# PRECINCT 58

# NEWSLETTER



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### **WELCOME TO THE PRECINCT 58 NEWSLETTER**

Greetings, Precinct 58 voters! I am Elizabeth Rickard, your elected Republican Precinct 58 Chair. This is the third issue of the *Precinct 58 Newsletter*. Please visit my website to read what's on the ballot this May 3, 2025! Didn't we just have an election? Yes! This is what is referred to as off-cycle elections. Some officials have been known to put important issues on off-cycle elections because they are notorious for having low voter turnout. So, voter BEWARE!

Early Voting is well on its way with this Tuesday, April 29th, being the last day to early vote. Please refer to my **EVENTS/RACES** page for ballot information, poll locations, and times.

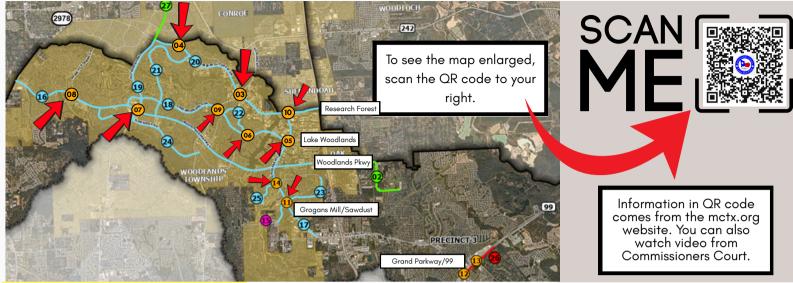
What's on the ballot this time around? **A \$480M Road Bond**. Yes, that's right: Montgomery County recently voted and APPROVED several school bonds, and now our County Commissioners want us to consider voting for a Road Bond that would be divided evenly among each precinct (1, 2, 3, and 4). So, regardless of larger projects, each precinct would receive eactly \$120M.

#### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BOND

Commissioner Ritch Wheeler was among the first Precinct Commissioners to publish all of his precinct's bond information on their website: <a href="www.mctx.org">www.mctx.org</a>. In contrast, Commissioner Charlie Riley (Precinct 2 County Commissioner) has yet to provide Project Descriptions like the other three commissioners have, even to this day. This lack of information raises my concerns about voting for a \$480 million bond when he hasn't taken the initiative to outline the project descriptions. Transparency regarding this bond is essential, and it should extend beyond just our own Precinct 3, especially since one of the projects is shown on our Precinct 3 list.

Upon further investigation into this bond, significant issues have been raised by residents within The Woodlands, particularly regarding potential property tax increases. The County Commissioners' data indicates that they are projecting our tax **rate** will not rise, but I am more concerned about the projects slated for Precinct 3 (The Woodlands).

Please take a look at the map below provided by mctx.org.



#### Here is why I am concerned:

INTERSECTION PROJECTS		
PROJECT NO	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
03	RESEARCH FOREST AT GOSLING	EXTEND DUAL LEFT TURNS
04	RESEARCH FOREST AT GREENBRIDGE	EXTEND LEFT TURN LANE
05	GROGANS MILL AT LAKE WOODLANDS	EXTEND LEFT TURN LANE
06	LAKE WOODLANDS AT EAST PANTHER CREEK DRIVE	EXTEND LEFT TURN LANE
07	WOODLANDS PARKWAY AT KUYKENDAHL ROAD	ADD DUAL LEFT TURNS
08	WOODLANDS PARKWAY AT BRANCH CROSSING	EXTEND DUAL LEFT TURNS
09	LAKE WOODLANDS AT GOSLING	EXTEND DUAL LEFT TURNS
10	GROGANS MILL AT RESEARCH FOREST DRIVE	EXTEND RIGHT TURN LANE
11	GROGANS MILL AT VILLAGE CENTER	REPLACE SIGNAL AND EXTEND MERGE LANE
12	GRAND PARKWAY AT RAYFORD ROAD	ADD RIGHT TURN LANES
13	GRAND PARKWAY AT BIRNHAM WOODS	ADD RIGHT TURN LANE
14	GROGANS MILL AT NORTH MILLBEND	INTERSECTION REPLACEMENT

ROAD PROJECTS		
PROJECT NO	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
01	TOWNSEN BOULEVARD	REMOVED DUE TO PUBLIC FEEDBACK
02	ROBINSON ROAD	WIDENING ROAD
26	99 FRONTAGE ROAD	WIDEN/ADD RIGHT TURNS
PRECINCT 2 PROJECT		
PROJECT NO	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
27	KUYKENDAHL ROAD	WIDENING ROAD

The <u>Green</u> and <u>Orange</u> dots have my attention and lead me to conclude that by focusing our our main arteries of traffic, in the near future, these projects will encourage traffic flow as we become a **cut-through thoroughfare community**.

Reflect on this: How do we envision our community in 5 to 10 years with all of this increased "mobility" weaving through our Township?

## **ASK YOURSELF**

Will we continue to be a pedestrian-friendly community where families can ride their bikes to parks and events or even walk to their destinations? Will our athletes still be able to use our roads safely, without worrying about increased traffic and potential speed limit hikes? If Precinct 2 County Commissioner Riley hasn't even taken the time to list Road Projects descriptions as of yet, and still expects us to approve this Road Bond, should we just trust that he's being a good steward of this bond money without providing residents the requested information?

Please consider these questions, look to the possible future they have in mind for our community, and then cast your vote. The last day to Early Vote is this Tuesday, April 29<sup>th,</sup> from 7am-7pm.

Election Day is this Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7am-7pm

Don't be left without a say in the matter. Vote....and bring your family, friends, and neighbors!