

# The Cross Roads Times

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## From the Mayor's Desk

by Steve Smith

### Winter 2016 Update

#### Town Updates

I am happy to report that the number-one citizen requested fast food business is now coming to our town. Chick-fil-A will be building on a site just across Hwy 380 from Walmart. You can find out about all our new exciting upcoming businesses in the Business with Becky article written by our Town Administrator and Planning Director, Becky Ross. Hopefully with the extraordinary growth in our Town and surrounding area we can announce new sit-down restaurants in the near future.

Last year we initiated a number of legal maneuvers and lawsuits in an effort to protect our Town's boundaries. After a few months of hearings

and negotiations, settlement agreements were reached in which our borders remain the same as we have held them for several decades. While we have never been aggressive in the expansion of our Town limits or ETJ, we did feel it was important to take a stand to protect what we hold as our own. This was a major step to fortify our eastern boundary indefinitely. We look forward to continuing to work, as partners, with our neighboring municipalities in providing services to both residents and visitors.

As a town we are always looking for the most effective ways to communicate and involve the community. A number of things we currently utilize include our website, weekly e-blasts,

Facebook, Code Red, and our online calendar. I encourage each of you to sign up for these, as they are invaluable in receiving timely information. With the popularity of these options, the decision was made to change from a quarterly newsletter to a bi-annual newsletter beginning in 2016.

Also new for 2016 is an effort to audio record all Council meetings and post them online. This was something we anticipated and planned for during our town hall expansion and ensured it was designed to allow for recording. While this is mandated in larger cities we wanted to also allow that access for anyone who may be interested.

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# Town Talk with Teddi!

The Town of Cross Roads will have a General Election on May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing the following Town Officers:

Mayor (Currently held by Steve Smith)

Council Member At Large (Currently held by Tony Russo)

Council Member At Large (Currently held by Alan Hauf)

Candidate Packets and Applications are available online and at Town Hall until February 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. All applications must be accurately completed

and submitted no later than 5:00p.m. on February 19, 2016. All Positions are a two year term and are on a volunteer basis.

**Should no one sign up to run against the incumbants, the Town election will be canceled.**

Early Voting will be two weeks prior to election day. Locations of polling places and times will be announced as soon as that information is provided to us. Make sure to follow us on Facebook and check the "Election Information" section of our Government tab on our homepage.

## Community Movie Night

**We have a very exciting announcement regarding sponsorship for our Community Movie Nights this year!!!! On April 30th from 7:30-8:30 pm, In-N-Out Burger® will have 200 meals available FOR FREE at the Town Park for our movie patrons!**

**We are taking MOVIE SUGGESTIONS so let us know what you'd like to see!**



## In Memory...

In late January, Harv Kitchens passed away surrounded by his family after experiencing a health setback. A native Texan (and an avid Texas Rangers fan from day one of the team), Harv and his wife Kay moved to Cross Roads in the early nineties and immediately got involved with the community through volunteering and as a business owner. Harv served on the Town Council for several years before being elected to Mayor in 2002. He served as Mayor until 2010 and then continued to stay busy with Town activities. Harv will be missed by his wife, children, and grandchildren as

well as his friends here in Cross Roads and beyond. As a small token of our appreciation to the Kitchens family for their years of service, we retired the flags at Town Hall the day Harv passed in his honor.

We will present those flags to his family.



# SANTA CAME TO CROSS ROADS

The first annual "A Cross Roads Christmas" event took place at the Town Park on December 5th. We had a great turnout and can't wait to do it again. Thanks again to everyone that helped the Park Board make this event a success! NEPD for finding and delivering Santa. Starbucks for our hot chocolate. Laguna Madre for some of Santa's photo backdrop. The Foster family for Santa's pickup truck. Mustang Special Utility District for handing out goody bags. And of course, Polly Maynard and Co. for musical entertainment.



# A WHOLE YEAR OF FUN!

Mark your calendars right now for all of the special events we have planend this year!

4/30/2016	Town Clean-Up	8:30am – noon
	Community Movie Night in the Park	7:30pm
5/28/2016	Opening Day Community Market	6:30am - noon
	EVERY SATURDAY during the summer	
8/13/2016	Community BINGO Night	6:30pm-8:30pm
10/15/2016	Town Clean-Up	8:30am – noon
	Community Movie Night in the Park	8:00pm
12/3/2016	A Cross Roads Christmas	4:00pm-6:00pm

## DID YOU KNOW??

The Town of Cross Roads relies on our citizens to follow ordinances in regards to keeping their property up to code instead of having a full time compliance officer out looking for violations. When a complaint comes in to Town Hall, we go out and inspect. One of our most often violated codes is Sec. 6.04.002 DUTY TO MAINTAIN PROPERTY.

The ordinance reads (*emphasis added*):

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any property zoned A and SF within the corporate limits of the town, whether the same be occupied or unoccupied, to permit grass, weeds, Johnson grass, brush or any objectionable or unsightly matter to grow to a height greater than twelve (12) inches upon such real property within 20 feet of the edge of any public roadway or between a fence line and the edge of a public roadway, whichever is less.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any property zoned C, LI, MF, U, and PD within the corporate limits of the town, whether the same be occupied or unoccupied, to permit grass, weeds, Johnson grass, brush or any objectionable or unsightly matter to grow to a height greater than twelve (12) inches upon such real property.



## Trivia Night

By: Jordan Woodard, Library Assistant

Aubrey, TX: Dust off your pub quiz skills, save the date and get your teams together! The Aubrey Area Library's annual Trivia Night will be held April 16th, 2016. Be sure to call (940-365-9162) or email ([aubreyarealibrary@gmail.com](mailto:aubreyarealibrary@gmail.com)) to reserve your spot early.

Last year seven teams competed for cash prizes in the Aubrey Area Library's annual Trivia Night. First place was taken by team Book Smart for the grand prize of \$160 while teams Dog Gone and Know-Nothings took 2nd and 3rd respectively for \$80 and \$40. The \$40 prize for Best Decorated Table went to Book Smart after much debate amongst the judges. We look forward to seeing you again and remember to bring your table décor and thinking caps!

# Aubrey Fire Department

Keeping with the last Newsletter, the Aubrey Fire Department would like to continue to share information with you about the Department, safety, and our mission. We would first like to thank everyone's support and patience while we conducted our training on Fishtrap Rd. That type of hands on training is imperative to be able to continue to serve and protect your community safely and efficiently. From the Aubrey Fire Department to the Community, "Thank you."

With the start of the New Year, it is also a good time to prepare our homes for the upcoming year. All the leaves have fallen, and now create many unseen hazards. Leaves build up in gutters, flower beds and around foundations creating a fire hazard as we move into the winter months; as well as a trip and fall hazard. This build up makes our homes more susceptible in the event of a wild fire during this drier time of year. Chimneys and dryer vent fires are one of the leading causes of house fires in the winter time. Having your fireplace flue cleaned and inspected annually is a good, safe practice. Remember to burn only natural, untreated wood such as cut tree timber. Other items burned can leave an unsafe residue behind in the flue and create a fire hazard. When getting the chimney inspected and cleaned, it is also a good time to have that dryer vent cleaned as well. Lint build up can be very flammable and often goes un-noticed until there is a problem. As we prepare for the colder months, many of us will turn to space heaters to provide comfort and keep us and our pets warm. Please follow all the manufactures recommendations when using electric and gas space heaters. Provide a good safe space between the heater and any flammable material, never leave a space heater unattended with pets, and look into some of the newer options provided such as tip protection and auto shut offs. If you are using gas heaters, please make sure you have a minimum of one Carbon Monoxide detector located in the same room as the gas heating appliance. Follow the manufactures installation instructions to get the optimum performance and safety out of the detector. With the CO detector, it is also a good time to make sure the smoke detectors are present and working properly. Spring and fall are always a good time to clean them and replace the batteries. We hope with good housekeeping and some simple safe practices, that 2016 is a wonderful and safe year for everyone.

Now we would like to introduce the Aubrey Fire Department's C shift.



Meet "C" shift (From left to right)

Lieutenant Matt Lollar has been serving with our department for more than 11 years, working his way from volunteer firefighter to his current role as the Lieutenant at station 1, C shift. Firefighter/Paramedic Kip Rose has been with us since February of 2014. Firefighter/Paramedic Logan Pursur has served the community for 3.5 years. Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Bowling has been with the Aubrey Fire Department since 2008, leaving for a short time, only to return and serve the community he has grown to love. Firefighter/Paramedic Trevor White is the newest member of C shift, Trevor was hired in July of 2015 and looks forward to a long career; growing with both the department and the communities we serve. Far Right is Lieutenant Brad McCallan. Lt. McCallan has served with the Aubrey Fire Department since 2007, working his way up from Firefighter/Paramedic to his current position as the C shift, Station 2 Lieutenant.

# NORTHEAST POLICE

## CHIEF JAMES EDLAND

The Northeast Police Department was formed to serve the citizens of the Town of Cross Roads and the City of Krugerville. With this mission in mind, we would like to see our citizens feel free to reach out to our department with any concerns they would like to see us address. Some of the more common we hear are about speeding vehicles on certain roads or of vehicles passing on the shoulder when traffic is backed up on Hwy 380. When we get these types of complaints, our officers are made aware of your concerns and asked to increase our presence and enforcement in the areas to help address the problem. Without input from our citizens, we are not always aware of the various situations you may encounter.

One way of letting us know about these types of problems would be to contact the department by phone and speak with an officer directly. Then you can give us the details of the incident and the officer taking the complaint will inform the rest of the department. Our number at the Police Department is (940) 365-2029. If it

is an afterhours call, the office number will be forwarded to a patrol phone which the on-duty officer carries with him while on patrol. Try to remember the officer may be answering a call for service so if there is no answer, please leave a message. Our officers will do their best to return your call as soon as possible. You can also send us an email with any concerns you may have. All of our officer's emails are listed on our website at [Northeastpolice.net](http://Northeastpolice.net). You will see each officer's name and by clicking on it, an email can be generated to that specific officer. Please be sure to include as much information as possible to help us be more efficient in addressing your concerns. Information to be included could be what the complaint is in reference to, such as speeding vehicles, illegal dumping, loose livestock etc., time of day the offense is occurring, location, is there a specific vehicle creating the concern or even a license plate number? If you see someone who looks suspicious, do you know what they were wearing? Whether it was a male or female? What direction the person was going when you saw them? All of this information will help us address whatever the situation is as quickly as possible.

The most important aspect of this I would like to stress is if the concern or complaint is an emergency, please dial 911. Your call will be answered by a communications officer and they will dispatch the authorities immediately.



# BUSINESS WITH BECKY

The Town of Cross Roads loves our commercial businesses! From our medical providers to our retail stores and our restaurants!

In an effort to make sure that everyone knows what all Cross Roads has to offer for our residents and neighbors, we are working on a new page for our website where we list all of our businesses.

When available, we'd like to provide a link to your business website as well. I've got a list of businesses below.

Soon to be added to the roster is AT&T, Chick-fil-a, Popeye's Chicken, Integrity Auto Care, Craig's Collision, Presidio II, GNC, SportClips, The Corner Store, Cross Roads CarWash, and MORE. If you are the owner/operator of a Cross Roads business and you don't see your business listed- let me know at [b.ross@crossroadstx.gov](mailto:b.ross@crossroadstx.gov).

We know we are missing some and we want to make sure we get them all!

Artist's Edge  
Autozone  
Baker's Dozen Donuts  
Bartel Trucking  
Be. Womens Health & Wellness  
Big Tex Trailers  
C-Store  
Carlton Law Office  
Carter Glassblowing Inc.  
Chicken Express  
Classic Nails & Spa  
Consignment Depot  
Cornerstone Dental  
Covenant Church  
Cross Roads Denistry  
Cross Roads Hormonal Health & Wellness  
Cross Roads Liquor  
CVS/Pharmacy  
Deli Quick  
Discount Tire  
Domino's  
Dr. Antonio Asis  
Dr. Jeremy Baker  
Dr. Mary Cox  
Dr. Michael Auvenshine

Dr. Sarah Kent  
Farmers Insurance  
First Convenience Bank  
Frank Bartel Tire, Inc.  
Fuzzy's Taco Shop  
Honey Dental  
Iowa Bridge & Culvert L.C.  
Jack in the Box  
Jacob's Liquor  
January Salon  
Laguna Madre  
Leigh Jacobs Salon  
Level 1 General Contractors  
Mattress Firm  
McDonald's  
Medical Clinic of North Texas  
Metro PCS  
New Hope Baptist  
NuMed  
On the Bit  
Palio's  
Pamper Me Massage  
Prairie House  
Re/Max First Realty III  
Real Estate Corridor

Rice Pot Express  
Rustic Furniture Depot  
Sally's Beauty Supply  
Smokin Crow  
Snyder Custom Homes  
Sonic  
Starbucks  
Stars & Stripes Exxon Station  
State Farm Insurance  
Subway  
Super Cuts  
Taco Bell  
Texas Deluxe Nails & Spa  
Texas Health Outpatient Center  
The Big Dog House  
The Nails & Spa  
The Shed Shop  
Thermacote Systems  
Titan Fence  
UPS Store  
Villa Grande  
Wal-Mart  
Whataburger  
Woodlands Spine Rehab

# The ♥ of the Community Aubrey Area Library

## Regular Events

Seniors in Motion ~Tues. 10am-11am &  
Thurs. 9am-10am

Seniors in Motion Express ~  
\*At Aubrey City Hall\* ~Mon. 12pm

Classy Crafters ~Tues. 11am

Afterschool StoryTime ~Tues. 4pm-5pm

Thursday Club ~Thurs. 10am-1pm

Therapy Dogs ~Sat. 10:15am-11pm

380 Bee ~First Wed. 7pm

Book Club ~Last Wed. 7pm

## March

Good Friday ~3/26 \*Library Closed\*

Casino Night ~3/5

Teen Tech Week ~3/7-3/12

Tai Chi classes begin! ~3/22

@5:30pm

## April

Trivia Night ~4/16

National Library Week ~4/11-4/16

## May

Memorial Day ~5/28 \*Library  
Closed\*

Tai Chi classes end! ~5/5

## June

Summer Reading Program Begins!

<http://ci.aubrey.tx.us> , 940-365-9162  
226 Countryside Dr. Aubrey TX 76227

## ARTICLE CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

If there is an article you would like to submit for review to be included in a future newsletter, please send it to [b.ross@crossroadstx.gov](mailto:b.ross@crossroadstx.gov).

Suggestions for future subject are also welcome and encouraged!

## CROSS ROADS RUNS ON VOLUNTEER POWER!!!!

Interested in joining a committee?

We'd love to have you!



## MOSQUITO DUNKS!

Dunks are available to residents at Town Hall.

Let's stop those skeeters!



# Bingo Night

JANUARY 2016



**WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD  
FUN AND MET SOME NEW  
NEIGHBORS!  
WE HAD A HEADCOUNT OF  
104 PEOPLE! LET'S DO IT  
AGAIN IN AUGUST!!!**

# From the Mayor's Desk Continued

(CONTINUED) We have also been working to increase the number of events within the community. The Parks Board has done an outstanding job with this initiative. They have assisted with National Night Out, hosting Community Movie Night in the Park, A Cross Roads Christmas, Roadside clean up, and just held another extremely successful Bingo Night which drew a large crowd. I want to personally thank the Board and our own staff for their efforts and encourage each of you to look at the calendar of events in this newsletter and add those upcoming dates to your family schedule.

## Town Projects

In an effort to protect and maintain our roadways, a number of smaller road repair projects were completed in 2015 along with some unscheduled repairs caused by the excessive rainfall.

For 2016 we plan to undertake two road projects. The first will be the repaving and widening of Fishtrap road in front of Forest Hills. This project is part of an agreement made with the developer of that subdivision many years ago, which had a timeframe attached. A much larger major project is Naylor Road. Engineering has been completed and the construction portion will go out to bid in the coming months. Construction involves widening the roadway to four lanes with shoulders south to our Town Limits. This project was selected due the route already being our most heavily traveled, non-TXDOT, roadway and will continue to see increased traffic during the construction of the northern portion of FM-720. This project will not be possible without the continued efforts and funding based on our outstanding partnership with Denton County Commissioner, Hugh Coleman and the entire Commissioners Court.

I continue to be honored to serve as your Mayor and extremely privileged to work along side such a dedicated group of staff and volunteers. I thank each of you for the opportunity and the trust you have placed in each of us.

## First Zika Virus Disease Contracted in Texas

February 3, 2016 –The Texas Department of State Health Services has reported the first case of Zika virus disease contracted in Texas. Primary transmission of all previous cases in Texas has been related to foreign travel. At this time, there have been no cases of Zika virus contracted or imported into Denton County. Infected mosquitoes can spread the virus to other people through bites. The mosquitoes typically lay eggs in and near standing water in things like buckets, bowls, animal dishes, flower pots, and vases. They are aggressive daytime biters, prefer to bite people, and live indoors and outdoors near people.

Residents should take the proper precautions to reduce their risk of getting Zika virus:

- Drain standing water around their homes to reduce mosquito breeding grounds. Consider use of BTI briquettes (or mosquito dunks) in water that cannot be drained, such as small ponds and drinking troughs.
- Be aware of mosquitoes during times that they are active, Dawn, Daytime, Dusk and evening hours.
- Apply an insect repellent that contains DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) to exposed skin and to clothing when outdoors. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends Picaridin (KBR 3023).
- Dress in pants and long sleeves when outside and/or wear permethrin-treated clothing.

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## Meeting Schedule

**Town Council Meetings** are the third Monday of each month, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

**Town Council Workshops** are held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Town Council Meeting as needed.

**Planning and Zoning Commission** meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

**NEPD Commission** Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

**Administrative Staff** Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, 3:00 pm at Town Hall.

**Architectural Review Committee** meets the second Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

**Municipal Development District** Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

**Park Board** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Cross Roads Town Park or Town Hall.

**All Meeting Agendas are posted on Town Hall bulletin board at least 72 hours prior to meetings. Some meetings may be canceled or rescheduled as needed.**

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