

The Cross Roads Times

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

From the Mayor's Desk

by Steve Smith, Mayor



Fall 2012 Update

As a new fiscal year begins, I want to give you a brief update on how the town stands financially, and on the progress being made on commercial and residential developments. I also want to discuss what each of us can do to help local businesses while ensuring our town remains economically successful.

In addition to volunteering and being involved in our town government we should remember to spend locally whenever possible. Each taxable purchase spent locally brings 1.75% of that purchase back to the town. We use that revenue for road improvements, safety improvements, park improvements, funding for police, fire, and ambulance services, local area library support, and unique citizen services such as Care Flight.

Spending locally also supports those businesses and local owners.

For all of your online purchases it is important to ensure Cross Roads is listed as your actual shipping address, which ensures the appropriate tax is calculated and distributed back to the Town.

We have many opportunities to keep spending locally here in Cross Roads. We have local restaurants such as Prairie House, Palios, Dickey's, and Three Sisters Café. We have two gas stations available for fuel and miscellaneous purchases, two beer, wine, and liquor retailers. Local stores such as Rustic Furniture, Texas Trailers, Discount Tire, Cross Roads Station, Beyond the Bit, and Elements Landscape are all in the less than seven square miles, which we call home. Combined they sell a wide variety of goods including furniture, home décor, beds, trailers, tires, wheels, stone and landscaping supplies, plants, trees, and even pet foods. Next time you visit one of these businesses please tell them you are a Cross Roads citizen and thank them for choosing our hometown.

Commercial Development

The Town has authorized both CVS Pharmacy and Walmart building permits. We have conducted several meetings with CVS, Walmart, Lovett Commercial, Mustang SUD, and TXDOT. These meetings are an effort to keep the projects moving forward while ensuring all concerns and requirements are addressed.

CVS construction will begin very soon

Articles

From the Mayor's Desk	1
Kernels from Kay	2
Budget Report	2
Road Report	3
Katherine's Corner	4
3 Sisters Resale Gift Store	5
County Commissioner	6
Aubrey Area Library	7
Roadside Clean-up	7

and hopefully Walmart will begin in the next several months.

We have had a number of other interested businesses contact the town exploring Cross Roads as a place to open stores, restaurants, and more medical services in the coming years.

Residential Development

During fiscal 2012 we experienced a 160% increase in residential building permit issuance from the prior year, with a majority of those permits being issued in the fourth quarter of 2012. This increased residential development activity is encouraging

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

and a reflection of the positive trending of our local economy.

Budget

Council passed a balanced 2013 budget on September 17, 2012 totaling \$523,212. The budget reflects a 26% increase from the prior year while remaining 7% below our 2012 actual revenue. Our budget committee chairperson, Carol Roberts, shares more about the budget specifics budget in her report. Thanks to Carol, the budget committee, staff and council, for their diligent work in developing this 2013 budget.

The town is and will continue to be in great financial shape. We started the 2012 fiscal year with cash assets totaling \$757,338 and closed the year with just under \$1 million. We were able add to our cash assets by closing the year 2% under budget while posting a 35% overage in revenues.

With the conservative approach we have taken with our 2013 budget the town should continue to operate with a surplus each month. This will guarantee our continued long-term positive financial position overall.

Volunteerism / Participation

On October 13th we had our Fall Road Clean-up with great participation from residents of all areas in town. Thank you to Alan and Naomi Hauf for their hard work in organizing the event and to all of you who came out and helped clean our town roadways.

The increased attendance at our Cross Roads monthly council meetings is encouraging and reflective of our ever-growing citizen interest and participation. We always welcome and encourage the input of all of our citizens and business owners. Thank you for your attendance at those meetings.

I truly encourage and invite all of our citizens to get involved in some fashion within our town. That start could be by simply attending a meeting that most interests you. We are always seeking out new volunteers looking to help out. For updated electronic delivery of updates please visit our website of 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.

Cross Roads continues to be successful and admired due to the hard work and diligent efforts put forth by its citizens, staff and volunteers. I thank each of you for that.

Kernels From Kay

When did I become obsolete? How did it happen? I used to be cool and savvy - or at least during my junior year in college. That, looking back on it, was my peak of coolness. Apparently everything has gone downhill from there. I suppose everyone can look back on a period in his/her life which seemed enchanted. So what happened? Life has overtaken me and not only overtaken me, but backed up and trampled on me. Technology! That's it! That's the culprit. I just can't keep up. About the time I learn one procedure on a particular device it is updated and I must throw out all the old chargers and cords and start all over. My husband laughed at me for squirreling away all the old equipment, but I had the last laugh when my grandson was visiting and had forgotten the charger for his game boy. I dug in my bag and found one that would work! Saved my sanity during his visit! And...when did my children surpass me in cleverness? They now just smile and shake their heads as I reach for the telephone book. By the time I have found it in the drawer they have already reached the number on their iPhone. And...apps! Don't even mention apps around me! I just might have to move to a cabin in the woods....except I do like running water and indoor plumbing.

Kay Lamb



Budget Committee Report . . . by

Carol Roberts C.P.A.

Happy New Year! to Cross Roads. Yes, the town's budget has a new fiscal year, which started October 1. Once again, our committee presented a conservative budget to Council. That budget was approved.

The majority of budgeted revenue and expenditures were based on prior year actuals. This resulted in an estimated increase of \$82,750 of sales tax for the 2012/2013 time period.

This projected increase in sales tax allowed us to include the following items into the new budget: \$10K towards the new Aubrey fire engine and \$12,500 for the final six

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Budget (continued)

months of the Economic Development Committee’s contract with the Buxton consulting firm (both approved in the 2011/12 budget by Council). \$15,500 was added for website enhancements and computer technology, in order to meet extended goals of economic development and plan for better communication to our citizens.

New initiatives include: (a) additional staff member, to primarily handle the expected business growth in the Town, (b) \$1,500 for off-duty police patrol, and (c) \$9,000 for funds to begin a consulting study needed by our comprehensive planning committee.

The road repairs and maintenance budget was set equal to the prior year budget of \$82,300. If a major road initiative is undertaken, funds are also available in a separate road account funded by past sales tax, which now has a \$68,586 balance.

Your Council has continued to frugally spend Town revenues, and we are blessed to live in a community that has more than adequate operating reserves.

Welcome [New Residents](#) to Cross Roads

Since July 2012

Charles Gonzales, 1270 Forest Bend Court

Steve Sulgrove, 5600 W. Oak Shores

Gregory and Tania Jones, 1071 E. Oak Shores

Bryce and Patty McCallum, 255 Rosewood Drive

Roads Committee Report . . . by Wally Kille

Things have been happening with our roads.

Mill Creek has been resurfaced with “millings” to cover the potholes and washboard areas. Your morning commute should be smoother.

The bridge at Historic Lane has a new and safer guardrail, but *please slow down!* It is still only one lane and has a blind corner.

The cracks and separations in our roads caused by the heat of the long, hot summer have been filled to prevent water damage to the base material.

The sides of the roads have received their final mowing for the season.

On October 13, the citizens of Cross Roads participated in the fall roadside clean-up. Afterward, everyone enjoyed a picnic in the Cross Roads Park with Naomi and Alan Hauf being the chef and organizers. Many thanks for their years of volunteering for this activity.

Remember to always drive safely. STAY TO THE RIGHT on the road, especially on the blind hills.

Finally, take time to get out and enjoy the fall colors on our roads. They are a gift. May I suggest a drive south on Pottershop and a turn onto Historic Lane?

Cross Roads

Community Market News



The first Cross Roads Community Market season just finished and planning is now starting for next years’ event.

August was very hot this year, and by mid August the produce supply was a bit low. Next year, the market will operate every Saturday, from May through the end of July.

Once again, we are seeking additional produce, and art/craft vendor participants.

Please contact Gale Bacon for additional participant information.

galebacon@att.net

Katherine's Corner

by Katherine Ritchie, Town Secretary

ODDS AND ENDS

NOVEMBER 6, 2012 ELECTION INFORMATION

Early Voting Dates, Times and Locations

November 6, 2012 General Election

Before Election Day, you may vote at any of the Denton County voting sites. Refer to the website below for convenient locations. On Election Day, however, you must vote at the location to which your precinct is assigned. You may call the Elections Office at 940-349-3200 if you do not know your precinct number.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted only on the following dates and times.

October 22 – 26	8 am – 5 pm
October 27	7 am – 7pm
October 28	1 pm – 6 pm
October 29 – November 2	7am – 7pm

For more information please visit the Denton County Election Administration website link.

<http://elections.dentoncounty.com/go.asp?Dept=82>

UNDERSTANDING COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE

In the first installment, I highlighted the JUNKED VEHICLE regulations. In the second I summarized another common code violation PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. The third issue dealt with PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS REGULATIONS. The fourth installment detailed SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS. The last installment touched on TRASH COLLECTION AND LITTERING REGULATIONS. This issue I will summarize TEMPORARY SALE REGULATIONS. All ordinances and regulations can be found online at the town website. (<http://www.crossroadstx.gov/documents/code-of-ordinances>).

Harvey,
Town Mascot



ARTICLE 4.04 TEMPORARY SALE REGULATIONS

Sec. 4.04.001 Temporary sale defined

Temporary sales are hereby defined as occasional sales of household goods or used merchandise conducted in an area zoned for residential uses by the owner or occupant of the residence at which the sale is conducted and which is not an ongoing or regular business activity. (2002 Code, sec. 4.301)

Sec. 4.04.002 Conduct limited

(a) A temporary sale shall not be conducted on any residential lot or tract in the town more than two times per year, and each temporary sale may not exceed three consecutive days.

(b) No person may conduct a temporary sale without first having applied for and been issued a permit from the town to conduct the sale.

(Ordinance 2011-0815-01 adopted 8/15/11)

Sec. 4.04.003 Penalty

Any temporary sale held in violation of this article shall be prohibited and violations shall be punishable by a fine in accordance with the general penalty provision found in section 1.01.009 of this code per violation per day. (2002 Code, sec. 4.303)

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, TASKFORCES AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The town encourages its citizens to express their thoughts, volunteer their time and talents, and to actively participate in their local government. Citizens interested in volunteering to serve on a committee are encouraged to attend a meeting of their interest, and to make an application for appointment. If you have any questions concerning service to your community, please call me at Town Hall at 940 365-9693.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

Katherine's Corner *(continued)*

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the citizens who participated in the October 13th Fall Road Cleanup. The next event will be in the Spring. See pictures of the fall event on page 7 of this issue.

CAREFLITE

If you have not signed up for the Cross Roads-underwritten membership for Careflite, please contact Judy Moudy at Town Hall.

COMMUNITY EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

If you would like to receive email notification of town meetings and community activities, please sign up for alerts on our website or you may email me directly and put "ADD ME TO YOUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST" in the subject line. Your email address will not be displayed.

www.crossroadstx.gov

townsecretary@crossroadstx.gov

REMINDER

Please bag both your trash and recyclables so that when the IESI trucks dump the receptacles your loose trash is not caught by the wind and scattered. Also, please remember that all trash receptacles are to be retrieved from the street within 24 hours after collection.

3 Sisters Resale Gift Store...

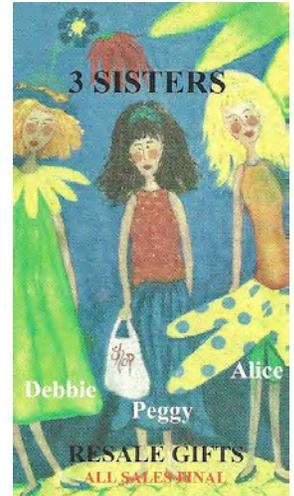
by Larry and Kae Fisher

Did you know we have a general store right here in Cross Roads?

If you remember the "general store" of by-gone years then you'll know it was the first place you thought of going for all your everyday needs- food, clothing, gifts, candy, baked goods, fuel, furnishings. You know... all the necessities of daily life! Well, we have all that and more at our own Peggy's Exxon station here in Cross Roads.

If you're like us, we stop for fuel, pay at the pump, and continue on our way to run errands or to shop in our neighboring towns for those bargains we love to find. However, if you'll just step inside Peggy's you'll save some driving, some money, and discover a whole new look with the 3 Sisters Resale Gifts shop! It's the general store concept just described.

Debbie Laechelin and Peggy Morris are two of the 3 Sisters. Their other sibling, Alice, is now retired. Earlier this year in March, with Debbie as the driving force, they decided to open a consignment resale business in the Exxon station. The goal was to help supply the needs in the community for gently used items such as clothing, gifts, children's books, games, toys, decorations, and even some furniture. All of this is for sale, in addition to the 3 Sisters fuel and restaurant services, and their basic selection of groceries, automotive supplies, beer, wine, and liquor. Considering all the products and services available, We think you'll agree that the term general store best describes it!



Debbie told us how the demand for good everyday clothing, especially men's clothing, has been outstripping her supply. With the number of farming and ranching businesses in the area, anything made of denim sells well. So, as you do your regular autumn closet cleaning, keep an eye out for those gently used items that Debbie might be able to help you sell. However, rather than bringing items directly into the 3 Sisters Resale Gift Store, please contact Debbie directly at (940) 735-5797 to make arrangements for her to view and help you select the items that will most readily sell.

The next time you want to refill your car (or your tummy, for that matter), take a really short trip to your local general store, 3 Sisters Resale Gift Store, and save some money. Also, while you're there order one of their new really yummy homemade fried pies. You'll leave with a big smile on your face, and maybe some bargains to boot! Oh, and to make those bargains even more attractive, bring this newsletter in, get it signed and save 10% on your resale bargain.

Peggy's Exxon, 6500 US Highway 380, Cross Roads, TX 76227

Hugh Coleman, County Commissioner for Precinct 1



“Working as County Commissioner has given me the opportunity to help the county pursue conservative fiscal policies, promoting common sense in government, supporting law enforcement, improving county roads, encouraging municipal transportation infrastructure, and advancing appropriate development that supports quality of life for our families ” said Coleman.

Coleman took office as County Commissioner for Precinct One on January 1, 2009 and is running unopposed in the November 2012 election for another four year term starting in 2013 . “It has been an honor for me to serve the citizens of Denton County and I am proud of what I have done while in office.” said Coleman.

Coleman lists some of his accomplishments while in office. He worked with NTTA to ensure that the North Texas Tollway Extension be placed along the Denton County line with Collin County so that the citizens of Denton County might benefit from the subsequent economic development along the corridor. He assisted cities with their transportation and infrastructure needs, while at the same time he improved and maintained the over 400 miles of county roads in Denton County Precinct One.

In Cross Roads, he partnered with the Town to provide funding for the improvements to Pottershop Road. He is currently working on improvements to Ike Byrom and Stewart off of US 377 in the unincorporated areas near the Towns of Krugerville and Cross Roads.

He is also an active member of his community serving in a variety of leadership positions. Currently, he serves on the Children's Place Pre-School Board, and is an elder and member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton. He is also a frequent volunteer for the Special Olympics in Sanger. He is a past District Committee Member for the Boy Scouts of America - Longhorn Council, Frontier Trails District. He is a past Precinct Chairman for the Denton County Republican Executive Committees, a past Board Member of Community in Schools North Texas, a past member of the Foundation Board for North Central Texas College, and a past member of the Denton Salvation Army Advisory Board.

In addition, he is a Past President of the Denton County Bar Association and is a past President of the Denton County Young Lawyers Association. Coleman was also instrumental in the creation of the highly acclaimed Denton County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (DCAP), which provides pro bono and low cost mediation services to residents of Denton County. Coleman is also a past Director of the Texas Young

Lawyer's Association, receiving the President's Award of Merit for exemplary service to the public and bar in 2003 and 2005.

Coleman is married to Bernadette, a graduate of Texas Woman's University, who serves as an Occupational Therapist with the Denton County Special Education Co-Op. They reside in Denton with their children, Ben and Helena, ages 8 and 9. He earned his B.A. from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas and a Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa, College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Contact: Hugh Coleman

940-206-4844 or hugh@hughcoleman.com

Advertisement for Prazim Ministries Thanksgiving Dinner. Includes an illustration of a turkey on a platter. Text: Prazim Ministries Presents "Come and Dine" FREE Thanksgiving Dinner Everyone Welcome Saturday Nov. 24, 2012 Aubrey Community Center/Library 226 Countryside Dr., Aubrey Dinner Served 1 pm- 4 pm Join us for Food, Fellowship and Music Donations accepted. RSVP requested (not required)

Activities at Aubrey Area Library

Story Time with Mrs. Carter

Tuesday and Thursday at 4-4:45PM

Yoga

Wednesday 6-7 PM

This is a fee-based class.

Classy Crafters

Tuesday

11AM

Seniors in Motion

Thursday 9-10AM

Essential Wellness Series

Essential Oils for Stress and Pain

November 8, 1-2 PM

November 10, 1-2PM

Biblical Oils and Massages for Your Loved Ones

December 13, 1-2PM

December 15, 1-2PM

Reservations not required but encouraged.



Learning and Having Fun at the Aubrey Area Library



TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Town of Cross Roads, Texas

Steve Smith, Mayor

Tony Russo, Mayor Pro Tem

Kim Dickey, Council Member

Larry Fisher, Council Member

Wally Kille, Council Member

Bruce Birdsong, Council Member

Katherine Ritchie, Town Administrator

Judy Moudy, Admin. Assist.

Jeanie Burch, Editor

Cross Roads Town Hall

PHONE: 940-365-9693

FAX: 940-665-6898

www.crossroadstx.gov

Planning and Zoning Commission meeting 1st Tuesday of the month

Economic Development Committee meeting 1st Monday of the month

Park Board meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month

Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting 2nd Wednesday of the month

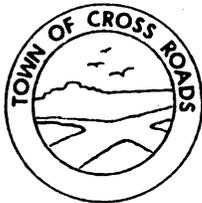
Road Repair Committee meeting the Thursday before Council meeting

Town Council **Workshop** meeting as needed

Town Council meeting 3rd Monday of the month (typically), but it will meet on the **2nd Monday in November**.

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 1st Tuesday of the month at 9 am.



PRST STD
US Postage
PAID
Aubrey, TX
Permit No. 28

Town of Cross Roads

1401 FM 424

Cross Roads, TX 76227