

# The Cross Roads Times

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## Town Administrator Update

by Becky Ross

### Summer 2016 Update

Summer is always such a busy time of year at Town Hall and so much gets accomplished.

Construction projects really move quickly during the summer months once its stops raining. This fall we should see the openings of several new businesses: Integrity Auto Care, Chick-fil-a, Caliber Collision, Presidio II, The Corner Store/ Valero, Happy Feet, 7-11, Pacific Dental, Lumen CARE, and more. Add these new businesses to the recently opened AT&T, GNC, Schlotzsky's, SportClips, Village Vet, and others. All of these businesses continue to help us accomplish our goal of having a solid sales tax base while providing services to our residents. We continue to work with developers and real estate brokers to help land additional businesses for you- hopefully a home improvement store as well as sit-down restaurants.

Summer time is also when we begin the budgeting season for Cross Roads. The Mayor, Town

Secretary and myself have been working on the budget for the past couple of months. Town Council had a brief preview of the budget at their July workshop session. While we continue to make adjustments over the next few weeks the first public hearing for FY 2017 will be at the August 15th council meeting followed by a second public hearing and adoption of the budget in the September council meeting. As usual, we would appreciate your attendance and participation.

### Town Projects

This year has seen the continuation of a great partnership with Denton County when it comes to road projects. With Commissioner Coleman's assistance, we were able to fund the improvements in our section and County's section of Naylor Road. Naylor Road is one of the most traveled Town roads and when construction is completed, it will allow for safer travels between Oak Point and 380 as well as hold the increased traffic we anticipate once Oak Hill Ranch is completed

and 720 is under construction. The contractors on Naylor Road are working ahead of schedule currently and while the anticipated completion date was in December, they believe a fall finish date is well within reach.

Fishtrap Road is also undergoing improvements. While its not as big of a project as Naylor, the improvements on the western most portion of Fishtrap will help with traffic circulation and make vast improvements to drainage. There is still work to be done on many roads around Town but the accomplishments in 2016 are a big step in the right direction.

There is lots of great information inside this summer's newsletter. If you have been wanting to get involved in Town but you aren't sure how, check out the Volunteer Application and let me know what questions you have. We have a business spotlight by Teddi Lee, a CareFlite application if yours needs updated information, and more. If you have any questions, please let us know here at Town Hall.

# Talkin' with Teddi!

*“What better place than Cross Roads? Prime location, down to earth clients with fashionable style.”*

## Leigh Jacobs Salon

Leigh McPherson

**Q.** Tell us about your career in the beauty industry and what led you to open your business in Cross Roads?

I have dreamed about opening a hair salon since I was eight years old, it's been my passion for years and still is. I knew if I had a salon I would want it in between Denton and Frisco. What better place than Cross Roads? Prime location, down to earth clients with fashionable style.

**Q.** What is the most rewarding aspect of running your business?

Being able to treat my stylist how I always wanted to be treated in the salon and rewarding them for their amazing work.

**Q.** How do you facilitate such a positive work environment?

I never expect them to do anything I wouldn't do myself. If we are cleaning, i'm in the bathroom cleaning the toilet. They respect me and I respect them. We spend more time with each other than our family. We keep it fun and positive. You definitely have to work as a team in a salon.

**Q.** You've curated an innovative studio both in style and function. Tell us about how your studio is designed.

I wanted the salon to have a modern, yet warm relaxing feel to it. Sometimes the best way to get away from the crazy madness of life is to sit in our calm shampoo room and get a head massage.

**Q.** In addition to being featured on numerous wedding and social media websites Leigh Jacobs Salon gained national exposure on TLC's "What If We Get Married?" Please describe this experience.

It was definitely an experience. We weren't fully prepared, as soon as they walked in they were filming. Super awkward. I always thought I would make a good actress, but that show proved that's a lie. The producer told me the goal was to make the bride cry... I don't think so! I had just finished her make up and it was flawless. It was really neat seeing how the show biz really works. They definitely change up wording and timeline for more drama. Glad to be a part of the experience and do what I love on national TV.



**Saturday, August 13th at 6:30 PM at  
the COPELAND BUILDING  
across from Town Hall.**

# Bingo Night

**We will be accepting canned goods for the H.O.P.E Food & Clothing Bank of Aubrey in exchange for extra bingo cards. FUZZY'S is providing FREE TACOS and CHICKEN EXPRESS is providing TEA!**



# Aubrey Area Library



## Summer Reading 2016

### On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

The 2016 Summer Reading Program is underway! We have had over 200 people sign up so far and there is still time to participate. If you have not picked up a reading log, they are available at the front desk at the Library.

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 at the final program on Thursday, September 1st at 6:00pm, for \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 gift cards to Barnes & Noble.

### Peanuts-2-Pearls (P2P)

The Aubrey Area Library will turn 30 in September!

The Library building turned 10 in June!

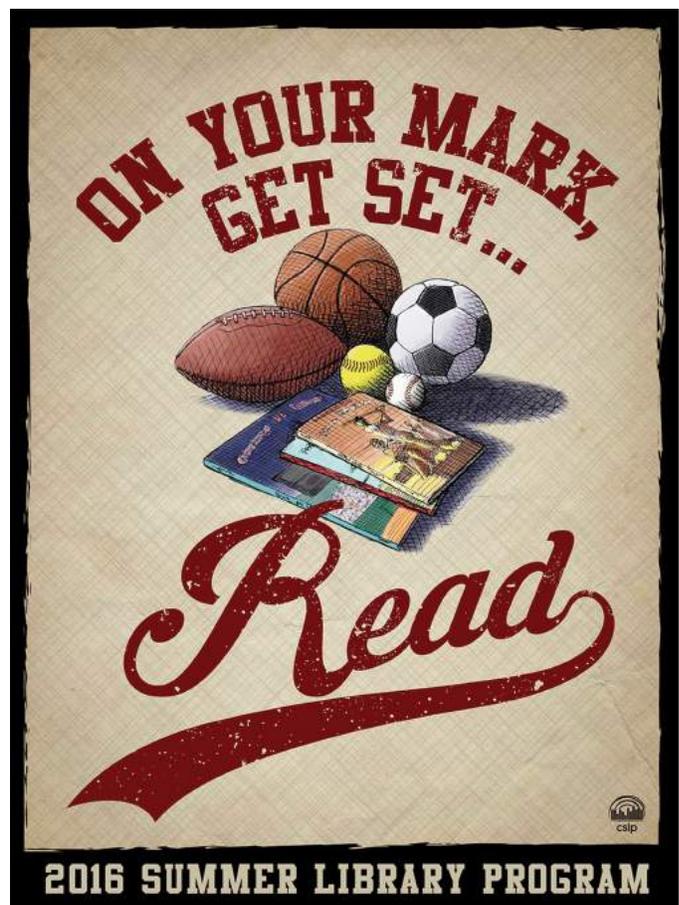
The Peanut Festival turns 31 in October!

Come and celebrate with us on Thursday, September 1st, at 6:00pm!

There will be cake, games and fun stuff! We will hold prize drawings for those that have taken the P2P Challenge. Pick up your Peanuts to Pearls passport at the library for a chance to win.

## Did you know that...

- the Aubrey Area Library was established 1986?
- the Peanut Festival was started to support the Library?
- the Peanut Festival now supports the Aubrey Historical Society?



## 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.

# Aubrey Fire Department

Well summer is here and in full swing, hot temperatures, dry grass, and the kids are out of school. We look forward to this time of year, but often we forget the added hazards that come with all the fun and excitement of summer.

As we go out and enjoy everything the Texas summer has to offer, we ask that you take the time to recognize some of the dangers and take actions to those dangers to reduce or even eliminate the impact they can have on you and your family. We all enjoy the lakes and pools; what's better than relaxing in the water? The Aubrey Fire Department asks that when in the water, children should use the buddy system, have a family member or friend with them at all times. Have a proper fitting personal flotation device and wear them.

One of the best ways children can enjoy being in the water and be safe is by taking swimming lessons. As of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, 60 children have died in water related incidents in Texas. Four right here in Denton County. Never leave children unattended around water. It only takes a few seconds for the unthinkable to happen. As adults, we should also wear life jackets when out on area lakes and avoid any activities that could decrease our cognitive and motor functions when in or around water.

When out in the sun, takes breaks and lots of them. Heat related incidents often have very few warning signs until it is too late. Headaches, weakness, and muscle cramps are all early indications of a heat related emergency. If you experience any of these; STOP, find shade and cooler temperatures and relax. Drink plenty of water. If you develop nausea, vomiting, a change in your level of consciousness, confusion, or are no longer producing sweat; call 911 immediately and move out of the heat and sun. Those especially at risk are the young and elderly. Check on them regularly and don't forget the pets.

With kids out of school, we have an increase in road traffic, with young drivers, bicycles, and plying in areas where we may not be used to seeing kids playing. Slow down and take the time to be extra vigilant in your surroundings. When your vehicle is parked at home, keep the doors locked to prevent children from entering hot vehicles while playing. When you travel, no matter how short or far the distances, make it a habit to check your vehicle every time you park. Look in every seat then lock your door. LOOK before you LOCK, this will prevent accidentally leaving a child in a vehicle that can exceed 140 degrees in the Texas sun.

The last hazard we can reduce is the chance of wildfires as a result of the extreme dry conditions associated with our summers. Keep dry vegetation cleared back away from buildings and homes, use drought tolerant ground cover and use materials in flower beds not easily ignited from spark or ambers. Keep grass areas along roadways cut short and free of overgrowth. If we trim trees up six to eight feet from the ground surface, it can reduce the chance of fire spreading through the trees and brush. We should also clean out gutters and high piles of leaves and debris where they may collect.

Our surrounding area has so many fun and exciting things offer during the summer, and by taking these few extra steps we can all be a little safer and enjoy it to the fullest. If you would like additional information about things you can do to make you or your home safer this summer, please contact one of our fire stations for more information.

Station 1: 200 W. Sycamore (down town Aubrey) 940-365-9785

Station 2: 2020 Navo Rd. (Paloma Creek) 972-347-3802

Lieutenant,  
Walter Wineberg



## Community Market Runs Through August!

**EVERY Saturday morning, vendors from around the county show up bright and early to bring you fresh produce, hand made goods, local beef, and MORE!!!!**

**If you come once, you'll be back!**

## JOIN THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD!

The Town of Cross Roads Parks and Recreation Board is dedicated to developing outstanding public green space, creating recreational opportunities that cultivate citizen involvement, and fostering a strong sense of community. Since our inception the Town of Cross Roads Parks and Recreation Board has embodied this mission at a scale that is commensurate with our Town's people and makeup. In the last few years we have not only embraced all of the eyes that have fallen upon Cross Roads but the rapid expansion of the entire 380 Corridor. As a result we have consciously worked to bring new and exciting opportunities to our community. We have sponsored well received social events that include Community Movie Night in the Park, Bingo Night, and in December of 2015 we hosted the first annual Cross Roads Christmas event in our park. The 2016 season of our Community Market has seen patrons turn out in record numbers weekly and vendor participation is at an all-

time high. In an ever-changing landscape we remain steadfast in our commitment to develop the green space within our town. We are doing this by not only implementing a plan to improve our existing park lands, but we are also actively seeking development opportunities for trails and additional park space. To learn more please join us on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. The Town of Cross Roads Parks and Recreation Board is powered by volunteers and we openly welcome participation.



*Parks and Recreation*  
**TOWN OF CROSS ROADS**

# NORTHEAST PD Update

Concerns about residential security have been on the increase when it comes to things citizens can do to prevent Theft or Criminal Mischief. So many times our officers are on patrol in the middle of the night and find houses where the garage doors are left open, vehicles are parked and unlocked,

sometimes even with the keys left in the ignition! Various items such as bicycles or golf carts are left in the front yard and many other similar situations.

These are all just an open invitation to the bad element in our society who are looking for an easy score or to those who just want to be mischievous. As hard as we try, we cannot always be in the right place at the right time and unfortunately

residents have personal items stolen or damaged. Our officers will usually stop at different locations when we notice situations where your residence is not secure and have often made contact with the property owner to inform them of our concerns. We will also leave a notice on the front door

advising you of when and why we stopped. We ask all our citizens to try and remember even though this is a small, quiet town where we do not usually have many problems, the surrounding areas are growing rapidly. With this growth comes a certain type of person who will not hesitate

to capitalize on your good and trusting nature, causing you suffer the consequences. There has been a saying for many years which goes; Lock, Hide, Take. This means keep your cars locked and secured, hide anything of value left in your vehicles, and take your keys with you. This same concept can be applied to your residence as well and may keep you from suffering loss or damage to your personal property.



I would also like to thank all of our citizens who came out to the third annual National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event was a blast!

Thank you,  
Chief James Edland



## TOWN OF CROSS ROADS BOARD / COMMISSION APPLICATION Fiscal Year 2017



Please check the appropriate Board, Commission or Committee(s) you are interested in serving on:  
If you are interested in more than one, please rate your preference.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture Review Board<br><input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Development District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Northeast Police Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Board<br><input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning Commission |
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*We strongly encourage that a brief resume be submitted along with your application.*

*Please print legibly:*

Name: _____	Email: _____
Address: _____	City: _____
Home Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Preferred Method of Contact? _____

Occupation, Experience / Degrees Held?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently preside on this Board/Committee/Board?  
\_\_\_\_\_

If so, how long have you been on this Board/Committee/Board?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to serve on this group?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any potential conflicts of interest?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any related experience?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel you have to offer this group?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

**Notice to Applicants:** Once submitted, information contained in and included with this application is considered public record and must be released if a request is made. According to Texas Government Code Section 552.024., The Public Information Act allows employees, public officials, and former employees and officials to elect whether to keep certain information about them confidential. Unless you choose to keep it confidential, the following information about you may be subject to public release if requested under the Texas Public Information Act, Therefore, please indicate whether you wish to allow public release of the following information:

	ALLOW PUBLIC ACCESS	
	NO	YES
<b>Home Address</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Home Phone Number</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cell Phone Number</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Personal Email Address</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Name (Please Print Legibly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted

\_\_\_\_\_  
Received By

**MOVIE IN  
THE PARK  
OCTOBER 15th  
at SUNSET**

**FALL CLEANUP  
OCTOBER 15th  
CHECK FACEBOOK AND  
CROSSROADSTX.GOV  
FOR UPDATES**



**MOSQUITO DUNKS!**

**Dunks are available to  
residents at Town Hall.**

**A Cross Roads Christmas  
December 3rd at the  
Town Park.**

**Rumor has it Santa is  
bringing a different hot  
rod this year for your  
free family photo op!**



**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 subjects are also welcome and encouraged!**



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Grand Prairie, TX 75052  
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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Nature and the Law of Unintended Consequences

-Guest Contributor Beatrice Peña-Reames

The Law of Unintended Consequences (LOUC) is defined as, “outcomes of our actions that are not the ones foreseen and intended by a purposeful action.” Several examples of the Law of Unintended Consequences exist in nature with a glowing example exhibited in Cross Roads, Texas.

A slithery example of the LOUC is the Burmese python’s introduction into the Florida Everglades. According to the National Park Service, Burmese pythons became established after accidental or intentional release by pet owners. Regardless of their origins, like kudzu, they have made themselves at home, much to the detriment of native species. According to the National Geological Survey, the population of raccoons, opossums, and bobcats in the Everglades has decreased dramatically. The 2016 Python Roundup captured 106 pythons which is a fraction of their population since one python female lays between 50-100 eggs. Upon autopsy, it was discovered that a 164 lb. python had recently dined on an alligator. The LOUC is alive in the Everglades.

From Florida to Cross Roads, Texas, the LOUC marches on. Denton County Animal Control Service has at least twice been called to assist in the removal of dozens of dead coyotes and foxes. Several citizens were unwilling witnesses to the pile of dead canines discarded on

Fishtrap Road. Whether shot, trapped or poisoned, our coyote and fox populations have taken an abrupt downward spiral. With this rapid decline in predator population, a rapid increase in rodent population has also taken place. Neighbors have noted an increase in rodent droppings, rodent intrusions into dog, chicken, and horse feed, and frenzied rodent attempts to outrun lawn mowers. If a predator species is in decline due to hunting, their food source, in our case mice and rats, naturally increase. Rodents are vectors for disease. The World Health Organization states, “*rat fleas, rats, and mice are all capable of transmitting disease.*” With an increase in rodents comes the very real potential for an increase in viral and bacterial disease in humans. Leptospirosis, Tularemia, the Hanta Virus, Murine typhus, trichinosis, salmonellosis and [Lymphocytic Chorio-meningitis](#) are only a few of the bacterial/viral diseases that can be transmitted to humans from rodents. Given that one rat can produce 2,000 offspring/year, this creates additional reason for concern if the predator keeping our rodent population in check is being removed from our environment. The LOUC in our own backyards.

Several coyote population studies have been conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife, TAMU, and others. Research indicates, “*Human killing of coyotes for*

*predator control has ironically been a major factor in the increase of the coyote's home range; as coyotes are persecuted in one area, their adaptability allows them to make use of a new area. Additionally, coyotes compensate for the artificial reduction in their population by breeding at an earlier age and having larger litters. In addition, more young will survive because of the increase in available food sources."* Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) finds a way. A LOUC double play!

A trichotomy of thought exists concerning coyote control in our community. First, those that seek to protect their livestock and annihilate as many coyotes and foxes as possible by any means possible. Secondly, those that seek to eliminate all killing of coyotes and thirdly, those that understand the relationship between the elimination of predators and an increase of rodent population and that interactions detrimental effect on human health. For those that think that rodenticides/pesticides can simply be slathered indiscriminately throughout our city, ponder this: rodenticides also kill bats



which eat mosquitos. Mosquitos are a direct vector for West Nile Virus. Nature is a perfect system if left to its own devices. It quietly demands attention. Ahh, the Law of Unintended Consequences rears its lovely head once again.

#### SOURCES:

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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.

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

**Architectural Review Committee** Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month as needed, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

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

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

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