

REPUBLICANS of Olmsted County

December 2023 Newsletter

*Wishing All of You
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



As we come into the Christmas Season, the Executive Committee wishes you a very Merry Christmas and an exciting New Year Holiday. In the light of the spirit of the season, we want to encourage fellow Republicans to get involved in serving our community. The opportunity to serve may include Bell Ringing and Coat Drive through the Salvation Army, Channel One, and toy collection for Toys for Tots.

Latest News from Olmsted County Republican Party

Thank you to all who participated in the November 18th Special Constitutional Convention. The assembly successfully passed all four recommended Constitutional amendments. This Convention served its purpose by effectively bringing the Olmsted County Constitution into alignment with our MN State Constitution. Also, an important additional protection was placed to secure our caucuses.

Unity is the Point of Power!



The Executive Committee would like to express its gratitude to Mr. Jackson Harvey for convening two Olmsted Republican Party Constitutional Conventions in 2023.

Updates from Chili Cook-off and Baked Sales Fundraiser

Applause to all wonderful Republican Chili Chef Masters and Republican Bread Bakers for their dedication to Chili Cook-off and Baked Sales Fundraiser. The fundraiser brought \$1220.00 for our future candidates.



Chili Chefs: Republican Lisa Destrampe, OCGOP Officer Gale McEvoy, Republican Rae Parker, and OCGOP Deputy Chair Jim Niehoff served our community at the Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser.



Republican Chili Judges: OCGOP Officer Ted Krall, and Republicans Eric Johnson and Karin Cherrin are taking their first bite of chilies.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and money to serve the Olmstead community. Your humble service to the Republican cause will not be forgotten.

A Lesson from American History

The Founder's Bible: The Origin of the Dream of Freedom, page 1044

After the war for independence, America's Founders knew too well that they owed God their praise and honor for victory over the mighty British nation. In 1781, the United States Congress proclaimed:

Whereas, it hath pleased almighty God, the Father of Mercies, remarkably to assist and support the United States of America in their important struggle for liberty, against the long-continued efforts of a powerful nation: it is the duty of all ranks to observe and thankfully acknowledge the interpositions of Providence in their behalf.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



Republican Christmas Potluck Party

You are invited to join us for a Christmas potluck party. Please bring FUN and a dish to share as you socialize with like-minded cheerful people. You don't need to be a delegate, alternate, or Central Committee member to be part of the festivities. We hope to see you there.

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 5 PM

Place: Oak Hills Wesleyan Church

Address: 410 28th Street SW, Rochester, MN

Contact: For more information, email Becky Sprenger at events@olmstedGOP.org.

CD 1 MN GOP 2024 Delegate Pathway



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Prepared and Paid for by Minnesota First District Republicans, PO Box 483, Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Calling All Candidates

JANUARY 16, 2024 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Calling all Republicans who have a fire in their belly!!

Please join us as we bring in the New Year with a message of hope, inspiration, and strategic planning from House Representative Bjorn Olson. As a sitting House Representative in District 22A, Olson has been sent to us by the HRCC (House Republican Campaign Committee) as our CD 1 Candidate Liaison because he knows what it takes to WIN a House race! January kick-off to a BIG WIN in 2024.

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Place: Charlie's Eatery & Pub
Address: 1654 Hwy 52 N, Rochester, MN

Upcoming Olmsted County Republican Party Caucus

Volunteers NEEDED!

Republicans, the next 2-year political cycle begins at our Party Caucus which will be held on February 27, 2024. The Caucus is where we elect our Precinct Chairs and it is where you can sign up to be a Delegate. It is also where you can submit resolutions and proposed amendments to the Constitution for consideration, among other things. So, if you are interested in getting involved, this is where it all starts. Please pay attention to the upcoming news on the website <https://olmstedgop.org/wp/>.

OCGOP Deputy Chair Jim Niehoff is in charge of organizing the upcoming caucus. The Caucus Committee is looking for conveners, precinct chairs, vice-chairs, and volunteers to step up and perform their civic duty at the caucus. For questions or to add your name to the list of volunteers, please e-mail Jim at: jpniehoff@charter.net.



A Christmas Message from The Chair

2023 has been quite a year! It is undeniable that we've seen some major ups and downs in the Olmsted County BPOU, but here we are at the end of the year, and we are stronger, smarter, and more determined than when we began our journey together in February. And before we know it, January 2024 will be here and we'll be "pedal to the metal" in the race to the November 5th elections.

As I start the holiday season with a super busy schedule that's filled with family, friends, travel, shopping, cooking, parties, wrapping packages (you get the idea), I'm taking this moment to slow down and reflect on the things that have filled my heart with gratitude during this last year.

Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 5: 19 MEV) I'm grateful for those of you who always "have my 6" ... you know who you are! You are the ones who have supported and encouraged me, and you've never stopped praying for me. Thank you for your friendship and loving care!

I'm also grateful for those of you who have opposed me from time to time over these many months. Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another". Thank you, you have "sharpened" me!

I'm even grateful for those of you who have been the greatest challenge to me. God has used you in a special way to grow me, shape me, and mold me — to draw me closer to Him as I lean into the promise that "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 WEB). Thank you for challenging me!

But most of all I'm grateful to Jesus Christ, the Savior, whose eternal and boundless love compelled Him to leave His throne in heaven, to live as a human and to walk among us, and to pay the price that no one will ever be able to repay. To say "thank You" will never be enough but I will say it every day for the rest of my life... Thank You, Jesus!!! The power of Christ's love, as described by the Apostle Paul in his prayer for the Ephesians, moves me to tears even as I pray it over all of you in this moment: "I pray that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. I pray that your life will be strong in love and be built on love. And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide, how long, how high, and how deep that love is. Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with everything God has for you. (Ephesians 3: 17-19 ERV)

May God bless you and fill your hearts with joy as you celebrate the love and birth of the Savior!! For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 NIV)

Merry Christmas,

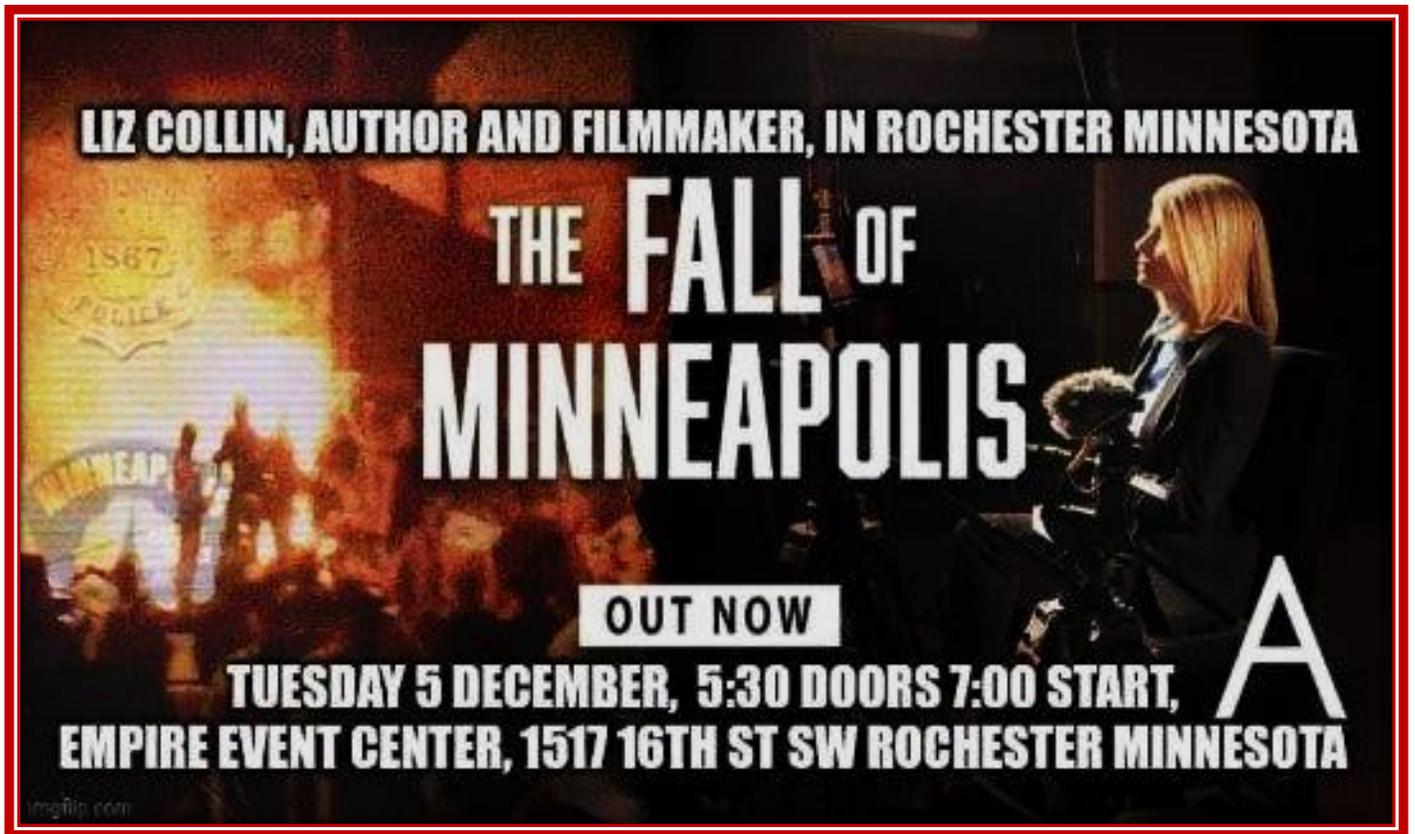
Wendy Phillips Chair OCGOP

Dan and Ted's Excellent Movie Night

Dan and Ted's Excellent Movie Night is a new informative and motivating way for the community to engage in dialogue on many pressing current topics. Dan Nelson and Ted Krall invite you to watch a documentary and have a discussion after the show.

The next show will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Stay tuned and get informed.

Local Events



“Alpha News journalist Liz Collin is the author of the book, 'They're Lying: The Media, The Left, and The Death of George Floyd'. Based on it, a documentary titled 'The Fall of Minneapolis' was released.”

<https://www.thefallofminneapolis.com/>

What is a Caucus?

Caucus is the beginning of the grassroots political process

Your Issues! Your Voice!

Want to take part in your Civic responsibility,
but don't know where to start?

Come find out the **How, What, and Why**
regarding Caucusing!

Information Session

Save the Date!

7pm Jan 29th

113 2nd St. SW Pine Island MN

* On-line option will be available

Fed up with political outcomes?
Be the Change You Seek! Get Involved!

* Prepared and Paid for by the Goodhue County Republican Party. PO Box 518 Red Wing, MN 55066

WHAT ARE ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER?

Join us as Senator Steve Drazkowski
discusses Robert's Rules of Order and how
learning them can help you conduct effective
meetings and equip you for civic participation.

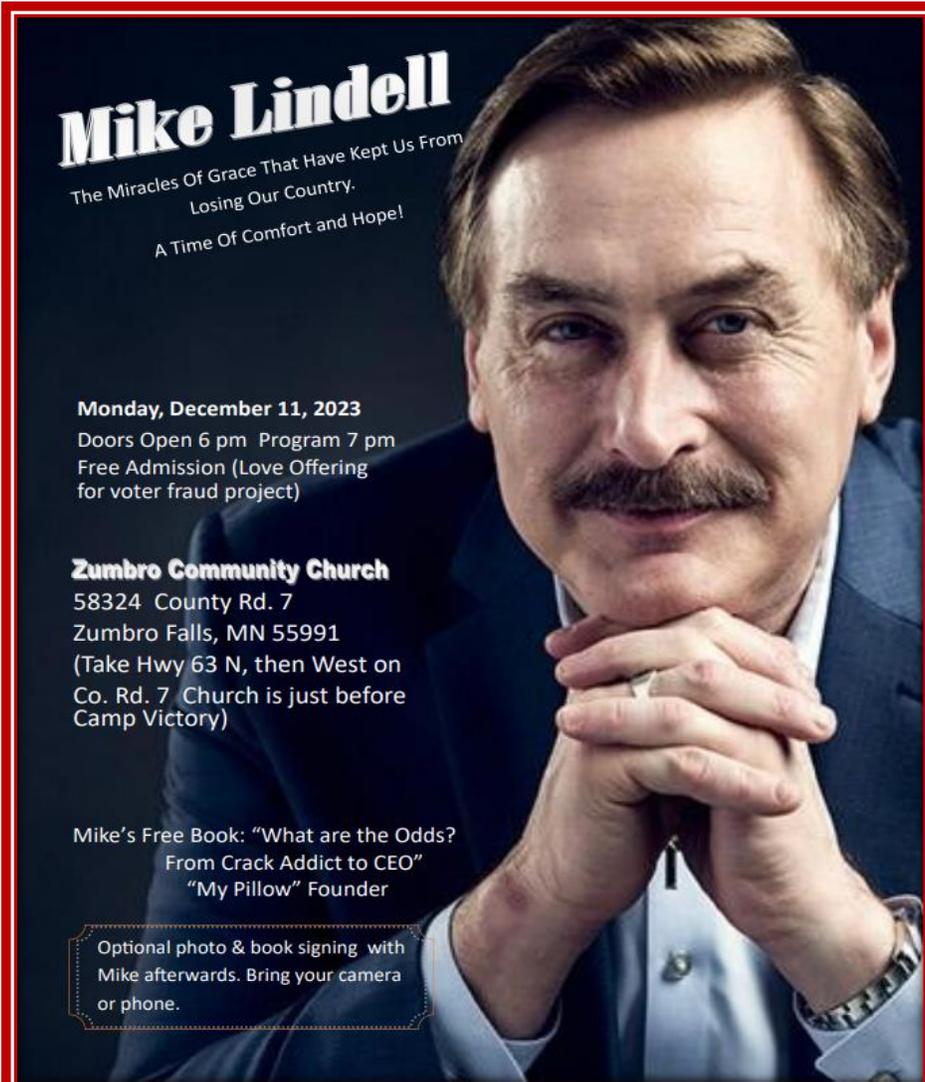
MONDAY
DECEMBER 18TH



113 Second St. SW, Pine Island MN

Doors Open at 6 pm - Presentation at 6:30 pm

Hosted by Restore MN-Action www.restoremn.org

A portrait of Mike Lindell, a man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit and a light blue shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with his hands clasped in front of his chin. The background is dark.

Mike Lindell
The Miracles Of Grace That Have Kept Us From
Losing Our Country.
A Time Of Comfort and Hope!

Monday, December 11, 2023
Doors Open 6 pm Program 7 pm
Free Admission (Love Offering
for voter fraud project)

Zumbro Community Church
58324 County Rd. 7
Zumbro Falls, MN 55991
(Take Hwy 63 N, then West on
Co. Rd. 7 Church is just before
Camp Victory)

Mike's Free Book: "What are the Odds?
From Crack Addict to CEO"
"My Pillow" Founder

Optional photo & book signing with
Mike afterwards. Bring your camera
or phone.

Song Which Will Move Your Heart

A Manger Filled with Love by Logan Institute Singers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21DOM_Z42dM

"We The People Have the Power!"

Local Insights

November 7, 2023 – Election Results

The screenshot shows the KTTV website's election results page for MN Nov 2023. The page features a search bar and two main election results sections, both marked as 'Olmsted'.

Rochester Public School Referendum (Olmsted)

Shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the board of Independent Rochester Public Schools be approved?

Response	Count	Percentage
NO	11,248	51%
YES	10,930	49%

Reporting 100%

City of Rochester Sales Tax Use (Olmsted)

To extend existing sales and use tax of 0.50% for 24 years or until \$205 million is collected, to finance a \$50 million economic vitality fund, \$50 million in street reconstruction; \$40 million in flood control and water quality; and a \$65 million sports and recreation complex.

Response	Count	Percentage
YES	10,567	54%
NO	9,146	46%

Reporting 100%

State Highlights

Alpha News

US Supreme Court Declines to Hear Derek Chauvin Appeal

By Anthony Gockowski on November 20, 2023.

“Chauvin’s appeal was included in a list of rejected cases by the US Supreme Court which did not comment on the reason for the denial.”

<https://alphanews.org/u-s-supreme-court-declines-to-hear-derek-chauvin-appeal/>

Alpha News

Blue State Residents Paying way more for Energy than Red States Reports Show

By Nick Pope on November 26, 2023

Residents of blue states with aggressive climate policies are paying significantly more for electricity and fuel than red states, according to a new report by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

<https://alphanews.org/blue-state-residents-paying-way-more-for-energy-than-red-states-report-shows/>

National Highlights

The Epoch Times - Facts Matter with Roman Balmakov

Video: Biden Agents Literally Weld Open Border Wall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VZXVC8rrp8>

Ultra Maga Party presents

“The Snake”

<https://rumble.com/v3py8ig-the-snake-15-million-and-counting.html>

The Hill presents

Epstein Flight Log: Subpoenaed By US Senator Marsha Blackburn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tzJOiV04Qg>

KXAN TV Texas

Governor Abbot to Sign Bill Banning COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates

“Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed legislation banning COVID-19 vaccine mandates for private employers.”

<https://www.kxan.com/news/texas-politics/gov-abbott-to-sign-bill-banning-covid-19-vaccine-mandates/>

The Epoch Times

Speaker Johnson Praised for Release of Jan 6th Tapes Important for Americans to Know the Truth

By Tom Ozimec on November 28, 2023

“House Intelligence Committee Chair Mike Turner (R-Ohio) said that House Speaker Mike Johnson's (R-Louisiana) recent decision to release over 40,000 hours of Jan 6th Capitol incident footage was a praiseworthy and ‘important’ step in uncovering the truth of what happened that day.”

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/speaker-johnson-praised-for-releasing-jan-6-tapes-important-for-americans-to-know-the-truth-5537529>

Men Who Made the History

President Trump “If...” by Rudyard Kipling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xT6rQCtubHo>

“If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don’t deal in lies,
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating,
And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise: ...”

What to Do to Save Minnesota

- Become informed!
- Great information sources:
 - American Experiment: <https://www.americanexperiment.org/>
 - The Epoch Times: <https://www.theepochtimes.com/>
 - Alpha News: <https://alphanews.org/>
 - Child Protection League <https://cplaction.com/> and others
- Get involved in the local Republican Party <https://olmstedgop.org>.
- Visit a Central Committee meeting.
- Become a Chair or a Vice-Chair of your precinct, and/or a Delegate.
- Call your legislators and set up a meeting to express your concern.
- Attend caucus on February 27, 2024.
- Donate to win.
- Become an election judge.
- Vote in November 2023 and 2024.

Donate to Win

Please donate to the Republicans of Olmsted County. Use Minnesota Political Contribution Refund Program by making your check payable to Olmsted County GOP.

\$50.00 (single) or \$100.00 (married couple)

Send your check to:

Olmsted County GOP

PO Box 6201

Rochester, MN 55903-6201

We will send you a receipt and a claim form to get that money returned to you from the state. The process usually takes less than a month.

Thank you for your kindness. Together we stand.