These same sources are often filled with misleading information or simply leave out pertinent facts. When I speak with family, friends (and to be fair just about anyone that gives me the opportunity), I advise them to search for multiple sources and do their own research rather than simply "eat what is fed" to them.

As an example: I've recently found the Interim Joint Staff Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, and Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence U.S. House of Representatives titled "[THE HUNTER BIDEN STATEMENT: HOW SENIOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OFFICIALS AND THE BIDEN CAMPAIGN WORKED TO MISLEAD AMERICAN VOTERS](#)"(uploaded to the [Ellis County GOP website library](#)).

As a fellow conservative I highly recommend you regularly visit [THE BONGINO REPORT](#). This is a news aggregation site founded and operated by conservative commentator and former Secret Service Agent, Dan Bongino. In addition I offer the following sites for you to consider:

[Blaze Media](#)

[The Daily Wire](#)

[The Epoch Times](#)

[Hot Air](#)

[The National Pulse](#)

[NewsMax](#)

[New York Post](#)

[One America News](#)

[Red State](#)

[Washington Examiner](#)

[The Washington Free Beacon](#)

We urge voters to "Get Informed and Get Involved". I urge you go beyond getting informed and to inform others. If we have any hope of growing the conservative base and getting out the vote in 2024 we must cut through the "news" and noise found in the mainstream media.

One Team, Many Fights!

J.J. Brookshire

Chair - Communications & Marketing Sub-committee & Pct 1034

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PS: Please encourage your fellow Ellis County residents to visit the Ellis County GOP website and subscribe to the Elephant's Ear

PS#2: Just for fun (this is a parody site) you may want to visit the [Babylon Bee](#)

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## Happy Independence Day

The crazier the world gets, the more of a responsibility I feel to raise my children in the "traditional" way, whatever that means now. The Fourth of July has been an all time favorite holiday of mine. The older I get, the greater the understanding I hold of our Founders. These men and women took the responsibility of a Nation on their shoulders and fought to the death, not just their families, but for generations of families to come. They sought a better and freer life than what they had been living. For generations after them, we have fought in various ways to keep our freedom here in this great Nation. Even though at times it seems bleak, I will still stand for the pledge and put my hand over my hand. I will still teach my children the words of our beautiful National Anthem. I will still remember these words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Happy Independence Day Ellis County. Let freedom ring!

Holly Freeman

Editor

For more ways to stay Red visit [www.elliscountygop.org](http://www.elliscountygop.org)

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## Food for Thought



## Join the Legacy Circle

When you become a Legacy Circle member of the Republican Party of Ellis County you will be a vital part of helping us build a powerful and influential presence.

Your contribution will help keep Ellis County and the great state of Texas, RED!

Your valuable contribution will go directly to providing a permanent location for our GOP Headquarters in Ellis County which allows us to do the following:

1. Hold our GOP monthly meetings open to all citizens
2. Have training for Precinct Chairman and volunteers
3. Host our 'Get Out The Vote' efforts at election time
4. House our resources such as our candidate campaign signs and literature
5. Be a center for town hall meetings to educate and inform our citizens

There are several levels of membership – please choose the one that is right for you!

- Bronze level contribution - \$100
- Silver level contribution - \$200
- Gold level contribution - \$500
- Platinum level Contribution - \$1000

[To Join the Legacy Circle CLICK HERE](#)

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