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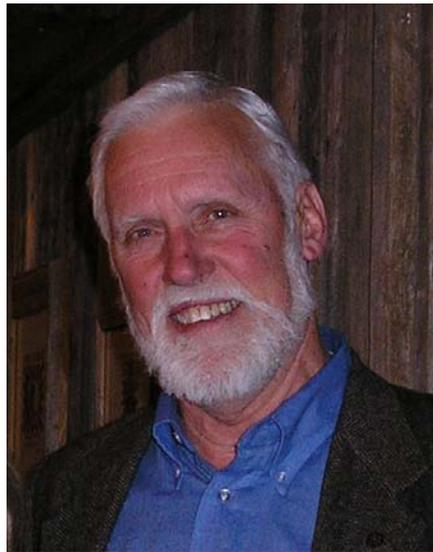
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## From the Mayor's Desk by Harv Kitchens, Mayor



### CROSS ROADS IS ON THE MAP

**Forest Hills-** On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Home Builders Association of Greater Dallas closed the three week run of the Green Built Parade of Homes in Forest Hills. There were 8,936 visitors to the event. These visitors learned about Cross Roads and viewed beautiful homes on one-acre lots. There were seven home builders that constructed homes for the event and they were very pleased with the level of interest of the people who visited their homes. One of the homes is under contract as a result of the parade. The Association and I would like to

thank all of the volunteers from Cross Roads and the Aubrey Area Chamber of Commerce that worked and made the show a success. Also, I would like to thank the developer Mike Fannin and the Tower Group for coordinating with the Home Builders Association to bring this event to Cross Roads. The Forest Hills Development has a total of 77 lots and as of this writing over 60 percent has been sold. We are very proud of the quality development that this developer has brought to our Town. A lot more people know about Cross Roads now.

**Villages at Cross Roads** – This development has 95 lots of which 55 have been sold to Starlight Custom Homes. They now have a sales office on the site and are selling lots and initially planning on building twelve homes. The landscaping of the perimeter, entrance and ponds will be completed within 30 days.

### Village at Cross Roads Commercial --

Wal-Mart signed a letter of intent to build a Wal-Mart Super Center in Cross Roads at the corner of

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**From the Mayor's Desk (continued)**



Forest Hills entrance  
off Fishtrap Road



Presbyterian Medical  
on Highway 380



Denton County Government  
Center on FM 424

Highway 380 and Highway 424 over a year ago There are many activities that must be completed prior to closing on the property, such as meeting certain required environmental standards.

According to Allegiance Developers, all of the required activities have now been accomplished. Wal-Mart has instructed their engineering firm and legal department to prepare all of the exhibits necessary for closing. The closing is expected to be done by November 15<sup>th</sup>; however, many things can happen to delay the closing.

Wal-Mart is not certain when they will start construction. They are observing the success of their recently opened store in Little Elm to help determine the timing of the Cross Roads location.

When Wal-Mart starts their construction other facilities will also be constructed. These will include banks, restaurants, retail shops, etc.

**Oak Grove Retail-** The shell of the building that is at the corner of Highway 380 and Oak Grove Road is almost complete and will be turned over to the tenants within the next two weeks. The Villa Grande (Christina's) restaurant will be the first business ready to open. It should open in December. There will be other shops

opening soon in that building as well.

When Villa Grande moves out, their current building will be removed and one of four banks will begin construction of their facility.

**Stone Mountain Estates** – The final steps are completed for Stone Mountain Estates to start selling lots and constructing homes. This will be in Phase One which contains 15 lots. Phase Two and Phase Three will contain a total of 55 lots.

**Presbyterian Medical Offices** – We welcome this group to the Town of Cross Roads. They are officially open and currently have two physicians' offices active. The medical imaging equipment has been installed, and they are now seeing patients. There will be a grand opening and ribbon cutting on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Denton County Government Center** - This facility is continuing its construction and should be completed by January 1, 2008. We look forward to its completion. This facility will enable us to have County services and representation in our Town.

Again, welcome to all our new businesses and residents. It is an exciting time in the life of Cross Roads!

## Local Dentist Elected President-Elect of the ADA

On October 1, 2007, in San Francisco, California, John S. Findley, D.D.S., a general dentist in Plano, Texas, was elected President-elect of the American Dental Association (ADA), which represents more than 155,000 dentist members across the country. Dr. Findley will serve as president-elect for the next year and will be installed as President in October of 2008 during the ADA's Annual Session in San Antonio, Texas.

John S. Findley, D.D.S., is a proven leader and respected dentist uniquely qualified to take the American Dental Association into the future. As ADA President-elect, Dr. Findley will lead with integrity, establish a clear vision and communicate a strong message to advance the ADA's unwavering commitment to quality oral health care in an environment that serves the patient interest before the bottom line.

Dr. Findley stated, "Today I believe it is our challenge to address three pivotal issues – education, access and communication – because if we don't get these three issues right, our profession, our practices

and our patients will suffer."

Dr. Findley's steadfast leadership within the ADA and his experience as past president of the Texas Dental Association and the Dallas County Dental Society give him the perspective and knowledge necessary to lead the profession and preserve its future. With 35 years in private practice, Dr. Findley understands and appreciates all aspects of the profession, from dental education to patient care.

Dr. Findley is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Previously, Dr. Findley served as Mayor of the Town of Crossroads, President of the Plano Rotary Club and on the Board of Directors of the Plano Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Findley has also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1996.

Dr. Findley has been married to his wife Judy since 1981 and they have two grown sons, Brett and Allen. Dr. Findley and Judy live on a small ranch in the town of Cross Roads.

*"...with 35 years in private practice ..."*



Dr. John S. Findley, D.D.S.

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# Going... Going... GREEN

by Jeanie Burch

Are you wanting to build GREEN? Are you wanting to make changes in your existing home to make it more environmentally responsible? If you answered, "Yes." to either of these questions, read further for some specific suggestions.

When considering building Green, the main issues you need to address are those of insulation and renewable resources. The type of roofing materials, energy efficient attic insulation, and insulated windows used in the construction of the building can make a big difference in the cost of energy once the construction is completed.

Other things to consider are the type of fireplace, heating/AC, water heating, septic system (if not on a city waste water system), flooring materials, bathroom fixtures, paint selection (including wooden outdoor finishes for decking/patio), kitchen appliances, light fixtures/ceiling fans, outdoor lighting, rainwater containment, type and placement of landscaping, and outdoor pool. Additionally, the placement of windows and outside doors to allow solar energy best be utilized can be quite beneficial. The use of solar powered outdoor lighting and native plants for landscaping can allow your home to make an even smaller imprint on the environment.

Now, being told these things, where do you begin? There is much research already available to you. You need to be well informed. Read. Study. Plan. Discuss your wishes with your builder. Know what things you want to include in the building of your home, and tell your builder. Some builders are keenly aware of options for GREEN building, and others are not. You may have to educate your builder, or find another builder who is more willing to work

with you.

Some of the more environmentally responsible options cost more initially than traditional building materials. Be prepared for this. Make choices that will benefit you and the environment the most in the long run.

If you currently are in a home that you want to make more environmentally responsible, there are many options available to you. If the windows on your home are not double-paned/insulated, use insulated draperies, insulated Roman shades, or woolen curtains. Any of these options will help reduce the cost of heating/cooling. Add ceiling fans with reversible blades that help circulate air whenever you are in the room. Replace incandescent bulbs with condensed fluorescent bulbs. (Check on proper disposal methods.) When painting the inside of your home use odorless paint. Replace toilets and showerheads with water-conserving ones. When buying appliances, purchase Energy Star ones. Replace your water heater with a tankless, on-demand one. When landscaping, choose solar-powered outdoor lighting, and landscape with native plants that will require much less attention and watering (once established) than many other plants sold. Plant trees to shade west and north facing windows. If considering adding a swimming pool, check into a low-saltwater pool that will not require the addition of a lot of chemicals traditional pools need.

Finally, daily remember to turn off water while brushing your teeth, turn off lights when leaving a room, and buy local produce in season. Experience the joy of living green.

## Signs by Design. . . by Michelle Meek

Don't let the name fool you. Signs by Design is much more than just a sign shop. If you need a logo designed, marketing and advertising materials, stationery and business cards designed or printed, vehicle or boat graphics, desktop publishing, bulk permit mailings or just some copies or faxes, you've come to the right place.

Signs by Design took up shop (no pun intended) in Cross Roads in August 2004. What started out as a two-person operation has grown into a thriving business earning the title of 2006 Business of the Year by the Aubrey Area Chamber of Commerce. The business recently outgrew the space that was originally leased and has made a move west down Hwy 380. Still in Cross Roads, Signs by Design can now be found at 900 North Pottershop Road (just east of the Exxon station).

Our clientele base is just as diverse as the services and products we offer. Our local clients may look to us for the convenience of our copy and fax

services while the City of Grapevine relies on us to provide vehicle graphics for their fleet. Denton Bible Church came to us for design, manufacturing and production of all the signage for their new campus on Hwy 380. The Huffines Group trusts us to manufacture and maintain the signage in all of their subdivisions. Other clients depend on us to keep their branding and image consistent in all their marketing avenues, such as ad publications, bulk mailings, brochures and trade show displays.

The move to Pottershop Rd. was a quick one. One of two modular homes at the end of a long driveway is the place we now call home, but not for long. We have future plans to build a new building on this location in the next 12-18 months.

So if you need help getting people to notice your business, mosey on down to 900 North Pottershop Rd. We would love to help you.

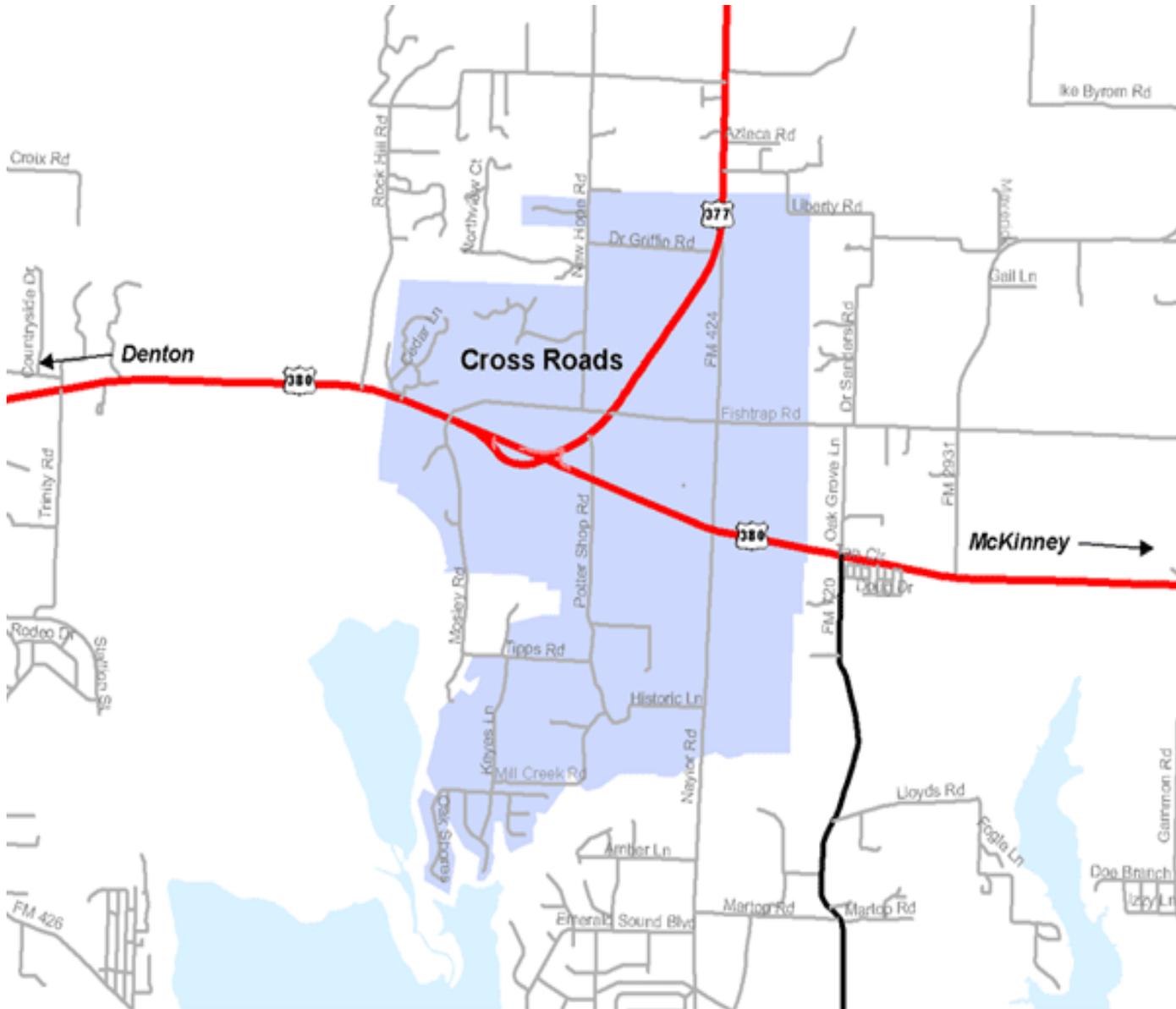


Michelle Meek  
Signs by Design



Signs by Design  
900 Pottershop Road

## Map of Incorporated Area of the Town of Cross Roads



The areas under development at this time are listed below with their locations.

The **Village at Cross Roads** (Allegiance **Residential**) is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of FM 424 and Fishtrap Road.

The **Village at Cross Roads** (Allegiance **Commercial**) is located north of Highway 380 between FM 424 and FM 720 (Oak Grove Lane).

**Stone Mountain** is on the east side of Rock Hill Road, 1/4 mile north of Highway 380.

**Forest Hills** is located on Fishtrap Road, west of highway 377.

## Town of Cross Roads Fact Sheet

On April 23, 1973, Cross Roads became a town with a population of approximately 200 residents and 2 square miles. Today the population is about 700 and the Town encompasses 6.7 square miles. Cross Roads is located at the junction of Highway 380 and Highway 377 about 8 miles east of the city of Denton, the county seat of Denton County. Currently Cross Roads does not have a property tax. Town volunteers oversee the road maintenance and other necessary maintenance and repairs.

Cross Roads is defined as a General Law City. A mayor and a town council of five members represent residents. The Council meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings and other committee meetings.

**In an emergency**, Cross Roads residents can **dial 911** for a dispatcher at the Denton County Sheriff's Department.

**Town of Cross Roads website**

**[www.crossroadstx.gov](http://www.crossroadstx.gov)**

### Utilities and Services (within the incorporated area):

<b>Gas</b>	TXU	1-800-460-3030
<b>Electricity</b>	CoServ Electric	1-800-274-4014
	Texas-New Mexico	940-686-2295
	First Choice Power	1-866-469-2464
	TXU Energy	1-800-242-9113
<b>Telephone</b>	ATT	1-800-464-7928
<b>Trash Pick-up</b>	IESI	1-800-909-9061
<b>Recycling Service</b>	IESI	1-800-909-9061
<b>Water</b>	Mustang Water Supply	940-440-9561
	(except Oak Bluff)	
<b>Mail</b>	U.S. Postal Service	940-365-2621 (in Aubrey)
<b>Hospitals</b>	Presbyterian Hospital of Denton	940-898-7000
	Denton Regional Hospital	940-384-3535
<b>Schools Districts</b>	Aubrey I.S.D.	
	(North of Fishtrap Rd. <u>except</u> Forest Hills)	940-365-2721
	Denton I.S.D.	
	(South of Fishtrap Rd., <u>and</u> Forest Hills)	940-369-0000
<b>Aubrey Volunteer Fire Department (non-emergency)</b>		940-365-9785
<b>EMERGENCY</b>		<b>DIAL 911</b>
<b>Poison Control Center</b>		<b>1-800-222-1222</b>

## TOWN OF CROSS ROADS, TX.

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*Tony Russo, Council Member*  
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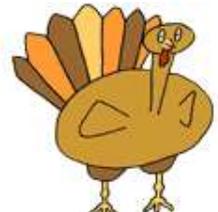
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## Dates to Remember

- Town Council Meetings are the second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Town Council workshops meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Happy  
Holiday  
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