

# The Cross Roads Times

Quarterly Publication of the Town of Cross Roads, Texas (Denton County)

## From the Mayor's Desk

*by Steve Smith, Mayor*



District (MDD). Council requested that a series of public information meetings be scheduled to give our citizens and business owners an opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions. We have had three of those meetings and another two are scheduled on February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in town hall. The issue will then come to council during the February regularly scheduled council meeting for a vote. Council will choose to either place the MDD tax on the May ballot or not. If council chooses to place it on the ballot it will ultimately come down to the desire of all citizens both within our town and the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction included within the Municipal Development District. I would like to thank all of those who have worked on putting these meetings together and thank the individuals who have come to voice their opinions on the issue. I also encourage everyone to attend the remaining meetings to gather information and voice your opinion.

### Winter 2013 Update

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a number of topics, including the Municipal Development District process, commercial and residential developments, and council initiatives. I also want to continue to encourage your participation and input.

### Municipal Development District Process

The Economic Development Committee, over the last few years, has been researching the sales tax options available for the town in anticipation of the impending growth. In December they recommended that the council explore the establishment of a Municipal Development

### Residential Development

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we saw a 160% increase in residential building permits issued from the prior year. The first quarter of this fiscal year shows that trend continuing. Just four months into the fiscal year we are on track to triple last years new home construction starts.

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### Staffing Changes

After seven years of service Judy Moudy, our Administrative Assistant, has decided to retire in order to spend more time with her family and travel. I truly appreciate all that Judy has done for us and wish her the absolute best in this, her second retirement. Over the last several months we have been recruiting and interviewing candidates who want to join our town during this exciting growth period and expect to have those positions filled in the next few weeks.

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Elevation drawings of the new CVS pharmacy

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

#### Commercial Development

It is great to see both the CVS and Walmart projects now underway. CVS has already gone vertical and will open its doors in just three short months. Across Hwy 380, Walmart began in late December and that site is changing daily. Walmart will open by October of this year just in time for the holidays. I have included architectural renderings of both projects so that you can see the elevations and final look of those stores. I also included the developers marketing flyer of the entire Village of Cross Roads project, which will give you an idea of the current layout of the development. Interest has been phenomenal with a number of retailers submitting letters of intent and currently in the leasing process. I am excited to announce that Whataburger has executed a contract for a restaurant in the development with Lovett Commercial.



Main Entrance drawing of the new Walmart

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Elevation Drawing of the new Walmart complex on Highway 380 at FM 424



## From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

A little farther down on 380 you may have also noticed the recent removal of two homes on the north side of 380 just west of Monk Ranch. Plans have been submitted to the town for a single story medical complex to be built at that location which will bring even more services to our residents.

### Council Initiatives

In 2002, former Mayor Harv Kitchens and the sitting council adopted resolution 2002-0703-01 which hangs in town hall and committed to maintain the towns unique character. Those same commitments remain as strong today with the current council members and myself as they did over ten years ago. Those initiatives include no city property tax, and the commitment to fund city services thru retail sales tax income without the need for ad valorem taxes; to maintain lower density thru one acre minimum lot sizes within our town; and to attract commercial development to our high traffic corridors which reflect our unique character. With the current development activity and interest along 380 the anticipated sales tax revenues guarantee that we will never need to impose property taxes. We are committed to continue to manage the impending development and control what we can be controlled in an effort to produce the best possible outcome for our citizens and neighboring communities. With this impending commercial and residential growth, change is inevitable and preparation and planning are crucial.

### Volunteerism / Participation

In the last newsletter I thanked our local business owners for making Cross Roads their home. This quarter I ask that you take time to thank those who make this town function. It is the members and chairs

of our committees and task forces, our P&Z commissioners and chairman, and your council who all unselfishly dedicate their time and effort to serve the citizens of this Town. Those time demands have incrementally increased along with the increased activity we are seeing within the town. I personally appreciate each of their efforts and I hope you do as well. After you thank them, ask them how you can get involved as well to help our town. I invite each of our citizens to get involved in some fashion.

For electronic delivery of updates please visit our newly designed website [www.CrossRoadsTX.gov](http://www.CrossRoadsTX.gov) and sign up for alerts on the home page. This allows us to quickly and effectively communicate events and updates to all interested parties. I would like to specifically thank the Economic Development Committee and staff who worked over the last several months to give our website a new look and a portal to provide even more information about our town. We will continue to improve the website in an effort to streamline processes and provide effective and open communication. For many visitors who have never visited or heard of Cross Roads the website is their first impression of our Town.

After a very successful first year our farmers market will return each Saturday at the Town Park, beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> and running thru July 20<sup>th</sup>. The market is a great venue to support local growers and provide the area with a fresh produce option.

Our Spring Road Clean-up is scheduled for April 20, 2013. Please hold that date on your calendar and come spend the morning meeting your neighbors and helping to clean up our roadways.

## Welcome New Residents

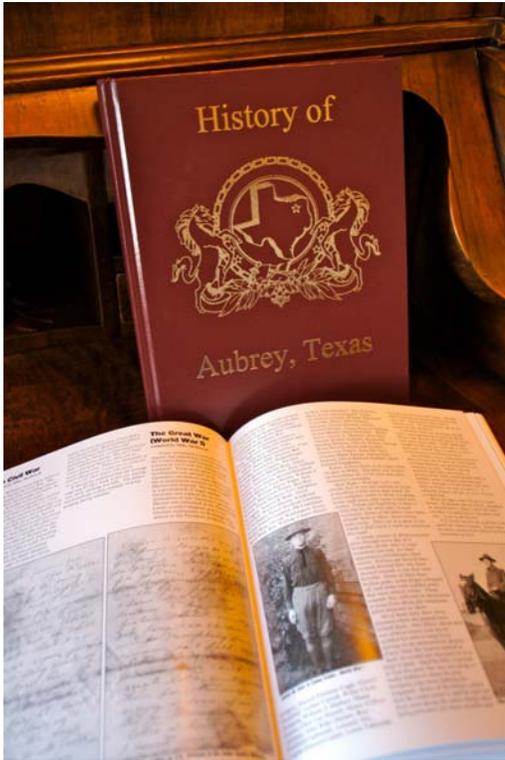
### to Cross Roads

Since December 2012

Cory and Marsha Winter, 133 Las Colinas Trail

Freddie and Lenard Robinson, 901 FM 424

Spring  
Roadside Clean-up  
April 20



### Early Cross Roads and Aubrey Area Celebrated in Book

The early Cross Roads, New Hope, and the Lloyd communities each played a special role in the development of our present town of Cross Roads. These communities are only 3 of the over 12 unique early communities that make up the rich fabric of the book, *History of Aubrey, Texas*.

With over 140 Aubrey area historical narratives, 83 family histories, and 257 historic photos, the book is a true labor of love by the Aubrey Historical Society as well as the numerous citizens sharing their cherished memories and stories.

Making its debut at the Aubrey Peanut Festival in October 2012, the book sold out its first printing of 500 copies in just 3 weeks. The second and final printing of 300 books is now available. With over 150 names on a waiting list for the second printing, the book is sure to go fast. To purchase your copy of this 208 page, limited edition book for \$25, go to Jackie's Hardware at 202 S. Main Street in Aubrey, or go to [www.aubreyhistorical.com](http://www.aubreyhistorical.com) for additional information.



# March 16, 2013

Set-up @ 6:00 PM

8 Person Max. per Team

\$80 fee per Team

Tickets available at the door.

**TEAMS KEEP WINNINGS.**

**BYO...!**  
Beverages,  
Snacks, or  
Indoor Picnic

Call Aubrey Area  
Library for More  
Information  
**940-365-9162**

*Kernels From Kay*

Well, my husband has done it to me. He has forced me into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the high tech world of text messages and apps. He gave me an i-phone 5 for Christmas! As a friend said to me "Oh my God, you went from nothing to an i-phone 5 ???" After learning this my daughter insisted that I buy a case for it which encloses it entirely in bullet and crash proof plastic. As I prepared Christmas dinner my eleven-year-old grandson followed me around asking for password and app preferences. He has since given me lessons on a weekly basis and is on call for emergency consultation. I drove for several miles today listening to a snappy tune on the radio, which turned out to be my phone ringing. My phone makes many other noises with which I have not yet become familiar, so notices may have been sent out about the second coming and I will have missed it. I insist on punching my phone icons with a forceful finger even though my daughter assures me I'm not blending Margaritas. I have not yet been introduced to the talking person on my phone, and everyone I text message must think I never went beyond third grade. But....baby steps, baby steps.

*Kay Lamb*



## First Quarter 2013 Roads Report

With the exception of state highways 377, 380 and 424, we are responsible for the maintenance and safety of the roads in Cross Roads. At this time we have a limited budget with which to work since we rely solely on sales taxes for funding. With that funding we are able to do mainly pothole repair, mowing, and replacement of signs that people seem to like to remove or shoot holes in. There are a few potholes in need of attention at this time and they will be attended to as weather permits. As soon as CVS and Wal-mart are completed, we should receive some additional funding but will be limited as to the size of the projects we can consider. Several of our roads will

need major repair in the not too distant future and some drainage upgrades have been put off for the same financial reasons.

Our community is growing and we need to anticipate the needs and prepare for them as best we can. The condition of our roads in the commercial sector as well as our neighborhoods can be an attraction or a deterrent to people who might want to come here. We will continue to do our best to make Crossroads a place where people want to live.

Bill Roberson

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## Kids for Community

Over the holidays we had the pleasure of visiting the Vintage Nursing Home in Denton. With assistance from our wonderful neighbors, Sue Weaver and Rue Wright, about 20 kids from our Kids for Community group made cards and distributed cookies to the happy residents.

Easter Bunny. Please RSVP to let us know to watch for you.

### Upcoming Events

#### Owl Prowl

February 9th

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Ray Roberts Lake State Park -  
Isle du Bois Unit

Meet at the Lost Pines Amphitheater for a brief presentation about amazing owls followed by an owl prowl hike! This is an easy .5 mile hike. Dress for the weather conditions: sturdy walking shoes are recommended. For more information about the Owl Prowl or other events at Lake Ray Roberts, please contact Kelly Lauderdale @ 940-686-2148 ex. 258 or [kelly.lauderdale@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:kelly.lauderdale@tpwd.state.tx.us).



#### Town of Cross Roads Clean-Up

Saturday, April 20th

Come help the town with the semi-annual clean-up! The fun starts at 9:00am with donuts and coffee at town hall. Everyone will head out to clean up the roads and then enjoy a hot dog lunch at 11:30 at Town Park.

#### Rough Riders / Pool Zone Event

Dr Pepper Ballpark in Frisco

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. San Antonio Missions (Padres)**

*(Friday @ 7:00pm w/ Fireworks)*

**June 12th vs. Corpus Christie Hooks (Astros)**

*(Wednesday @ 7:00pm)*

The ballgames were so much fun last year that we thought we would do it again!!! The Pool Zone is a two-tiered area in right field that includes a pool and several patio tables with umbrellas so everyone can relax and stay cool while they enjoy the game. Tickets are \$26/pp and includes admission to the park and seating in the Pool Zone.

There are only 25 tickets available for each date so please RSVP asap to [kim@ntxproperty.com](mailto:kim@ntxproperty.com) with your date preference.

#### Nursing Home Bunny Visit

Saturday, March 30th

Come join the Easter Bunny and meet us at The Vintage Nursing Home at 205 N. Bonnie Brae St. in Denton for special visit with the residents;) We'll meet at The Vintage at 2:00 and visit the residents with the

# Cross Roads Wildflowers



Texas Bluebonnet

Aside from beautiful vistas, wildflowers provide food for birds, butterflies and beneficial insects that need a helping hand.

In our last town survey, many of you indicated that you would like to see more of the bluebonnets, daisies and blanket flowers that make spring and summer in Cross Roads special.

Our Comprehensive Planning Committee has formed a subcommittee to promote the creation of wildflower meadows, roadways, and spaces in our community.

### *Want to get involved?*

Lend a hand in the planning and promotion of wildflowers in our community. Contact the Wildflower Committee Chair, Kathy Langley, at 940-395-6902.

Attend the Wildflower Workshop on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:00 at Town Hall.

*A limited number of free seed packets will be available to citizens of Cross Roads at the Cross Roads Wildflower Workshop.*



Plant a patch of native wildflowers. Choose a sunny place with good drainage. Try to choose a spot you can easily water, if necessary, to get the plants established. Tilling followed by repeated cultivation three weeks later will eliminate the early germination of annual weeds.

Once the ground is bare and loose, you are ready to plant or sow wildflower

## Growing Texas wildflowers takes perseverance. Here is information you'll need to get started...

Native plants and seed mixtures include annual, perennial, or biennial wildflowers. It is important to understand the differences in these categories, so you will have a clear idea of how your meadow or wildflower patch will grow and bloom. Check plant tags or seed packets to identify the category and growing instructions.

**Annuals** usually sprout quickly, grow fast, and are the first to bloom. They are often planted in the spring and usually bloom heavily, set seed, and then are killed by frost. They may reseed a bit, but if you want a yearly show of these flowers, you will need to plant or reseed every two years or so.

**Perennials** are wildflowers that come back every year from the same roots. They may

be planted as plants or sown as seeds. Perennials are slower to sprout and grow than annuals, often not showing shoot growth for months, or requiring a cold period in order to germinate. They normally flower their second year, and then flower with increasing size and vigor in successive years.

**Biennials** form leaves the first year, bloom the second year, and are killed by frost at the end of their bloom year. Biennials are usually such heavy seed-producers that many do not require re-planting or re-seeding.

<http://www.wildflower.org/>

<http://www.lonestar.net/wildflowers/index.html>

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Cross Roads Wildflower Workshop
- ◆ March 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:00 at Town Hall

Learn about wildflower benefits, how to identify and grow native wildflowers, and receive a free packet of seeds.

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**TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULE**



**Planning and Zoning** Commission meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

**Economic Development** Committee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month

**Park Board** meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

**Comprehensive Planning** Committee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

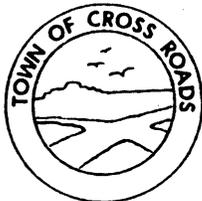
**Road Repair** Committee meeting the Thursday before Council meeting

Town Council **Workshop** meeting as needed

**Town Council** meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

All meetings start at 7:00 pm, or will be posted if different. All meetings are open to the public and held at Town Hall unless specified otherwise on the agendas, which are posted on the front window of Town Hall. Please call Katherine Ritchie at Town Hall if you would like to join a committee to serve your community.

**Municipal Court** is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9 am.



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