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- CareFlite Application

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From the Mayor's Desk by Harv Kitchens, Mayor



THE BENEFITS OF LIVING IN CROSS ROADS

We are frequently asked: What are the benefits of living in Cross Roads? Here are a few of the many reasons so many of us choose to live here and love calling Cross Roads home.

COUNTRY LIVING

We still have a country atmosphere in our Town. Even though there is growth in the North Denton County area, we still enjoy a laid-back country lifestyle. This is due to the people who choose to live here, and our location in the Cross Timbers area of North Texas, providing trees and natural habitat on our one-acre minimum residential lot size.

NO LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES

We can provide services and improved roads to our citizens

without assessing property taxes. Cross Roads is continually encouraging retail businesses to locate in our Town and those tax revenues fund our town services.

TREE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION

The Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance that this Town Council approved two years ago has kept developers from clear cutting the area to build shopping centers, commercial buildings and residential developments. Many trees have been saved, and where trees have been removed there are plans in place for replacement and landscaping.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Our citizens are provided with excellent fire protection and ambulance service through an agreement with Aubrey, our neighboring Town. This agreement provides the services we need without the expense of complete departments at a huge cost to the Town of Cross Roads. This benefits both Aubrey and Cross Roads since the expenses

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From the Mayor's Desk (continued)



Ribbon Cutting at the Denton County Government Center

are shared. Also, as citizens of Denton County, we pay taxes for police coverage by the Sheriff's Department. This provides us with necessary coverage at this time. Your Town Council is aware that as our Commercial area grows there may be a need for greater police protection.

ORDINANCES AND GUIDELINES

The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Council have worked diligently the past 6 years to develop ordinances that will protect you as a property owner and as a citizen of this Town. Proper building codes, set-backs, landscaping and tree protection and preservation are included in our zoning and subdivision ordinance. We have a local building inspector to ensure that everyone adheres to these ordinances completely in order to protect the integrity of our Town. On the commercial side, we have a professional engineer to review and enforce all requirements of our ordinances. We also have a newly developed Sign Ordinance that will allow us to maintain a nice and welcoming appearance to our Town. The Planning and Zoning Commission is currently working on improving our Landscape Ordinance and our Lighting Ordinance.

CARE *FLIGHT SERVICES

Please read carefully the information in this News Letter regarding the Care*Flight enrollment application and return it to our Town Hall. This is a service that is provided and paid for by the Town of Cross Roads for you. This could save your life! Call Katherine Ritchie, Town Administrator, at 940-365-9693 if you have any questions. You are not covered until you complete the appropriate paperwork , so do it soon.

LIBRARY SERVICES

For the past two years, your Council has designated \$5,000 per year in support of the Aubrey Library. This is a great facility and is constantly improving its volume of books, CD's, newspapers, etc. for Cross Roads citizens to use. There are also computers with internet access available during library hours. Make plans to visit the Library and check out all that is available.

Retail and Medical Services

Currently, here in Cross Roads we have many services available to us with more to come in the near future. We have restaurants, convenience stores, gift shops, gasoline stations, home builders, bakery, real estate offices, package stores,

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Aubrey Area Library

From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

title office, furniture store, dental office, a medical facility, and more. Please be sure to patronize our local businesses.

These are a few of the benefits of living in Cross Roads and I would like to encourage all of us to not

take them for granted. Your Town staff, working committees, Planning and Zoning Commissioners and Council Members work extremely hard as volunteers to make this happen.

Tell them **"THANKS"** the next time you see them.



**NO COST
TO YOU**

Return Application NOW.

CareFlite applications must be sent in for you to qualify for this FREE service.

One year of membership will be purchased for you by the town of Cross Roads WHEN YOU RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION form (found on the next page).

Return your completed application form to

**Town of Cross Roads
1401 FM 424
Cross Roads, TX 76227**



3110 S. Great Southwest Parkway
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: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

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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: _____

Meet Larry Fisher

Larry Fisher is a retired employee from IBM, and now a busy volunteer, happy retiree and woodworking hobbyist. He and his wife of 44 years, Kae, have been residents of Cross Roads for just over 10 years. They have lived in various towns in Texas, as well as Oklahoma, Maryland and Connecticut. They have three sons- Scott, an architect in Connecticut; Mike, a biomedical engineer in Massachusetts; Robert, an assistant principal in Lewisville ISD.

Larry enjoys reading Sherlock Holmes adventures by Sir Conan Doyle. He especially likes trying to solve the mysteries using the somewhat obscure clues offered in the novel. Also, he enjoys reading about areas throughout the world where he has briefly visited. When not reading, Larry likes working on furniture. He builds mission-style furniture, and has completed three cherry wood beds, a quarter-sawn white oak bed and drop-leaf table, two free-standing white oak shelf units, several picture/mirror frames, a set of cherry wood display shelves, and a cherry bench. He says that he never has enough time or tools to work as much as he would like.

Larry most admires people who face significant challenges and overcome them. He believes "every person carries the seeds of greatness. Although that person may never get the public recognition we give media stars, each of those people greatly impacts those living around them."

Larry enjoys living in Cross Roads because of the friendliness of his neighborhood in Oak Shores. He also likes the rural character of the ranches, the forests on the Corps of Engineering property, and living on the shores of Lewisville Lake. He and Kae plan to remain in Cross Roads through their retirement.

A little-known fact about Larry is that he grew up on a little wheat farm in rural Oklahoma during the 1940's. He had a dream of traveling in space. Although he never had a chance to fulfill that dream personally, he was able to help others do so. When he worked for IBM, he worked at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston. He worked on the final missions of Project Mercury, all of Project Gemini, and the early portions of Project Apollo. When Neil Armstrong landed on the moon, he was guided by computers that Larry had helped install, using software that Larry helped debug, and was aided by mission programmers that Larry had taught how to program. He said, "That's one of those quiet senses of satisfaction that you carry all your life...knowing that you helped someone..."



When Larry and Kae sold their home in Seabrook, Texas, it was bought by the last astronaut to walk on the moon.



Skystream 3.7

Wind Turbine Installation Approved...written by Dick Weston

A new sky line will be coming to the Town of Cross Roads in the near future. During a recently held Town Council meeting a Special Use Permit was approved for Mr. Bill Snyder to install the first Wind Turbine in the Town of Cross Roads .

The Skystream 3.7 Wind Turbine is being installed by WeKnow Technologies and will be used to provide alternative electrical power to Mr. Snyder's building located at 8300 Highway 380. This particular style of Wind Turbine will be 50 feet tall and requires at least one-half acre of property with at least 20 ft. clearance above any surrounding building, trees, etc. The reported paid back period is estimated to occur in a little over 7 years.

During the public hearing the Town Council heard from several residents that the installation of the Wind Turbine would not go against the "Old Texas Country" architecture adopted by the town and that it would be a good "green" investment. One concern discussed during the public hearing was whether or not the approval of this Special Use Permit would create any "precedence" that would require all future Wind Turbine applications to be approved. The Town Council assured the meeting attendees that each Special Use Permit application is reviewed and acted upon individually and that no precedence was being established.

Volunteer



Appreciation



Dinner



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Clean-Up Day was on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The people in charge were Alan and Naomi Hauf. Thanks to the efforts of many Cross Roads' residents, a big impact was made toward cleaning debris, and recycling goods. Recycling and trash pick-up efforts were aided by Computer Crusher, the Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and IESI.

**Dedicated Folks Ready for
Clean-Up Day**



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Thanks for your hard work!
Thanks also to Sue Weaver for the photos!

Facts about Commercial Wastewater Extension

Commercial property owners in Cross Roads have stated that they believe the Town of Cross Roads should put in wastewater (sewer) along Highways 380, 377 and FM 424 to service their businesses. They have also stated that the Town of Cross Roads should sell bonds if needed to supply them with wastewater service.

Here is the current situation: Allegiance Development, the company that owns the property at the northeast corner of FM 424 and Highway 380 has invested their money and brought the wastewater lines up to the north side of 380 from the Upper Trinity Regional Water District wastewater treatment plant approximately one and a half miles south on Naylor Road. The Town of Cross Roads did not pay for any of this extension of wastewater service.

Our Town budget does not have the revenues to pay for commercial wastewater extension. To do this would require assessing a property tax on our citizens in order to fund wastewater for a few businesses along these highways. Your Town Council has repeatedly agreed and supported the citizens' desire to not have property taxes. This option of assessing our property owners is therefore not an acceptable one.

Unless a town has a property tax in place and collects property taxes regularly, the town cannot sell bonds. Because Cross Roads does not have a property tax we cannot therefore sell bonds. This eliminates this option.

This leaves two choices: 1) The commercial property owners and retailers along our highways can work with Mustang Water and Allegiance to bring wastewater to their locations and pay for it for their property and businesses. 2) Developers who come to Cross Roads for commercial and retail development can work with Mustang Water and Allegiance to bring wastewater to their locations and pay for it.

Until one of these options happens, the commercial and retail properties will need to continue to utilize septic systems for their businesses.

Pool Regulations... by Steve Smith, Planning and Zoning

On April 14, 2008 in an effort to protect the citizens and visitors within the Town of Cross Roads, Council passed a swimming pool ordinance. All newly constructed and existing swimming pools must now comply with that ordinance and obtain a permit from the Town. Those permits can be obtained by contacting Town Hall and are free of charge for all existing swimming pools.

Below is a summary of what is required with this new ordinance:

Newly Constructed Pools Only

- Pool must be fifteen feet away from any building
- Several inspections are required during the construction process
- The pool, or property, must have a minimum of a four foot tall fence with no openings larger than four inches
- Any non pedestrian access gate must have some type of a childproof lock
- Pedestrian gates should be self closing and self latching
- Any newly constructed pool where a fence does not exist between the house and the pool must have an audible alarm on exit doors or a pool cover which meets ASTM F1346 standards

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Pool Regulations *(continued)*

- Pool equipment must be on a timer
- Ground fault circuit interrupters must be on all exterior electrical outlets
- No electrical outlet may be closer than ten feet to the waters edge

Existing Pools

- The pool, or property, must have a minimum of a four foot tall fence with no openings larger than four inches
- All non pedestrian access gates must have some type of a childproof lock
- Pedestrian gates should be self closing and self latching
- Ground fault circuit interrupters must be on all exterior electrical outlets

The owners of all existing pools that are not in compliance with the ordinance have 90 days to correct the areas of non-compliance, or they may request a variance or extension.

Local Citizen Wins Teaching Awards



Barbara Prins has a big responsibility. She is a teacher.

Barbara teaches in the Lewisville Independent School District where she is known as a hard-working elementary reading teacher. She is dedicated to her profession and takes seriously the challenges she faces daily.

Barbara teaches at Heritage Elementary School, and was selected by her fellow staff members as Teacher of the Year for Heritage, last year. She humbly states, "I am not the best teacher in this school but I don't know of any teacher that works as hard with children [who] struggle." Indeed, her principal has such confidence in her dedication and abilities that she is given the children who are the most challenged, academically and behaviorally.

Barbara was educated at Tarleton State University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She went to Texas Woman's University for completion of her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. She has also studied at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and at the University of Southern California. Her teaching experience includes kindergarten, first grade, second grade, special education resource, self-contained special education, and early intervention for preschoolers. An interesting experience Barbara had was getting to observe the British Primary and Infant Schools in England while she and her husband were stationed in Germany.

Barbara says, "Teaching reading is a love and a passion that I have that is probably where my greatest strengths lie. If a child can read, most other things in life will fall in[to] place." She is often rewarded with notes of gratitude from the parents of her students. Occasionally it is the student who expresses thanks. A recent gift card had an attached note that read simply, "Thanks for giving me the confidence to read."

This school year Barbara was selected to be a lifetime member of the Parent Teachers Organization. She was nominated for this recognition by the parent of one of her students. She is truly appreciated.

Barbara, and her husband, Dan, have been married for 36 years. They have two daughters. It is no surprise that one daughter is a teacher of children who have special needs. The other daughter works for a placement firm. Barbara and Dan enjoy their 22 acre place in Cross Roads where they raise a variety of animals. They have traveled to many places in the world, but love being home here in Cross Roads.

Congratulations, Barbara, for a job well done in a difficult but rewarding profession.

TOWN OF CROSS ROADS, TX.

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Dates to Remember

- Town Council Meetings are the second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Town Council workshops meet on the 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Planning and Zoning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Comprehensive Planning Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Road Repair Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council Meeting.
- All meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board 72 hours prior to meeting.

Please call the Town Hall if you would like to join a committee to serve your community.



Welcome

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