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From the Mayor's Desk

by Steve Smith

Summer 2015 Update

It was July 2012 in which I wrote my first Cross Roads Times article as your Mayor. In that article I announced that Walmart was officially a property owner within our town, CVS had been issued a building permit, and that the town had \$1.7M in overall assets plus \$1M in cash. At that time our businesses were producing \$25M in taxable merchandise sales annually. I also mentioned that two of the major factors in my decision to file for the Mayor's seat were the great chemistry of the council and positive momentum we were beginning to see in the 380 commercial corridor.

Three years later those businesses, along with a many others, have opened with great success. Our business community now produces over \$85M in taxable sales annually, we have over \$2.6M in overall assets plus \$1.7M in cash, while some council seats have changed they continue to be a phenomenal group to work with, and the momentum along the 380 corridor continues to thrive.

Town Projects

In that short time period a number of major town projects have been completed without taking on any debt. Mill Creek is no longer a dirt road and now has a smooth asphalt surface. Dr. Griffin, which was completely impassable, has also been asphalted. S. Pottershop was completely resurfaced and subsequent base failures have been quickly repaired.

Town hall was remodeled and expanded providing not only necessary space but also room for future growth. Technology was added to aide in our communication efforts with citizens and visitors.

Northeast Police Department was formed and has successfully serviced our citizens, business, and visitors for almost two years.

In our town park you will find a beautiful fence and stone columns, wider asphalt drives, and a new paved parking area making events such as movie in the park and the weekly farmers market possible.

And finally, the traffic light and safety improvements were completed at Hwy 380 and Fishtrap/Moseley Rd.

While many of these projects were made possible due to our increased sales tax revenue valued partnerships with TXDOT and Denton County Commissioner Hugh Coleman also played a crucial role.

In the coming year we will again rely heavily on those partnerships as we undertake a \$3.5M cash project to widen Naylor Rd. Our goal is to get Naylor widened prior to the major construction planned for the Northern portion of Hwy 720. This major project would not be possible without the financial assistance of Commissioner Coleman and the entire Commissioners Court.

I am 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.

Talkin' with Teddi!

Hello Cross Roads!

I am Teddi Lee, your new Town Secretary! I have seven years experience in Municipal Government and learn something new every day. I am passionate about my service to the Town of Cross Roads, supporting city legislation, and community involvement. I look forward to meeting you all! I encourage you to stop in and say hi!

Maybe I'll see you at the market! The Town of Cross Roads Park Committee is proud to host Cross Roads Community Market. The Market is located in the Town of Cross Roads Park. (North of Town Hall at FM 424 and Fishtrap Road) The 2015 Community Market is scheduled to operate every Saturday from May 30th through the end of August. The Market is open every Saturday between 8 am and noon!

I could meet you when you sign up to volunteer for a committee or special event! Please contact Town Hall so we can add you to our Volunteer Call List. Cross Roads runs on volunteer power! The Market, National Night Out, Movie in the Park & Roadside Clean Up are fantastic events with great volunteer opportunities!



Mark Your Calendars!



Saturday, August 8th at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

Bingo Night

We will have lots a prizes including gift cards and toys!

Hosted by the Park Board!

Aubrey Area Library Summer Reading Program

The 2015 Superhero Summer Reading Program is underway! If you have not picked up a reading log, they are available at the front desk at the Library. We have had over 200 people sign up so far!

Our last Superhero program is Saturday, August 8th, at 1:30pm. Mad Science will be at the library presenting, The Science of Superheroes.

Children, teens, and adults are encouraged to fill out reading logs and turn them in for prizes and entry into a drawing. Drawings will be held on Saturday, August 8th for \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 gift cards to Barnes & Noble.

For more information call the Aubrey Area Library at 940-365-9162 or email: auberyarealibrary@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/auberyarealibrary
www.ci.aubrey.tx.us/aubrey-library



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.

Northeast Police hires a new officer!

-Susan Zambrano

Officer Matthew Dusek was born in Dallas, Texas, and attended school in Highland Park and Rockwall. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement from Southwest Texas State and went on to earn his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from New Mexico State University. In 2002, Officer Dusek joined the Texas Department of Public Safety and served as a Police Communications Operator, a Highway Patrol Trooper, and a Highway Patrol Sergeant. He currently holds a Master Peace Officer license in addition to certifications as: Certified Drug Recognition Expert Instructor, Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor, Firearms Instructor, TASER Instructor, TCOLE Basic Instructor, Advanced Crash Reconstruction, Breath Test Operator, RADAR, LASER, Tire Deflation Systems, First Aid, Incident Command, Interest Based Management, Conflict Resolution, Critical Incident Training, and Field Training Officer. To date, Officer Matthew Dusek has arrested over 800 DWI violators, conducted over 100 drug influence evaluations, and testified as an expert witness in: El Paso, Dallas, Rockwall, and Erath County. He joins the Northeast Police Department with over 12 years of experience in law enforcement with an emphasis on impaired driver enforcement and instructing law enforcement related training.

NEPD HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

FREE!

When: Tuesday, August 4th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm!

Where: Krugerville City Park

What: Join the Northeast Police Department and cities nationwide for America's Night Out Against Crime.

This event is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnership.

Visit the National Night Out Website at <https://natw.org>





Community Market Runs Through August!

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT:

Dunn Farmin is located in Ponder, Texas, 10 miles west of Denton. Kraig Copp comes from three generations of farmers. He and his brother began working in the fields with their father when they were young boys. We began selling our produce at local farmers markets in 2009. We now plant 40 acres of delicious produce. Our field crops include tomatoes, cantaloupes, squash, zucchini, cucumbers, potatoes, beets, onions, green beans, peas, broccoli, kale, turnips, radishes, eggplant, okra, swiss chard and peppers. We will also offer spinach, carrots, strawberries and hydroponically grown lettuces and basil as long as the season lasts.

People are becoming more aware of where their food comes from and how it is grown. We are often asked the question of whether or not our produce is organic. Our farm is not certified organic. We practice sustainability and follow Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles such as crop rotation, protection of beneficial insects, scouting the fields daily for pests, and applying only the safest pesticides when needed. By using an expensive drip irrigation system, the growth of diseases and pests is reduced because irrigation water is kept off the leaves of plants. We use organic natural chemicals the majority of the time. However, we sometimes must resort to the use of conventional methods when necessary to produce the best crop of healthy fruits and vegetables and fertilizers are sometimes used to supplement plant nutrition.

This year we are offering Limousin beef at the farmers market. Our cattle are bred and raised right on the farm. Limousin cattle are raised for their naturally lean beef and great flavor. We do not use hormones or steroids. Our cattle is processed at Fishers Meat Market in Munster Texas and is packaged & frozen for sale.

Tim & Raquel Hamm have running this market for Kraig for 4 years now. Check them out on Facebook “Dunn Farmin @ Cross Roads Market” or email them DunnFarmin@verizon.net.

Aubrey Fire Department

Over the next few newsletters, The Aubrey Fire Department would like to give you the opportunity to get to know a little about the department and the people who are proud to serve you.

The Aubrey Fire Department was originally founded in 1963. We were an all volunteer department and did not hire our first full time employee until 1997. We now employ 19 full time members and continue to use the assistance of volunteers and part-time employees. The Aubrey Fire Department works off a 3-shift work schedule. We have A, B, and C shifts. Each shift works 24 hours on duty beginning each morning at 7am. The following morning it then rotates to the next shift. We provide service from 2 locations, Station 520 located in Downtown Aubrey and Station 522 Located in Paloma Creek on Hwy. 380. We provide Fire and EMS service operating 2 Mobile intensive care unit ambulances, 2 Fire Engines, and 2 grass fire trucks. We also keep a reserve engine and ambulance that are used during times of maintenance or high call volume. We are directed By Chief Michael Starr. Daily operations are overseen by Captain Scott Downes and Captain Kyle Arnold. We strive daily and take great pride in meeting our mission to dedicate our efforts to provide for the safety and welfare of the public through preservation of life, health, property, and the environment.



Meet "B" Shift (From Left to Right)

Garrett Josey, Fire Fighter Paramedic, he is our newest B shift team member joining the department in May 2015. Bryan Cruze Firefighter EMT. Bryan had served as a volunteer turning full time since March 2006. Bret Housewright Firefighter Paramedic, Bret also so started as a Volunteer in July of 2008 and joining the full time team later that October. Clayton Smith joined our team as a Firefighter Paramedic in February 2014. Lieutenant Walter Wineberg has been with the department starting as a volunteer in February 2001, he transitioned to Part time and joined the full time staff in January 2012. Lieutenant Kris Stuart Firefighter Paramedic joined our department in March 2008.

Honey Dental

**Business Profile By Town Council
Member Larry Fisher**

Nervous about getting your dental check-up? Concerned about how you will be treated as a patient? Let Honey Dental's Dr. Melissa Santilli and her staff put your concerns to rest. Quite literally!

Don't believe me? Come see Cross Roads newest dental facility and experience for yourself a level of expert care and patient comfort you've likely not seen before. Dr. Santilli supports her patient's dental needs with the latest dental equipment, technology, and training available. Moreover, she and her staff support their patients with a refreshingly unique and holistic approach to patient care.

When you arrive for an appointment, you will be offered a relaxing ten minute massage session on Honey Dental's brand new hydro-therapy massage table. My wife, Kae, can tell you from personal experience what a wonderful, relaxing, massage she received at Honey Dental! And it's just one of the features that make Honey Dental unique in their personal, caring, approach to dentistry. In addition, each of the patient care rooms boasts a video display and a dental chair with a massage feature to help you relax during your dental procedures.

Your children can enjoy a variety of attractions in the waiting room while you receive your care or prior to a comprehensive exam of your children's dental needs. Honey Dental serves patients of every age.

Honey Dental's electronic imaging x-ray machine greatly reduces your exposure to x-rays compared to the amount of radiation you might experience with one of the film imaging x-ray machines still commonly in use by some dentists. One more example of a high priority on patient care.

You will find Dr. Santilli as professional in her work as she is friendly and charming. Dr. Santilli was raised in West Lafayette, Indiana. She graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in Neuroscience and

English. She then attended Indiana University School of Dentistry where she received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

Her choice of Cross Roads to open her independent dental practice after several years working in larger, corporate practices goes back to her roots living out in the Indiana countryside. Her exact words when asked why she located in Cross Roads were, "Put me near cows! I really like small communities." There was simply no question in Dr. Santilli's mind when this particular Cross Roads location came up that it was the perfect place to begin her private practice. It reminded her of her childhood home.

Dr. Santilli places a high value and priority in acquiring the latest in training and equipment for both she and her staff. With her medical training in addition to her extensive dental training and experience, she and her staff stand ready to work with your personal physicians to help insure an integrated treatment plan for you and your family.

Come to Honey Dental for a uniquely satisfying dental care experience. Their offices are open Monday – Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. And when you arrive for your first appointment, in addition to the personal care described above, prepare to take home a special gift from Dr. Santilli and her staff. It's just her unique way of letting you know that they care!



MOSQUITO DUNKS!

Dunks are available to residents at Town Hall. If you have standing water on your property, please do your best to drain it or treat it. If you have concerns about standing water around town, please let us know.

**Mosquito season is in full swing.
Help us stop them!**



Beyond the Blue Wall – July Update

by Larry Fisher, Town Council Member

Construction on Denton ISD's new Braswell High School and Carrico Athletic Center scheduled for opening in the 2016-2017 school year continues making progress.

You can begin to see the scale of the project and the building structure in these two recent photos.



Braswell High School's new principal, Mrs. Lesli Guajardo, recently met with the newly organized Denton ISD 380 Growth Task Force, where I currently serve along with other local citizens as Cross Roads community participants.

When she was selected to head up Braswell High School, Mrs. Guajardo commented, "It's a very special opportunity that I'm being given and I'm excited for the opportunity." She appreciates the challenges of opening a brand new high school and commented to school district officials, "I wouldn't go just anywhere from my current district, but once I looked into Denton ISD I knew that was the place I wanted to be.

Mrs. Guajardo recently asked me to serve on an additional task force to assist the district in selecting school colors and a school mascot. We will hold our first two meetings on the mornings of Tuesday, July 28 and Tuesday, August 4. If you have any specific suggestions for review by the task force, please contact me via email at LBFISHER320@ATT.NET and thank you for your support.

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.

Suggestions for future subject are also welcome and encouraged!

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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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