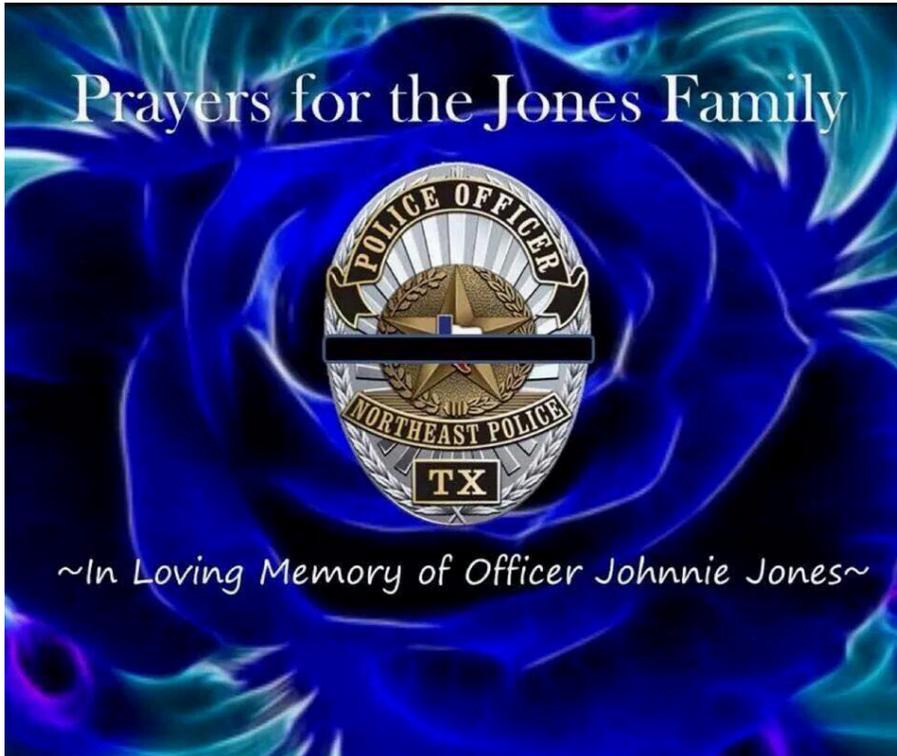


The Cross Roads Times

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It's with a heavy heart and much sorrow we must regretfully announce that the Northeast Police Department has lost a valuable member of their team. This morning, Monday, October 20th, Officer Johnnie Jones passed away after a courageous battle with an unforeseen illness. He was a loving husband, doting father to a young daughter, and a dedicated police officer. He will be missed and is irreplaceable. Please keep his family, friends, and fellow officers in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to reach out and contribute to the family, you may do so at <http://www.gofundme.com/g03xto>

Monday October 20, 2014 NEPD and the Town of Cross Roads Facebook page announced the passing of Officer Johnnie Jones with the post above. Those two Facebook postings reached well over 100,000 people in the first 24 hours alone.

That same evening we had a council meeting where we made the difficult announcement followed by a moment of silence and video tribute to Johnnie. That day and the three days prior were extremely trying for

the department as well as the two communities it serves as Johnnie was in ICU fighting for his life.

Throughout those four days he was never alone- always accompanied by family, friends, firefighters, town staff, and officers who worked with Johnnie from each of the four agencies he served throughout his law enforcement career.

Johnnie made a lasting impression on everyone he came in contact with. His signature grin and even-tempered demeanor will remain in

our hearts forever. He was a great father, husband, officer, and son. Those few days in the hospital it became clear where he got many of those traits as you got to know his wonderful mother and family.

Johnnie will be dearly missed but never forgotten. We will continue to keep his family in our thoughts and prayers as we watch over his wife, April, and five year old daughter, Audrey, during this difficult time.

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From the Mayor's Desk by Steve Smith, Mayor

Fall 2014 Update

I want to briefly update you on a few items including recognition for our town, new businesses, citizen volunteers, Hwy 380 / Fishtrap-Moseley Rd. intersection, and comprehensive plan update strategy.

I want to share some news we received a few months ago. At the time, we posted it on our website, Facebook page, and an article was written in the Pilot Point Post Signal. I am pleased that the town was recognized in the Texas State Comptroller's Leadership Circle Program. One of the goals we have always had as a council is to provide the utmost financial and operational transparency throughout everything we do. We were awarded the platinum level, which is the highest level available, and are only one of about seventy cities to obtain platinum out of over 1200 cities throughout the state. I wanted to say both thank you and congratulations to Shannon, our entire staff, and Council for supporting this goal.

Since the last newsletter a number of businesses have opened in our town. Larry Fisher outlines these new establishments in his article on page 5. Please join me in welcoming each of them to Cross Roads and I hope you enjoy the new services they have to offer.

In our August Council meeting, committee members were appointed to each of our committees. I want to personally thank each returning member and all of the new committee members for their willingness to serve. We had an extraordinary response from those willing to help. It is an exciting time for our town and we could not do it without our dedicated volunteers. See more on these appointments in Shannon's Shout Out on pages 3 and 4. We had a great response to the call for volunteers for which I thank you.

One year ago I announced that TXDOT agreed to install a traffic light at the Hwy 380 / Fishtrap-Moseley Rd. intersection. The plan calls for a signalized intersection with raised medians in each direction. The medians will force all left-turning traffic to the actual intersection. In September the contract was awarded to FNH Construction and they plan to begin construction next month. While we do not have a firm construction schedule they are hopeful to complete the project by the end of the calendar year.

This year our Comprehensive Planning Committee will be working with a consultant to update our town's comprehensive plan. The current plan was done in 2009 and it is recommended that it be updated every five years. The plan essentially outlines a development roadmap for our town. This update will be inclusive of the water district, school districts, developers, our council, commissions, and committees. A number of citizen and committee meetings will be held throughout the year. I encourage each of you to attend to voice your opinion in this process.

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 new volunteers looking for a way to help. Thanks to all who signed up for committees for this next year.

For electronic delivery of updates please visit our website at www.CrossRoadsTX.gov and sign up for alerts on the home page and like us on Facebook. This allows us to quickly and effectively communicate events and updates to all interested parties.

Shannon’s Shout Out by Shannon DePrater, Town Secretary

November 4, 2014 Special Election

The Town of Cross Roads will be holding a Special Election to re-authorize the Town of Cross Roads to adopt an additional Sales and Use Tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to be allocated to Street Maintenance and Repair. The Town currently collects this Sales and Use Tax, and needs to re-authorize the adoption every four years.

The Ballot will consist of one proposition:

“The reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the Town of Cross Roads, Texas, at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.”

- For
- Against

EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES	
Monday, October 20 – Friday, October 24	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 25	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 26	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 27 – Friday, October 31	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Denton County Voters may vote at any of the Denton County Early Voting Polling locations designated and maintained by Denton County, including Steven Copeland Government Center, 1400 FM 424, Cross Roads, Texas.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Argyle Town Hall, 308 Denton Street, Argyle • Carrollton Public Library, 4220 North Josey Lane, Carrollton • Corinth City Hall, 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth • Denton County Elections Administration, 701 Kimberly Drive, Denton • Double Oak Town Hall, 320 Waketon Road, Double Oak • Flower Mound Police and Court Building, 4150 Kirkpatrick Lane, Flower Mound • Frisco Fire Station #7, 330 West Stonebrook Parkway, Frisco • Highland Village Municipal Complex, 1000 Highland Village Road, Highland Village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Municipal Building, 415 North College Avenue, Justin • Krum ISD, Administration Building, 1200 Bobcat Boulevard, Krum • Lake Dallas City Hall, 212 Main Street, Lake Dallas • Lewisville Municipal Annex, 1197 West Main Street, Lewisville • Little Elm Recreation Center, 303 Main Street, Little Elm • Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 South Washington Street, Pilot Point • Steven Copeland Government Center, 1400 FM 424, Cross Roads • The Colony Government Center, 6301 Main Street, The Colony • Timberglen Library, 18505 Midway Road, Dallas

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Early Voting Clerk
701 Kimberly Drive
Denton, Texas 76208

Applications must be received in person not later than the close of business on Friday, October 17, 2014 and by mail not later than Friday, October 24, 2014.

Please contact me at s.deprater@crossroadstx.gov or 940-365-9693 with questions.

Thank you Volunteers!

Council appointed the new FY15 Committees/Commissions at their September 22, 2014 Council Meeting. On the following page is the list of volunteers for next year.

Architectural Review Committee

Lad Doctor
Bruce Birdsong- Council Liaison
Robert Berg
Shari Trusty

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Lad Doctor
Greg Gaalema
Darell Herbst
Kathy Langley
Fred Luman
Jan Nichols
Herman Oosterwijk
Viriden Seybold
Wendy White-Stevens
Jason Pool, P.E.
Jordan Woodard
Kyle Zimlich
Tony Russo- Council Liaison

Municipal Development District

Larry Fisher- Council Liaison
Sheri Hudak
Dan Prins
Ross Schraeder
Bill Sheehy
LQ Vann

Park Board

Robert Berg
Robert Brasel
Steve Davison
Wendy White-Stevens
Alan Hauf- Council Liaison

Planning and Zoning Committee

Bruce Birdsong- Council Liaison
Tom Clark
Kathy Langley
Fred Luman
John Lynn
David Meek
David Wright

Northeast Police Department Commission

Dave Hill
Noel Johns
Jeff Parrent
Jim Siano
Steve Smith- Mayor
Mike Starr

Road Repair Committee

Wally Kille- Council Liaison
Kathy Langley
David Meek
Jason Pool, P.E.
Bill Roberson
Greg Spears
Jordan Woodard

Road Clean-Up Committee

Steve Davison
Paul Hudak
Sheri Hudak

Cross Roads is blessed with amazing volunteers and the tradition of active resident volunteers is what has made our community strong! Please thank your neighbors next time you see them, for their time and effort. If you have not subscribed to our mailing list, please visit crossroadstx.gov and sign up!

MDD Report by Bill Sheehy

Cross Roads Municipal Development District (MDD) generates revenue for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district by the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) from businesses in our town limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction. The MDD board consists of volunteers that meet monthly to discuss upcoming projects and future goals. Your Municipal Development District is not just a taxing authority for the benefit of its citizens but also may function as an economic development committee. We intend to work as vigorously as possible to attract those businesses to Cross Roads that will financially enhance our tax base, and will supply those services, entertainment, and dining needs that you may have expressed an interest in having within town limits.

In trying to attract business two of your board members, Sheri Hudak and I, recently returned from a one-week economic development training session in Austin. What we learned should enhance our ability to work with those

individuals who need to know about Cross Roads and the needs of our citizens. While over 50 attendees took this workshop training, Sheri and I were the only "volunteer" members, while all others were paid employees of their municipalities, which in itself was eye opening.

What makes Cross Roads unique? Well one interesting fact is that all of these communities have city or town property taxes and we do not. They try to attract any and all types of business but our task has been and will continue to be attracting those businesses that pay sales taxes to supply the majority of funding for the town, thereby negating the need for a town property tax to support town services.

It is our task along with support of the mayor and town council to work with businesses that supply the greatest benefit to our citizens' needs now and in the future. Our intent is not growth for growth's sake but to keep the town "country" while trying to secure good, responsible business in our commercial corridor.

Intro to Tai Chi & Qigong
Aubrey Area Library Community Room
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014
6:00 - 7:00 pm

The simple and fun to learn ancient movements of Tai Chi focus on breath and movements to strengthen the body while calming the mind.

Qigong is the application of Tai Chi, and can improve strength and increase energy.

Our certified instructor is Ann Williams. First class is free.

Cross Roads Business Update *by Larry Fisher, Town Council member*

We have all noticed the new businesses moving to Cross Roads that supply products and services to our citizens and neighbors. It was not until I actually listed them, however, that I realized how much convenient shopping we have now compared to just a few short months ago.

New businesses since previous Cross Roads Times newsletter

	Business	Products/Services	2014 Opening
1.	Denton Regional Minor Emergency	Medical care	*October
2.	Fuzzy's Taco Shop	Fast food	*October
3.	Honey Dental	Dental care	*Fall 2014
4.	Laguna Madre Traders	Home/business décor	June 15
5.	Leigh Jacobs	Beauty salon	*October
6.	Lifetime Roof & Fence	Roof/fencing installation	July 2
7.	Mattress Firm	Beds and mattresses	August 23
8.	McDonalds	Fast food	September 2
9.	Sally Beauty Supply	Beauty products	September 15
10.	Starbucks	Coffee shop	July 28
11.	Supercuts	Haircuts/stylist	September 2

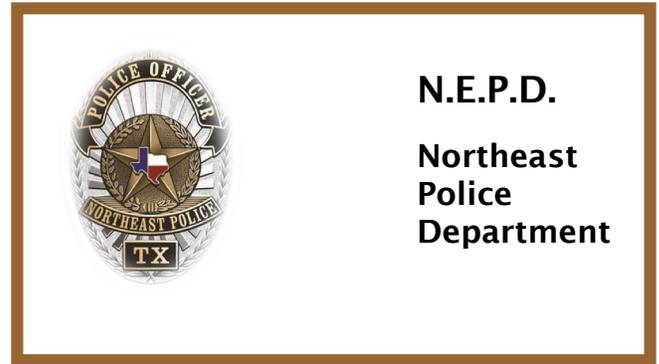
*Projected date

If you haven't visited some of these new businesses yet, I encourage you to do so. From emergency care to a refreshing cup of coffee or tea, Cross Roads continues to attract quality businesses providing products and services once available only at a distance. More than ever, Cross Roads offers our residents quality country living with convenient shopping.

The Northeast Police Department celebrated its one-year anniversary on October 1, 2014. The NEPD would like to thank the Northeast Police Commissioners, the Police Chief, the Officers, the mayors and council members of the City of Krugerville and the Town of Cross Roads for their time and dedication that made this venture and this first year a success. The NEPD will continue to strive to provide professional and excellent service to the businesses and citizens of the joint communities.

The Northeast Police Department hosted its first annual National Night Out on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Despite the overcast skies, mist and cool temperatures, we had a great turnout! Attendees braved the elements to participate in meeting our officers, trying their skills at the rock-climbing wall and dodging obstacles in the bounce house! They also enjoyed our hot dogs, popcorn, face painting, a police themed stock car, music, and tips and goodie bags on crime prevention.

We want to thank our sponsors and volunteers for their support and hard work. Wendy White-Stevens and the Parks Board were a great help and Mike Carroll brought his stock car for everyone to play in! Without everyone, this event would not have been possible. Everyone had a great time. We are already looking forward to National Night Out next year! We can't wait to see you there.



National Night Out Sponsors:

- Walmart
- Eden Landscaping
- Links Construction
- Mustang Special Utility District
- McDonalds
- Timber Tree Service
- Wayne's Carpet
- CVS
- Starbucks
- Chicken Express
- Sonic
- Frank Bartel
- Eclipse Mercantile
- Fuzzy's Taco Shop
- Jay Whetsell Aubrey Chiropractic

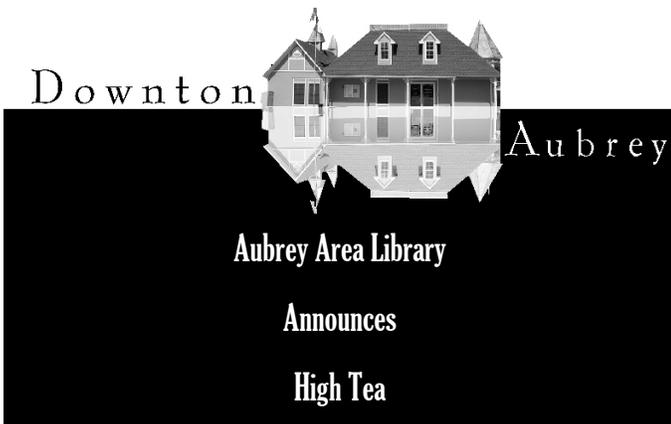
authentic English afternoon tea. Along with delicious treats, there will be *Downton*-themed door prizes, music, and more. Period costumes and/or hats are encouraged but not required.

The event is the brainchild of Aubrey author Victoria Kovacs (*The Vicar's Wife ~ A Tale Retold*; *Little Bible Heroes* series). She approached Kathy Ramsey, director of the Aubrey Area Library, with the idea for the event back in February and planning is ongoing.

The event, which is set to coincide with the debut of Season 5 of *Downton Abbey* in the U.S., is gaining the attention of folks in the area as well as in Denton and as far away as Oklahoma. It boasts its own **Pinterest** page with ideas for costumes, *Downton* products, and trivia. The next event planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 6 p.m. at the Aubrey Area Library. Everyone is welcome to participate.

High Tea, anyone?

Aubrey Area Library 226 Countryside Drive Aubrey TX 76227 940-365-9162



Check out *Downton Aubrey's* Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DowntonAubreyTea>, which includes videos on how to create a costume from garments found at the thrift store.

Downton Aubrey Tea will be held on January 24th, 2015, from 1-3 p.m. The event will take place at the Aubrey Area Library in the Community Room.

For those who aren't already fans of the popular British period drama, *Downton Abbey*, the Downton Aubrey Tea celebrates the pre-WWI through 1920s era with an



Appreciation Dinner by Becky Ross

Annually, the Town Hall staff hosts a dinner for the volunteers and contract employees who keep the Town running every year. This year, the event was held in the newly remodeled Town Hall in our council chamber. The decor had a fall theme and the food was generously provided by one of our coming-soon businesses, Fuzzy's Taco Shop, with dessert from Villa Grande. The outgoing chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Wes Moore, was honored with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service to the Town. The Aubrey Fire Department firefighters received wallet badges and pendants as a token of appreciation. The Northeast Police Department officers and staff received wallet badges, challenge coins, and pendants. Sergeant McCraw also received the keys to a new take-home vehicle! The inaugural NEPD Commissioners received shadow boxes containing challenge coins, badges, and symbolic uniform patches. All other volunteers and staff received either a Town of Cross Roads embroidered polo shirt or a fleece jacket. Judging by the pictures, we believe that everyone had a good time. We are looking forward to next year's event.

TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULE



Town of Cross Roads, Texas

Steve Smith, Mayor

Tony Russo, Mayor Pro Tem

Larry Fisher, Council Member

Wally Kille, Council Member

Bruce Birdsong, Council Member

Alan Hauf, Council Member

Shannon DePrater, Town Secretary

Becky Ross, Planning Director

Susan Zambrano, Admin. Assistant

Jeanie Burch, Editor

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Planning and Zoning Commission meeting 1st Tuesday of the month

Park Board meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month

Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting 2nd Wednesday of the month

Northeast Police Commission meeting 3rd Thursday of the month

Road Repair Committee meets quarterly on the Wednesday before Council meeting

Staff meeting 1st Monday of the month at 3 pm

Town Council meeting 3rd 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. Please call Shannon DePrater at Town Hall if you would like to join a committee to serve your community.

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