

**REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF OLMSTED COUNTY**

JUNE 2026

Newsletter

Visit our website: <https://www.olmstedgop.org>

Locally Endorsed Candidates for 2026!

Rep. Steve Jacob- MN Senate District 20

<https://www.jacobforthepeople.com/about.html>

Sara Bertschinger- MN House District 20B

<https://bertschingerforhouse.com/>

Nels Pierson- MN Senate District 24

<https://nels.com/>

Rep. Duane Quam- MN House District 24A

<https://duanequam.com/>

John Michael Ajouri III- MN House District 24B

<https://www.facebook.com/Ajouri24B/>

Congressman Brad Finstad- MN 1st Congressional District

<https://finstadforcongress.com/>

Please click on the link below and give us your feedback about the MN Senate District Endorsing Convention held on May 26th.

**MN Senate District 24 Endorsing Convention
Feedback Survey – Fill out form**

Thank you for taking time to give us feedback!

Endorsements from the 2026 MNGOP State Convention May 29-30, 2026

MN Secretary of State: Tad Jude

<https://tadjude.com/>

MN Attorney General: Ron Schutz

<https://ronformnag.com/>

Minnesota State Auditor: Nate George

<https://nategeorgeformnstateauditor.com/>

MN Governor: Kendall Qualls/Brian Nicholson

<https://kqformn.com/>

US Senator: Adam Schwarze

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

Senator Carla Nelson Retires



After a career in the Minnesota Legislature spanning 20+ years, Senator Carla Nelson is stepping down.

We recognize the huge contributions she has made to Minnesota during that period and can only say hats off. You will be long remembered.
Thank You!

<https://www.mnsenaterepublicans.com/senator-carla-nelson-announces-retirement-from-minnesota-senate/>

Parades

Mark your calendar and plan to join us in a couple parades this summer!

Pine Island Cheese Fest: Sunday, June 7th parade starts at 1pm

Viola Gopher Count Parade: Thursday, June 18th parade starts at 10am.

Rochesterfest Parade: Saturday, June 27 at 2:00pm, lineup at 1pm

Stewartville 4th of July: parade starts at 6:30pm on Saturday, July 4th,
lineup at 5:30pm

Eyota Days: Saturday, July 18th. Parade starts at 11am, lineup at 10am

Byron Good Neighbor Days: Sunday, July 19th. Parade starts at 2pm,
lineup at 1pm

Chatfield Western Days: Saturday, Aug 8th. Parade starts at 1pm,
lineup at noon

St Charles Gladiolus Days: Sunday, August 23rd- starts at 1:00 pm,
lineup at noon

Republican Party of Olmsted County

Annual Picnic

Join us on **Sunday, June 14th**, starting at **5:00pm**, at Essex Park, 5455 W. River Road NW, Rochester, MN 55901, for a picnic with fellow Republicans! This is a great opportunity to invite friends or family who have never been involved before. We will provide the meat, smoked meat sandwiches. We just ask that you bring a side or dessert to share!

This is a Sunday night, different than most years. We decided it was appropriate to celebrate Flag Day and the birthday of President Trump!

Rochester Juneteenth Celebration

Are you a good listener? Do you enjoy talking with independent voters to find out what they think? If so, the best opportunity of the year is the Republican table at the Rochester Juneteenth Celebration:

Saturday June 13

12PM to 5 PM

Soldiers Field Park

contact Chris Brandt for info: olmstedgopchris@gmail.com



Olmsted GOP Hosts Governor Candidate Debate

A highly successful televised live debate, “VISION for Minnesota”, of GOP Governor candidates was held at Rochester’s Century High School on May 21. In addition to a live TV broadcast, YouTube and Facebook provided coverage. The full debate can be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNcCdF3gcMU>

Please click on the link below and give us your feedback about the Debate, whether you attended in person or watched on You Tube. Thank you for your feedback!

Minnesota GOP Vision Debate – Fill out form

Olmsted County Doubles Fraud Staff

Olmsted County reported a doubling of the staff pursuing fraud in our area with two investigators now active. Per the Post Bulletin, a single investigator generated \$1.5 million in savings in one year. It is expected that the additional investigator will enable significant additional savings and potential criminal charges.

Fraud in Rochester, Minnesota

Rochester Man Pleads Guilty for His Role in \$250 Million Feeding Our Future fraud scheme. Where there's smoke there is fire. This case went through the entire criminal justice system. This took time. Let's get more investigations started. They will also take time so **let's start**.

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/rochester-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-250-million-feeding-our-future-fraud-scheme>

To Report Fraud: Go direct to the Olmsted County Public Assistance Fraud Reporting Page here:

<https://www.olmstedcounty.gov/residents/services-individuals-families/financial-assistance/public-assistance-fraud>

or

Go to the State of Minnesota at: <https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/office-of-inspector-general/report-fraud>



The New Minnesota Flag isn't flying in rural Minnesota and 'cabin country'

Alpha news is reporting that there is considerable resistance to the new Minnesota State Flag.

The news article is here: [Alpha News Report on the New Flag](#)

The railroad job done on the new flag didn't fly with a lot of people.

Alpha News summary of MN Legislation Passed in 2026

Alpha News published a comprehensive listing of legislation that did and did not pass the legislature in 2026. Interesting Reading! Minnesota is hanging on by a thread to avoid a DFL nightmare. We need GOP majorities in both houses and a GOP Governor.

<https://alphanews.org/the-minnesota-legislature-is-adjourning-today-heres-what-did-and-did-not-pass-this-year/>



How to Track MN Legislature Activity

Tired of sitting on the sidelines? Want to know what is happening? Is it time to get involved? [Find Out by Clicking Here](#)



Constitution of the State of Minnesota
Read this lately? [Click Here](#)

Great information sources

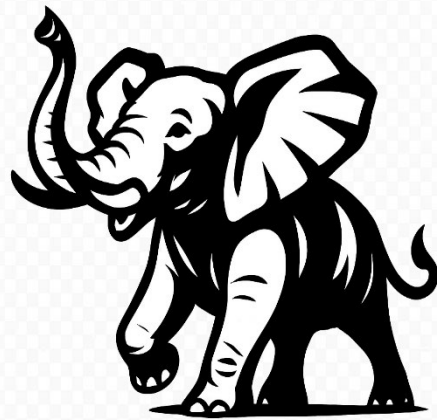
Alpha News: <https://alphanews.org/>

American Experiment: <https://www.americanexperiment.org/>

The Epoch Times: <https://www.theepochtimes.com/>



Get involved in the local Republican Party



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Everyone! Volunteer to help the great local candidates get elected!
Spread the word to friends and neighbors! And donate to Olmsted GOP!

We need YOU! Get involved!

Tell us what you would like to do!

- Visit a Central Committee meeting (third Tuesday of the month—check website).
- Become a Chair or a Vice-Chair of your precinct.
- Walk in a summer parade.
- Door-knock or phone for a candidate.
- Invite neighbors, family and friends to meet a candidate.
- Share your skill to work on a website or publish a newsletter.
- Call your legislators and set up a meeting to express your concern.
- Donate to win.
- Become an election judge for the 2026 August primaries and Nov 3rd election.
- Vote in November 2026.

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.

\$75.00 (single) or \$150.00 (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 generosity.
Together we stand. Together GOP wins!**