

# The Cross Roads Times

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## From the Mayor's Desk

by Steve Smith

### Winter 2014 Update

I hope each of you had a great holiday season and were able to spend time with loved ones.

At town hall the first Monday of the year began with multiple commercial project submittals by developers. I will outline those projects in this article as well as residential development, and the latest update on the Moseley / Fishtrap light.

### Commercial / Residential Development

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, three projects came in from developers, all of which are proposed buildings in the Villages at Cross Roads commercial development surrounding Walmart. One is the Walmart gas station and two additional outparcel buildings known as OP6 and OP7. These three applications

will make their way through the review and approval process over the next several months. We have three other projects, which have completed those approval processes and have been issued building permits. Those include KJE, an engineering firm who is building between Discount Tire and NuMed, Chicken Express who will build next to McDonalds, and Village Veterinary Center, a stand-alone building in the Villages commercial development.

Residential growth in our town continues to thrive. In looking through last year's home starts and comparing them with prior years the following facts emerged. The current housing boom for our town began in mid 2012. *(Continued Page 5)*

## Calling All Volunteers!

**We are working to cultivate a contact list for those of you in our community who may not be available for committing to join a board or commission but who would still like to help out with events when able.**

**Please contact Town Hall so we can add you to our Volunteer Call List.**

**We've said it before and we will say it again: Cross Roads runs on volunteer power!**

**A sample of events for the upcoming year:**

**Movie in the Park**

**National Night Out**

**Roadside Clean Up**

**Farmer's Market**

# CareFlite Membership

You will find an application for the Caring Heart Membership Program in the back of this edition of the newsletter. Town Council reauthorized the agreement with CareFlite at their December meeting. If you reside in the town limits of Cross Roads, you are entitled to a one year membership for yourself and members of your household. If you have already signed up, no need to reapply; if you are unsure or want to double check, just give us a call at Town Hall and we will let you know whether your account is active.

## 2015 Aubrey Area Library Trivia Night!

**Question: What happens once a year in Aubrey?**

**Answer: The Aubrey Area Library Trivia Night of course! Trivia Night will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Setup starts at 6pm and the games begin at 7pm. Start getting your 8-person team together and call 940-365-9162 or email [aubreyarealibrary@gmail.com](mailto:aubreyarealibrary@gmail.com) to reserve your spot early.**

**Last year 5 teams competed for cash prizes in the Aubrey Area Library's Annual Trivia Night. First place was taken by team Dog Gone for the grand prize of \$160. Teams FiNews and Hot Shame took 2<sup>nd</sup> and**

**3<sup>rd</sup> respectively for \$80 and \$40.**

**The \$40 prize for Best Decorated Table went to The Sistas after much debate amongst the judges.**

**We look forward to seeing you again and remember to bring your table décor and thinking-caps!**



## Road Repair Committee Update

Hi folks!

Happy New Year from the road committee!

At our January meeting, we discussed quite a few potential projects.

We are reviewing options to improve our portions of Naylor Road and East Fishtrap.

We are experiencing increased traffic on our roads due to the growth in our community. Throughout the winter, we will be repairing the edges of roadways to eliminate drop-offs. A few potholes have appeared so beware until temperatures rise and we can get them filled.

I know you are all wondering about the signal light at the 380/Fishtrap intersection. Me too! According to the contractor, there is a shortage of control boxes. I guess we will see it when we see it.

- Bill Roberson

# NEPD Update

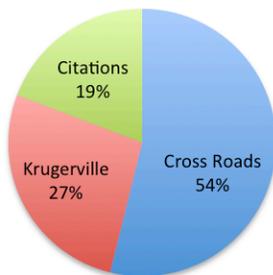
by Chief Edland

Periodically, citizens and visitors will have questions regarding Northeast Police Department. We would like to try and answer some of the more frequent questions or comments we have heard...

## “How much does the cities rely on ticket revenue for funding?”

Only 19% (\$148,588.13) of the total NEPD budget is funded by citations. The remainder comes from the participating municipalities' general funds.

NEPD Budget Breakout



## “Who does the Chief of Police report to?”

The Chief of Police answers to the Northeast Police Commission. The Commission is made up of six commissioners, three from the City of Krugerville and three from the Town of Cross Roads. These Commissioners act as the governing body to the police department. They review the performance of the chief and act just as a city council would for an individual city and police department.

We welcome all citizens to come to our Commission meetings. These are held on the third Thursday of the month and are open to the public. We also invite you to submit any questions you may have, that we can address in future issues, to Chief James Edland, [jedland@northeastpolice.net](mailto:jedland@northeastpolice.net)

The goal of the Northeast Police Department is to protect and serve our citizens. Your safety is our highest priority.

# New Businesses In Cross Roads

by Larry Fisher

As our Cross Roads business community expands, we enjoy an ever increasing access to a growing set of products and services. By now, many of you have visited one or more of these new businesses. Some, however, may not yet be familiar with all that's now become available to us. I hope you will take a moment to visit, welcome, and support these new businesses.

They will be delighted to see you and I think you will be delighted with what you find!

These new Cross Roads businesses have opened since the Town's October Newsletter:

### Fuzzy's Taco Shop

Informal Mexican dining  
940-365-9992

### Honey Dental

Dental care and services  
940-228-2250

### Leigh Jacobs

High-end, full service beauty salon  
940-365-9808

### Metro PCS

Cellular phone products and plans  
940-365-9898

### Texas Deluxe Nails & Spa

Spa, beauty and personal care products  
940-365-9828

### The UPS Store

Packaging and delivery services  
940-365-3100

### Woodlands

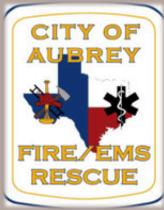
Spine and Rehab  
Chiropractic and related health services  
940-365-9400

### be. Women's Health and Wellness

Gynecology, obstetrics, and other services (e.g., Yoga, Pilates)  
940-365-9001

## Keep Cross Roads Beautiful!

Please bag your trash and recyclables. On windy trash days, loose rubbish gets out of the trash containers and makes a really big mess.



# Wildfire Risk Assessment

by Lt. Walter Wineberg

The Aubrey Fire Department has been working with both the Denton County Fire Marshal's office and Denton County Emergency Services to conduct a Wild Fire Risk Assessment in the Cross Roads area. As we have seen in recent years, the threat of wildfires in the wildland urban interface has been increasing each year. This results in billions of dollars in losses. We are working diligently as your emergency service provider with County officials to decrease the overall wildfire risk in this area, as well as Denton County.

The assessments conducted within Cross Roads were based on the following criteria:

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|------------------------|--|
| 1) Subdivision Design  | 4) Building type and construction material |
| 2) Fire Service Access | 5) Location of utilities                   |
| 3) Average Lot size    | 6) Probability of a fire in the area       |

Each Subdivision was then given a grade based on the assessed criteria:

0 to 30 = Low Wildfire Risk  
61 to 90 = High Wildfire risk

31 to 60 = Moderate Wildfire Risk  
90 and Greater = Extreme Wildfire Risk

Results of our assessment:

<b>Forest Hills-</b>	64 (High)	<b>Oak Shores-</b>	87 (High)
<b>Oak Bluff-</b>	140 (Extreme)	<b>Village at Cross Roads-</b>	58 (Moderate)

We are asking that all home and property owners in the area take an active role in decreasing the devastating affects of wildfires in this area. This can be as simple as cleaning gutters, pruning trees back, and making sure addresses are easily visible from the roadway. We can also protect our homes with low threat vegetation, and landscaping, increasing the defensive space around our homes and property, and conducting your own risk assessments.

If you would like more information on how you can assist in protecting your property and helping your neighbor, please visit:

Texas Forest Service

[www.texasfirewise.org](http://www.texasfirewise.org)

Ready, Set, Go!

[www.wildlandfireRSG.org](http://www.wildlandfireRSG.org)

Texas AgriLife Extention Service

[www.agrilifeextention.tamu.edu](http://www.agrilifeextention.tamu.edu)

We also welcome your calls and visits to the fire station to receive additional information on preparing your home in the event of a wildfire in this area. You may also contact us to come speak at HOA functions, block parties, and Town Hall meetings. We look forward to meeting and speaking with you; in order to do our part to assist in protecting those we serve.

Aubrey Fire Department  
200 W. Sycamore Street, Aubrey, TX 76227  
940-365-9785

# A Little Cross Roads History...

Incorporating a town in the state of Texas is not a simple task. At the time of Cross Roads inception, there had to be two-hundred people living in a two square mile area who desired to incorporate. Original founders, Jerry Burns and Jim Cundall, spent many hours juggling areas and population, and visiting residents' homes to reach the required number. They were also fortunate enough to find a benefactor, Texas Power and Light, to cover expenses.

Finally, the Town of Cross Roads was incorporated in 1973. After incorporation, things did not progress smoothly. There was a group of people who were opposed to incorporation, who were very vocal and disruptive. They tried to prevent the new town government from succeeding in anything they attempted to accomplish. The group who had been most active in working for incorporation of the town all agreed that the first mayor should be a long-time resident of the area, in an attempt to placate those who thought the "newcomers" were going to set them up to be taxed. Bob Turner fit the bill.

Bob Turner and Bill Ottinger owned a gas station/grocery store at the northwest corner of Highway 24 (now Highway 380) and Highway 424. For years this store, known as Turner and Ottinger's, was the hub and meeting spot of the area. Bob and Bill were known by everyone. The location of their store had always been called "Cross Roads", so that name was selected for the new town. The

early meetings were usually attended by people who were angry at the thought that the town might begin taxing them and making rules about what they could or could not do with their land. There were threats of violence aimed at the council. Some of the meetings were forced to end early because of fist fights and heckling by a small group who were determined to destroy the town. The people who had worked so hard to see the town succeed and thrive became embarrassed as Cross Roads meetings were being described in the Denton and Pilot Point papers as rowdy and uncivilized, like something out of an old west movie.

In spite of a rowdy start, important things were accomplished. Unfortunately, the town council meetings continued to be disrupted by the malcontents. Matters finally came to a head in 1991 when a new and controversial council and mayor were voted in by a fluke. Very few responsible citizens showed up to vote, because the meetings had become such a laughing stock that they didn't want to get involved. The agitators brought in enough of their discontented followers to win the election.

There followed a difficult time for Cross Roads with the attempted de-annexation of a large portion of the town in an attempt to destroy the town completely. This aroused many citizens who had previously been apathetic, to rally in an attempt to save the town. Eventually the conflict ended in a trip to the Denton courts.

## From the Mayor's Desk Continued...

*(Residential Update Continued)*

Since that time we have increased our total population over 1/3 with these new home builds. The town issued eight times the number of permits in 2014 than were issued just three years prior in 2011. Please join me in welcoming all of our new residents.

### **Hwy 380 / Fishtrap – Moseley Rd. Intersection**

It has been fifteen long months since I announced TXDOT's approval of a traffic light at Hwy 380 – Fishtrap / Moseley Rd. Since that time I have given updates in the newsletter and in virtually every staff and council meeting only to watch those construction dates pass. We remain in contact with TXDOT and their contractor who will be performing the installation. The preconstruction meeting was held just prior to the holidays and they are simply waiting on a delayed signal cabinet to arrive prior to beginning construction.

### **Spring Clean Up/ Coffee with the Mayor**

Look out for our Spring Clean Up coming in April.

The next Coffee with the Mayor will be held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. I invite any of our citizens and business owners to join me in discussing topics related to our town in an informal setting.

I truly encourage and invite all of our citizens to get involved in some fashion within our town. Please sign up for e-alerts on our website [www.crossroadstx.gov](http://www.crossroadstx.gov) and like our Town of Cross Roads Facebook page. This town is successful due to the hard work and diligent efforts put forth by its volunteer citizens and staff and for this I am very proud to represent you as Mayor.

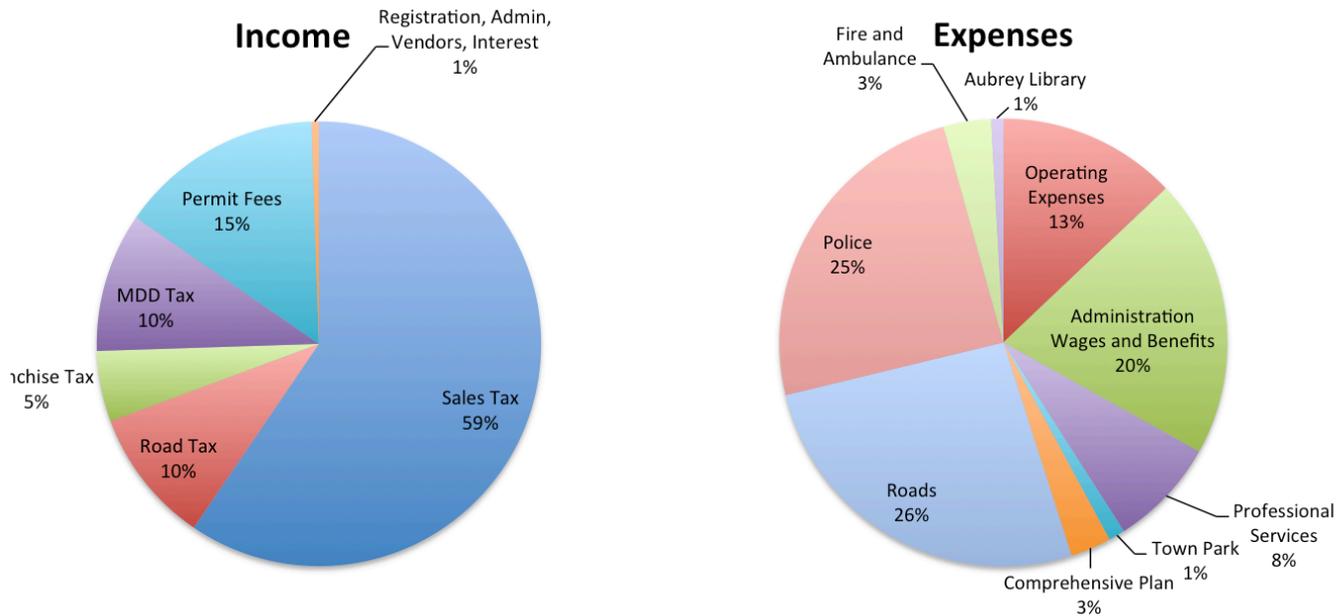
**-Steve**

# Shannon's Shout Out!

by Shannon DePrater, Town Secretary

## 2015 Budget at a glance

The Town of Cross Roads' Fiscal Year 2015 Budget was approved by the Town Council at their October 2014 meeting. Please visit [www.crossroadstx.gov](http://www.crossroadstx.gov) to view the budget in its entirety.



### May 9, 2015 General Election

The Town of Cross Roads will hold an election on Saturday, May 9, 2015 for three (3) Council member positions, currently held by Bruce Birdsong, Larry Fisher, and Wally Kille.

### Candidate Information

Filing Period for a Place on the May 9, 2015 Ballot is Wednesday, January 28, 2015 through 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015.

The May 2015 Candidate Packet will be available Monday, January 26, 2015 for download at [crossroadstx.gov](http://crossroadstx.gov). Hardcopies will also be available for pickup at Town Hall, located at 1401 FM 424.

Please visit [crossroadstx.gov](http://crossroadstx.gov) for more information. The website will also be updated with more Election information as it becomes available.

### Need to Register to Vote or Change Your Address?

If you want to register to vote in the May 9, 2015 General Election, please visit [www.votedenton.com](http://www.votedenton.com) to print an application or request that an application to be mailed to you. The registration card is then mailed to the Denton County Elections Office and must be received no later than April 9, 2014 (30 days prior to the Election date).

If you need to change your address, verify voter registration, or if you have misplaced or lost your card, please call Denton County Elections Administration at 940-349-3200.



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Grand Prairie, TX 75052  
Fax (972) 352-6634



**Caring-Heart**  
CareFlite's Membership Program  
(877) 339-2273

Town of Cross Roads  
1401 FM 424  
Cross Roads, TX 76227  
Phone (940) 365-9693

**A one year Caring-Heart Membership has been purchased on your behalf by the Town of Cross Roads. Please fill out this form and return to Town Hall.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Insurance:  No  Yes, if yes, Insurance name \_\_\_\_\_

Supplement Insurance:  No  Yes, if yes, Insurance name \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members of Household *(For additional household family members, please copy this page and attach to this application).*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Primary Insurance:  No  Yes, if yes, Insurance name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Primary Insurance:  No  Yes, if yes, Insurance name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Primary Insurance:  No  Yes, if yes, Insurance name: \_\_\_\_\_

By Paying the CareFlite Membership fee I agree (on behalf of my family) to abide by the terms and wish to hereby apply for Air Membership in the CareFlite Caring Heart Membership Program for myself and members of my household listed on the Application, as set forth in this Agreement. I have reviewed the Caring-Heart Air Membership Agreement and agree to abide by the terms thereof. I request payment of authorized Medicare or other insurance benefits to me, or on my behalf, to be paid to CareFlite for any emergency services and supplies furnished to me by CareFlite. I authorize any holder of any of my medical information to release that information to the CMS, its agents and carriers, or CareFlite, in order to determine benefits payable on my behalf, now and in the future. This agreement and authorization is executed on my own behalf and on behalf of the other members of my household, if they are minors or otherwise unable to sign. I understand that under the State rule 157.11 k, if I or a household member is a Medicaid recipient, then I am not allowed to have them on my Application, therefore, I am stating that I have not listed on my application anyone that is a Medicaid recipient. If a family member becomes a recipient of Medicaid, I will notify CareFlite in writing of this life change immediately. I warrant that all the information in the Application is true and correct. CareFlite reserves the right to request documentation demonstrating the accuracy of such information. I acknowledge that membership in CareFlite Caring-Heart Membership Program is simply a membership in a program sponsored by CareFlite, and thus, is not membership in CareFlite's non-profit corporate entity as the term membership is contemplated under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act.

**For CareFlite Office Use Only:**  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ EE ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

## Town Council

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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.

**Comprehensive Planning Committee** meets the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

**Municipal Development District** Meetings are held on the first Monday 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.

**Road Repair Committee** meets at 7:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting.

**All Meeting Agendas are posted on Town Hall bulletin board at least 72 hours prior to meetings.**

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