

The FORUM



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Escapes RV Club will host its Political Forum on October 1, 2002, from 1:30–4:00 p.m. in the Activities Center at Rainbow's End. All local, state, and federal candidates running in Precinct 1, District 18, have been invited.

General Election: November 5, 2002

Early Voting By Mail

September 6, 2002 First day to apply for a ballot by mail
September 21, 2002 First day for ballots by mail to be mailed
October 7, 2002 Last day to register to vote
October 21, 2002 First day of early voting (in person)
October 29, 2002 Last day to apply for a ballot by mail
November 1, 2002 Last day of early voting (in person)
November 5, 2002 Election Day

When you apply for a ballot by mail, you must first request an application. Applications for voting by mail will be accepted September 6 through October 29. Once your application is received by the County Clerk, a ballot will then be mailed to you. The ballot must be mailed to an address outside of Polk County unless you are 65 (or older) or disabled (no proof necessary); however, you must indicate your reason for applying for an absentee ballot, e.g. disabled, away traveling, etc.

Escapes Mail Service members who will be traveling out of state may have their ballots sent to the following address: Your Name, c/o Escapes RV Club, PO Box 1578, Shepherd, TX 77371.

This special box is for Escapes members who will be away traveling and do not have a secure temporary mailing address that they are comfortable using. Escapes Mail Service agents will collect these ballots and forward them on to you so that you may fill them out and send them directly to the County Clerk to be counted (must arrive by November 5). It is important to recognize that mail going to this box may be slightly delayed, so it is always best to ask the County Clerk to mail both applications and ballots directly to you if at all possible.

Remember, the window of time always seems slim when you're traveling. You must request your application first, send it back to the County Clerk, receive your ballot, and mail it back to the County Clerk (see address below for returning ballots), all before the November 5, 2002, election deadline!

Mail application requests and return ballots to Early Voting Clerk, PO Drawer 2119, Livingston, TX 77351-9401.

Important Phone Numbers

Applications Fax Line 936-327-6874
County Clerk/Voting Info. Line 1 936-327-6804
Line 2 936-327-6805

Note: Early voting by personal appearance is October 21–November 1.

Jury Summons

Jury duty is a civic duty incumbent upon all citizens, no matter which state they may call home. This is also true for full-time RVers. If Texas is your legal domicile, then you, from time to time, need to be prepared to participate in the jury selection process.

We continue to receive calls from members who have received a jury summons that either arrived too late in the mail for them to appear in court, or they are too far away to make a reasonable attempt to travel back to Polk County to participate.

Kathy Clifton, Polk County District Clerk, and her staff have maintained a fair and reasonable approach to the traveling Escapes' dilemma. They recognize that many of you travel extensively, and returning for duty sometimes would place an undue burden on you.

If you receive a jury summons and are traveling out of state and cannot possibly serve on the date you've been requested, you need to contact the District Clerk. Sometimes they can reschedule your jury duty summons to accommodate your travel plans. There are three methods of contact available to you: phone: 936-327-6814, fax: 936-327-6851, and e-mail: polkdc@yahoo.com.

Be sure to provide your name, the date of the summons, and your reason for not being able to serve.

Additionally, if you are over the age of 70, you may also sign an exemption form and have your name eliminated from the jury selection list. You may download a "Claim of Permanent Exemption From Jury Service" at www.escapes.com/website/juryexempt, or you may request one next time you call or e-mail your mail service instructions and we will place one in your mailbox. This form is for Texas residents only.

If all else fails, consider stopping by the clerk's office when you are in the area so that you might be called upon while you're stationary.

2002 Candidates for Polk County, Texas, Precinct 1



Republican Candidates

US Senator John Cornyn
 US Representative, District 2 Van Brookshire
 Governor Rick Perry
 Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst
 Attorney General Greg Abbott
 State Comptroller Carole Keeton-Rylander
 Commissioner of General Land Office Jerry Patterson
 Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs
 Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams
 Chief Justice, Supreme Court Tom Phillips
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1 Mike Schneider
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 Dale Wainwright
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 Wallace Jefferson
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 Steven Wayne Smith
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 Tom Price
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 Paul Womack
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 Cathy Cochran
 State Board of Education, District 8 Linda Bauer
 State Senator, District 3 Todd Staples
 State Representative, District 18 Eddie Shauberg
 Chief Justice, Ninth Court of Appeals Steve McKeithen
 County Clerk Carol Bigler
 Justice of Peace, Pct. 1 Darrell Longino
 County Chairman Benny Fogleman
 Precinct #1 Chairman Shirley Cain



Democratic Candidates

US Senator Ron Kirk
 US Representative, District 2 Jim Turner
 Governor Tony Sanchez
 Lieutenant Governor John Sharp
 Attorney General Kirk Watson
 State Comptroller Marty Akins
 Commissioner of General Land Office David Bernsen
 Commissioner of Agriculture Tom Ramsay
 Railroad Commissioner Sherry Boyles
 Chief Justice, Supreme Court Richard G. Baker
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1 Linda Yanez
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 Jim Parsons
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 William E. Moody
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 Margaret Mirabal
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 John W. Bull
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 Pat Montgomery
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 J. R. Molina
 State Representative, District 18 Dan Ellis
 Chief Justice, Ninth Court of Appeals Ronald L Walker
 258th District Judge Elizabeth Coker
 Criminal District Attorney John S. Holleman
 County Judge John Thompson
 County Court-at-Law Judge Stephen Phillips
 District Clerk Kathy Clifton
 County Clerk Barbara Middleton

County Treasurer Nola Reneau
 Justice of Peace, Pct. 1 Judy McDowell
 County Chairman Sharon Lee Teal



Libertarian Candidates

US Senator Scott Lanier Jameson
 Governor Jeff Daiell
 Lieutenant Governor Mark David Gessner
 Attorney General Jon Roland
 State Comptroller Steve Martin
 State Senator, District 3 Michael Carter
 U.S. Representative, District 2 Peter Beach
 Commissioner of Agriculture Vincent J. May
 Railroad Commissioner Nazirite R. Flores-Perez
 Chief Justice, Supreme Court Clifford F. William
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1 Quannah Parker
 Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 Stephan Kinsella



Green Candidates

US Senate Roy H. Williams
 Governor Rahul Mahajan
 Lieutenant Governor Nathalie Paravicini
 Attorney General David Keith Cobb
 State Comptroller Rueben L. Reyes
 Commissioner of General Land Office Michael B. McInerney
 Commissioner of Agriculture Jane Woodward Elioseff
 Railroad Commissioner Charles L. Mauch
 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 Brad Rockwell
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 Robert C. (Rob) Owen
 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 Ollie Ruth Jefferson

Additional Candidate Resource Information

Please do not rely on Escapees RV Club to keep you fully updated on elections or candidates. While we do our best to alert you to elections and issues that could significantly impact RVers, we cannot, and should not, be your sole source of information.

Local candidate announcement information viewable at easttexasnews.com.

Polk County Republican Party 936-327-8683
 724 S. Washington (Note new street address)
 Livingston, TX 77351

Polk County Democratic Party 936-327-5911
 705 N. Jackson St.
 Livingston, TX 77351

Polk County Libertarian Party 936-685-4992
 RR 14, Box 5560
 Livingston, TX 77351