



The Cross Roads Times

The Town of Cross Roads, Texas

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From the Mayor's Desk by Harv Kitchens, Mayor

Vote! Vote! Vote!

Saturday, May 12th is Election Day for citizens in Denton County. This article is to encourage you to exercise your right to vote for those candidates you think will be the best leaders for our community.



Town of Cross Roads Election

The Town of Cross Roads election for Council Members has been cancelled. This action is taken when the seats that are up for election are unopposed. We had 3 seats (Viriden Seybold, Michelle Meek and Dan Prins) that were up for election. Each of these Council Members filed to continue as our elected Council Members.

Also, we had a one-year term of former Council Member Janis Russo up for election, due to her untimely death. Her husband, Tony Russo, who was appointed to this position, has filed and is unopposed.

I believe this clearly indicates the approval of the citizens for the excellent job that each of these Council Members have done in their positions as officials and leaders of this Town.

The following elections are very important.

Mustang Special Utility District

The Town of Cross Roads has designated the Mustang Special Utility

District as our source for water. We are reminded frequently of the importance of water to our area. We must have strong leadership and well informed citizens representing us on the Board of Directors. Mustang's geographical area of responsibility is very large and Cross Roads is approximately 6 square miles of the total of 100+ square miles. We must be well represented.

This Board of Directors election will be held at the office of –

Mustang Special Utility District
7985 FM 2931
Aubrey, Texas

To locate the voting site, follow the directions below.

From Cross Roads, go North on Highway 377 to Highway 428 (traffic light). Turn right and drive to FM 2931 (approximately 2 miles). Turn left on FM 2931. The office is on the left side of the road, approximately 1/4 mile.

Early Voting

April 30th thru May 8th
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Election Day
May 12th

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This election has a total of 6 candidates for 3 positions. The 3 candidates that receive the most votes will be elected to the Mustang Board. You will be allowed to vote for 3 of the candidates.

Candidate Info: In the order they will appear on the ballot.

Randy Wallace
Cross Roads
Retired Assistant Fire Chief

Kory Mitchell
Providence Village

Homemaker

Sylvia Phillips
Cross Roads
Realtor

Paul Morris
Pilot Point
Veterinarian

Mike Frazier
Pilot Point
Geologist

Bill Hathaway
Pilot Point
Engineer

Denton Independent School Board Elections

Residents living South of Fish Trap Road in Cross Roads are in the Denton Independent School District. The location of this election is below.

Aubrey Library and Community Center
226 Countryside
Aubrey, TX.

Early Voting:

April 30 thru May 6
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 7 and May 8
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day
May 12

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There are 3 contested races and you may vote for a candidate in each of the following places.

Place 2
Dr. Jeanetta Smith
Lori D. Traylor
Thomas Donald Reed

Place 3
Glenna G. Harris M.D.
Calvin Don Evans

Place 4
Mia B. Price
Rudy Rodriguez
Kenneth Lee Stout

The Denton School District is experiencing the most growth in the Cross Roads area and we have a real responsibility to study the candidates and vote for those that offer the leadership and understanding of this area.

Aubrey Independent School District

Residents living North of Fish Trap Road in Cross Roads are in the Aubrey Independent School District. Please vote in this election.

Early Voting

April 30 through May 8
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
at the
Aubrey ISD Admin. Building
415 Tisdell
Aubrey, TX

Election Day
May 12

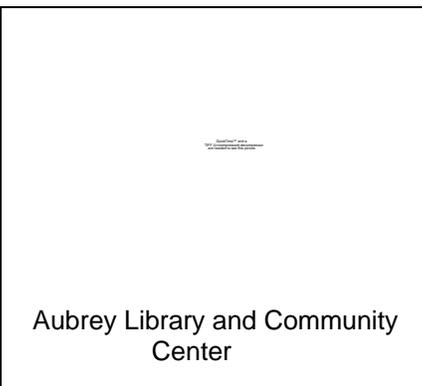
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
at the
Aubrey City Hall
107 South Main Street
Aubrey, TX

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Mustang Special Utility District
office

Check voting dates,
times, and locations
carefully.



Aubrey Library and Community
Center

From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

There are 2 contested races and you may vote for a candidate in each of the following places.

Place 4

Jeff Parrent
Marcus Pierce

Place 5

Jim Milacek
Bruce Birdsong

Please consider the importance of a good education for our children and cast your vote for the candidates who exemplify the standards that you desire for our children in Cross Roads.

We are very fortunate to live in a country that is governed by the people and for the people. So, please exercise your right to vote at this time in these elections.

“...exercise your right to vote.”

History of Cross Roads... by Jim and Eddie Cundall

Incorporating a town in the state of Texas is not a simple task. There must be two-hundred people living in a two square mile area who desire to incorporate. Jerry Burns and Jim Cundall spent many hours juggling areas and population, and visiting residents' homes to reach the required number. They were also fortunate enough to find a benefactor, Texas Power and Light, who covered all the expenses. Finally, the Town of Cross Roads was incorporated in 1973.

After incorporation, things did not progress smoothly. There was a group of people who were opposed to incorporation, who were very vocal and disruptive. They tried to prevent the new town government from succeeding in anything they attempted to accomplish. The group who had been most active in working for incorporation of the town all agreed that the first mayor should be a long-time resident of the area, in an attempt to placate those who thought the “newcomers” were going to set them up to be taxed. Bob Turner fit the bill.

Bob Turner and Bill Ottinger owned a gas station/grocery store at the northwest corner of Highway 24 (now Hwy 380) and Highway 424. For years this store, known as Turner and Ottinger's, was the hub and meeting spot of the area. Bob and Bill were known by everyone. The location of their store had always been

called “Cross Roads”, so that name was selected for the new town, in an attempt to appease some of the old-timers who had been fighting very hard against incorporation. Jim Cundall made a 24" X 36" glass enclosed wall case which hung outside the entrance to Turner and Ottinger's as a message center and spot where council meetings and agendas were posted, as required by Texas law.

The early meetings were usually attended by people who were angry at the thought that the town might begin taxing them and making rules about what they could or could not do with their land. There were threats of violence aimed at the council, and some of the meetings were forced to end early because of fist fights and heckling by a small group who were determined to destroy the town. The people who had worked so hard to see the town succeed and thrive became embarrassed as Cross Roads meetings were being described in the Denton and Pilot Point papers as rowdy and uncivilized, like something out of an old west movie.

In spite of a rowdy start, important things were accomplished. The Denton city landfill was forced to find another location for their dump. Trailer parks were outlawed within town limits. Town limits were expanded with several annexations. The requirement of a



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History of Cross Roads (continued)

“Cross Roads meetings were being described...as rowdy and uncivilized...”

minimum of one acre per house, which was required by the state for areas without sewage systems, was enforced. Unfortunately, the town council meetings continued to be disrupted by the malcontents.

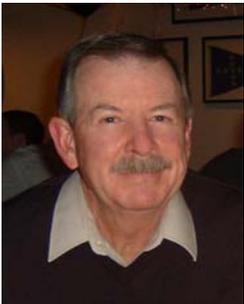
Matters finally came to a head in 1991 when a new and controversial council and mayor were voted in by a fluke. Very few responsible citizens showed up to vote, because the meetings had become such a laughing stock that they didn't want to get involved. The agitators brought in enough of their discontented followers to win the election.

There followed a difficult time for Cross Roads with the attempted de-annexation of a large portion of the town in an attempt to destroy the town completely. This aroused many citizens who had previously been apathetic, to rally in an attempt to save the town. Eventually the conflict ended in a trip to the Denton courts.

This part of the history will be covered in the next issue of the Cross Roads Times article on

The History of Cross Roads.

Citizen Profile on Randy Wallace



Randy loves to read. He fondly remembers reading Ivanhoe when he was 16.

He enjoys dining with Laurel in Denton at the La Mexicana restaurant, because it is authentic.

He enjoys fishing with his grandkids, bird hunting, socializing, and history.

He also enjoys practical jokes.

Meet **Randy Wallace**, a resident of Cross Roads for the last seven years. He says that he is retired. He did officially retire in 1995 from the Los Angeles Fire Department with the rank of Assistant Chief, but has certainly not been idle since then. He supports various local theater groups, and is active in local civic activities. Indeed he is active locally. He served proudly as the chairman of the Cross Roads Planning and Zoning Commission from 2002 through 2006.

Randy and his wife, Laurel, have been married 44 years. They have two daughters: Colleen Cameron, who with her husband, Jeff, and their two children, Corey (7), and Ceilon (5), live in Oak Point; their daughter Chimene Tingué, who with her husband, Dave, live in Carrollton with their children Melanie (9), Michael (7) and Alana (3).

Randy can attest to the attraction that Cross Roads has on folks. His brother-in-law, David Weaver, and his wife Suzanne stopped by to see Laurel and him on their way to the state of Washington where they were moving several years ago. They bought a house in Cross Roads and never made it to Washington.

Randy says that what he likes most about Cross Roads are the people and the sense he has of living in the country.

When asked what he would like to change about Cross Roads, he replied, "Nothing really...in fact I wish Cross Roads didn't have to change, but change is inevitable. This community has done a great job of balancing property rights and preserving the one-acre minimum lot size so that we can manage the growth and maintain the rural qualities that are so important to our residents."

Randy hopes to continue to enjoy his good life with Laurel that they have found in Cross Roads, watch the grandchildren grow up, and make positive contributions to their unique community.

Update: Tree Protection and Preservation... by Kay Kitchens

While the majority of people who are lucky enough to own a home with trees on their lot would never think of harming them or cutting them down, some new sites can fall victim to houses being built upon them the easy way. Builders must work hard, sometimes, to manage building around existing trees and especially ensuring the protection of mature trees on a home building lot.

One of the major objectives of the Cross Roads Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance is to make builders, developers and prospective homeowners aware of alternatives and options when building a new home. By taking a few simple steps to preserve and protect trees during the design and building phases of a new home, the homeowner can enjoy the beauty and benefit of trees for many years.

Trees provide much more than simple shade. They can help lower energy bills by protecting homes from the hot Texas sun. Trees provide an important source of oxygen through photosynthesis. Trees buffer sound and are beautiful. In addition, trees as part of a natural habitat, provide shelter and food for birds and other creatures.

Developing commercial property presents unique challenges. The simplest way to develop a commercial lot is to cut down all the existing trees and start over. This has been the preferred approach by some developers for many years because it is cost

effective. In Cross Roads, the Tree Protection and Preservation Committee is working with the commercial and residential developers to find ways to work with the existing trees as much as possible.

The Committee meets regularly with the developers to recommend changes to their plans that will save the trees. While additional landscaping is always pleasing to the eye and the senses, there is nothing quite like seeing 75 year old oak trees that are carefully preserved and stand proud within a new commercial development.

In working with the Allegiance Development organization and the property at the corner of Highway 380 and FM 424 successful ways have been found to increase the number of trees saved, from 120 to 188! While many trees did have to be removed due to the nature of the development and the 12-foot grade change on the property, a way was even found to use the logs. The logs will be available for Cross Roads citizens and builders. The special arrangement is explained in the article below entitled "Wood from Cross Roads Trees".

With all the growth and interest in the Cross Roads area, it may not be possible to save all of the trees; however, a difference is being made to maintain the beauty of Cross Roads that we all enjoy.



"... can lower energy bills..."

Wood from Cross Roads Trees

A special opportunity for Cross Roads citizens has become available and those who are interested will need to act quickly.

Your Tree Preservation and Protection Committee has worked with Allegiance Development and they have made numerous changes to the development plans in order to save large trees. This work will benefit the entire development and the Town of Cross Roads.

In the process of developing the corner of Hwy 380 and FM 424, there are trees that have been removed due to the planned development and required by the significant change in grade of the property. We have

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worked with Allegiance Development to save the logs created by the necessary removal of the trees. The logs have been clearly marked as Cross Roads oak logs and have been taken to Woods of Mission in Sanger for cutting into lumber.

These logs are all oak and range in size from 6 to 13 feet long. The lumber can be cut into whatever size you desire based on availability at the time of your order.

This wood can be used in a home or for all types of projects:

- Mantles
- Ceiling Beams
- Stair Railings
- Carving/wood turning

The wood can be ordered and purchased based on your specifications. You will need to advise Woods of Mission of the following when you call:

- Size of lumber (example 2" X 6" X 10 foot)
- Quantity of each size
- Rough or planed
- Dried or green

Pricing will depend upon the specifications you provide to Woods of Mission. You **MUST TELL THEM YOU ARE FROM CROSS ROADS AND WANT CROSS ROADS WOOD** to receive the Cross Roads wood and the Cross Roads pricing.

To order your lumber, please contact Woods of Mission directly at 940-458-4750.



Chef Wanda White
Owner and Operator
of the
La Dolce Vita Bakery

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Cross Roads, TX 76227
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Shop in Cross Roads ... by Larry Fisher

Meet Chef Wanda White, owner and operator of the La Dolce Vita Bakery. Wanda is small in stature but has a heart as big as her adopted state of Texas. Her friendly and energetic presence behind the counter draws many a smile and wave from all her regular customers who continue to marvel over the array of fresh-baked goods that greet their eyes... and noses!

And who among us can forget that divine aroma from fresh warm breads and pastries drifting through the air of a fine bakery; certainly not this one small child in Memphis, Tennessee. Wanda White was that small child who years ago knew that someday, she too would learn how to create such delightful baked goods for others. For Wanda and the rest of us, this is that "someday"! Wanda's opening of La Dolce Vita Bakery fulfills her long-held dream that includes a life-long commitment to developing her talents. After gaining her

initial skills in local Memphis bakeries and classes in cake decorating, Wanda continued refining her skills. This ultimately led her to graduate from the Culinary School of the Art Institute of Dallas, where she also now teaches. As a Certified Executive Pastry Chef, Wanda offers those finely honed talents to those who search for fine baked good in North Texas.

And for the young people in your household who want to learn new culinary skills, Chef Wanda will be offering Kid's Camp Cooking Classes beginning the second week in June through the second week in August. You may call the bakery for additional details and sign-ups.

Wanda's reputation as a chef has drawn customers from throughout North Texas. One of her customers came all the way from Dallas just to get a special birthday cake because of Wanda's reputation.

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Another regular customer from Frisco initially experienced some of Wanda's famous chicken salad at a catered affair and just had to find out who had prepared it! People regularly seek out Chef White and in return, she provides extraordinary customer service. As we chatted, Wanda recalls recently dropping off baked goods at the homes of some of her customers who were briefly homebound because of illness or surgery. When asked why, Wanda smiles and says simply, "I'm just grateful for an opportunity to serve my customers."

That's the kind of person you will find inside the doors of La Dolce Vita Bakery. More than a business, it's a place to make a new friend. By the way, Wanda says, "When you do drop by, just mention that you read this article in the Cross Roads Times newsletter and I'll give you a free cupcake!"

Road Repair Committee Update. . .by Dave Meeks

Spring has sprung finally and the weather is getting beautiful. I will be taking advantage of the days before they get too hot.

As you may have noticed, the Road Committee and the Town has been busy making improvements to Tipps Road. The resurfacing is complete and we now have a superior road that should last us many years to come. The process that we have required our contractor to use, really focuses on a sturdy road base. First the existing asphalt is milled to 10" deep. Second, there is 40 lbs per sq. yard of Portland cement placed over the surface and then re-milled to mix in the cement. Then it is wet and compacted over and over for approximately seven days to cure the cement. Then 3" of asphalt is placed over the compacted base and then compacted to a 2" thick smooth tight surface.

This process has been used on several roads over the past few years and have seen long lasting results. We would also like to thank Chuck Burch for overseeing this project for the town.

We will continue the pot hole repair and maintenance throughout the year.



Tipps Road Repair

Our next capital improvement project for the town will be to improve New Hope Road from Fishtrap North to the town limits.

Our Town Administrator, Katherine Ritchie, contracted with a company to have the ditches mowed throughout the town. This was done just in time to have our annual Spring Clean up.

The members of the Road Committee are Tony Russo, Bill Palmertree, Doug Dickinson, Bill Bacon and Danny Prins and myself, Dave Meek. If you have any questions, concerns or requests, please feel free to contact any of us or Katherine at the Town Hall.

TOWN OF CROSS ROADS, TX.

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Michelle Meek, Council Member
Dan Prins, Council Member
Tony Russo, Council Member
Viriden Seybold, Council Member
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Dates to Remember

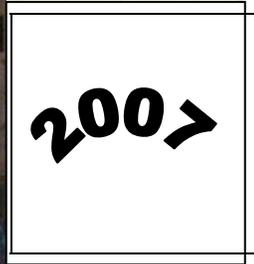
- Town Council Meetings are the second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Tree Protection and Preservation meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Planning and Zoning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Comprehensive Planning Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Road Repair Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting.
- All meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board 72 hours prior to meeting.

North Texas Animal Control Authority
Low Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic
Saturday, May 19
Aubrey Fire Station
10 am-1 pm
Call 214-513-8228 for more information.

Town of Cross Roads
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Crossroads, TX 76227

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Town Of Cross Roads



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on February 2 honored those who had faithfully served the Town of Cross Roads during 2006.
Thank you!

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Progress of Development . . . by Jason Pool, P.E. (C&P Engineering LTD)

There are currently five major development projects in various stages of completion or construction in the Town of Cross Roads.

Forest Hills Phase I

Forest Hills Phase I is a 77 lot single family residential subdivision on approximately 100 acres of land located on the north side of Fishtrap Road, just east of the intersection of US 380 and Fishtrap Road. The project is bounded by Fishtrap Road to the south, an un-platted tract of land to the east, by Spring Mountain to the northeast, by several un-platted tracts of land to the north and west. Forest Hills Phase I will be the location of the Parade of Homes by the Home Builders Association of Greater Dallas this fall, September 22nd through October 7th.

Civil improvements for Forest Hills Phase I are nearing completion. Onsite water lines, storm pipe and franchise utilities are complete. Offsite water line construction is complete. Construction on several of the houses scheduled to be showcased during the Fall Home Builders Association Parade of Homes have begun construction.

The developer for the project is Mike Fannin.



Las Colinas Ranch Estates, Residential

Villages at Cross Roads, Residential is a 97 lot single family residential subdivision on approximately 138 acres of land located at the southeast corner of the intersection of FM 424 and Fishtrap Road. The project is bounded by FM 424 to the west, Fishtrap Road to the north, the Cantrell Slough to the east, and Villages at Cross Roads, Commercial to the south.

The construction on Las Colinas Ranch Estates is well under way. The onsite water lines, sanitary sewer, and storm pipe are complete. Offsite water line construction is complete. Offsite sanitary sewer construction is still in progress. Concrete pavement construction has begun.

Village at Cross Roads, Commercial

Villages at Cross Roads, Commercial is a retail subdivision on approximately 78 acres of land located at the northeast corner of the intersection of US 380 and FM 424. The project is bounded by FM 424 to the west, US 380 to the south, the Cantrell Slough to the east, and Las Colinas Ranch Estates, Residential to the north.

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Village at Cross Roads, Commercial (continued).

Villages at Cross Roads, Commercial is currently under construction. Construction crews are rough grading the site now. Soon, onsite waterline, sanitary sewer, and storm pipe construction will begin. Offsite sanitary sewer construction is still in progress.

Village at Cross Roads, Oak Grove (ETJ)

Villages at Cross Roads, Oak Grove is a retail subdivision on approximately 6 acres of land located at the north west corner of the intersection of US 380 and Oak Grove Road. The project is bounded by US 380 to the south, Oak Grove Road to the east, an un-platted tract of land to the north, and the Cantrell Slough to the west. This portion of the Villages at Cross Roads project is located just outside the Town limits, but inside the Cross Roads extra territorial jurisdiction.

The construction on Villages at Cross Roads, Oak Grove, is also well under way. The onsite water lines, sanitary sewer, and storm pipe are complete. Retaining wall construction adjacent to the Cantrell Slough is under construction. Offsite sanitary sewer and water line construction is still in progress.

The developer for all three Villages at Cross Roads projects is Allegiance Development, Inc..

Stone Mountain Estates Phase I

Stone Mountain Estates Phase I is a 20 lot single family residential subdivision on approximately 21 acres of land located east of Rockhill Road, north of the intersection of US 380 and Rockhill Road. The project is bounded by Rockhill Road to the west, Army Corps of Engineers land to the south, future Stone Mountain Phase II to the east, and several un-platted tracts of land to the north.

Stone Mountain Phase 1 construction has just begun. Construction crews are currently preparing the future street right-of-ways for the installation of utilities and rough grading portions of the project.

The developer for the project is SM Ranch Partners, Ltd..

Keep Cross Roads Beautiful: A Successful Day. . .by Kay Kitchens

A group of volunteers turned out on a chilly 45 degree morning Saturday April 14 for our annual town clean up. Wearing jackets and gloves and hats, the volunteers picked up trash from every area of the Town of Cross Roads. All of the roads where clean up was to be done were assigned to groups by Naomi and Alan Hauf. Every group quickly dispersed to the assigned areas. Thank you, Naomi and Alan, for managing the clean-up day.

Thanks to the efforts of Michelle Meek, hazardous waste disposal was available for residents this year. Several people brought paint, oil, pesticides and other chemicals for proper disposal.

Thank you to all who participated in the Clean-up.

Your efforts have been noticed and are appreciated.

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**Cross Roads
Clean-up
April
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