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From the Mayor's Desk by Harv Kitchens, Mayor



Looking Back at 2007... Looking Forward to 2008

The Year 2007 was a very good year for the Town of Cross Roads with many accomplishments and successes. This newsletter highlights many of the successes and activities of your Town.

Financials - At the first of the year, we had cash in the bank in the amount of \$638,958. As of December 31, 2007, we had cash available in the amount of \$727,858, which is an increase of \$88,900. This measurement is usually the way we determine success of an activity. The Town does not have any debt that encumbers our current assets.

Many of our Town funds are in interest earning accounts.

Road Improvements – Even while accumulating extra cash this past year, we were able to make significant road improvements. The major improvement was to Tipps Road. A 1.3 mile section of this major road was totally ground up with added cement for a better base, and then a 3" layer of asphalt surface was added. This will give us a road that will last for 20 to 25 years.

Major work was completed on two bridges, one at Naylor and Historic Lane and one at Tipps at Moseley. This construction was done as a safety measure to all motorists that use these roads. We are continuing to keep our roadways mowed and our pot holes filled on an as-needed basis. Your council is totally committed to road improvements for our Town.

Residential Developments

Parade of Homes/Forest Hills Estates – The Town of Cross Roads was honored to be the site of the 2007 Dallas Home Builders Parade of Homes. This event

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brought close to 10,000 visitors to our Town. There were 7 different builders that constructed beautiful homes that demonstrated their craftsmanship and vision. In addition, the entire Parade of Homes featured energy efficient and environmentally friendly green-built homes. The subdivision is currently selling one-acre-minimum lots and building houses on the 77 lots that are platted. This addition is a real plus to our Town and we say "Thanks" to the developer and builders.

Villages at Cross Roads - This development's infrastructure is completed and there will be 93, one-acre-minimum lots. The developer has sold 55 lots to Starlight Builders and they have applied for and received 6 building permits for the construction of their model homes.

Spring Mountain Estates - This development on Rock Hill Road has completed the infrastructure on Phase One and has filed for Building Permit for the first house to begin construction. There are 7, one-acre-minimum lots in Phase One and the lots are all sold. There will be a total of 70, one-acre-minimum lots when all Phases are completed.

Commercial Developments

Presbyterian Medical Facilities - This facility opened in 2007 and has added a much-needed service for the residents of Cross Roads. They have two physicians and a state-of-the-art Imaging Center. They are continuing to explore

possibilities of developing the 2nd floor for an Emergency Clinic to be added. Welcome Presbyterian.

Denton County Government Center – This facility is currently occupied by Commissioner Cynthia White's office and other departments of our County staff. Please read elsewhere in this Newsletter about all the services that are being brought to the citizens of Cross Roads. We are very pleased with this beautiful building as it complies with our ordinances requiring our "Old Texas Country" theme. Welcome Denton County to Cross Roads.

Sign Ordinance –Your Planning and Zoning Commissioners and your Town Council spent many hours in revising the Sign Ordinance for our Town. It required several changes that allow for better signage in our commercial district, and more specific requirements in order to make the ordinance understandable and enforceable. We would like all of our citizens to know and follow the sign ordinance if it applies to them in any way. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow us to maintain an acceptable appearance in our Town. We will now start enforcing all aspects of this ordinance.

Looking Ahead to 2008

Financials – Your council approved the Budget for 2008 that is fiscally conservative and addresses the future needs of the Town. The Budget is a balanced budget that includes a 5% increase in revenues and expenditures.

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Cross Roads Website

<http://www.crossroadstx.gov>

From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Roads - The Town has committed \$340,000 through the budget process to continue with improvements in our road system. This represents 40% of our budget. We will continue with the periodic mowing and "pot hole" repair on an as-needed basis. We have plans to make a major improvement to a section of New Hope Road that is 1.4 miles in length. The section will be totally ground up with cement added for a better base, and then a 3" layer of asphalt surface will be added. We will also improve the ditches for better drainage. This will give us a road that will last for 20 to 25 years.

Traffic Light – For the last few years the Town has requested repeatedly that the Texas Department of Transportation install a traffic light at Highway 380 and Moseley/Fish Trap Road. TexDot has agreed to install a flashing yellow light for traffic on Highway 380 and a flashing red light on Moseley/Fish Trap. We are hopeful that this will improve the safety on this corner. We will continue to explain our rationale and request a regular traffic light at this location.

Residential Development – The final plat of a new development called **Tuscan Valley** will begin development this spring. This development is located east of Naylor Road just south

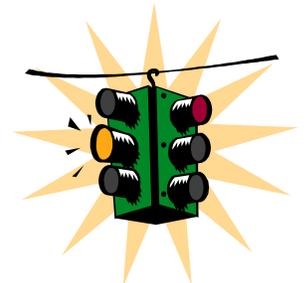
of Highway 380. There will be 40 , one-acre-minimum lots. This will be a high-end development that will include a winery, walking trails and an Equestrian Center.

Commercial Development – Currently, we are receiving inquiries about commercial development in our Town. We anticipate many exciting announcements to be made in 2008. We will keep you posted through this newsletter as this occurs.

Villages at Cross Roads – The latest information we have received is that Wal-Mart will begin construction in April with a completion date anticipated in November 2008. Many of the banks, restaurants and other retailers are waiting for Wal-Mart to break ground before they begin construction. The building on Highway 380, west of Highway 720 is nearing completion. The following occupants have received Building Permits from the Town of Cross Roads and they are doing the interior construction at this time.

The occupants are:

- Villa Grande Restaurant
- Dominos pizza
- Bakers Dozen Donuts
- Tommy's Nail Salon and Spa
- Cornerstone Family Dentistry.



Welcome Our New 2007 Neighbors to Cross Roads

Brent Weatherford, 60 Cedar Lane
 Bradley and Jessica Watts, 1901 Spring Mountain
 Ross and Jane Schroeder, 1601 Oak View
 William Kendrick, 1601 Oak View
 Jeff Prescott, 4001 Keyes Lane
 Neil and Diane Mac Arthur, 2500 W. Oak Shores
 Greg Dunham, 105 Cedar Lane
 Jean Paul Turpin, 7500 Fish Trap
 Inna Gowen, 1805 Timber Ridge Trail (She is the first resident of Forest Hills.)

Copeland Government Center...by Cynthia White, County Commissioner

The holidays are always a hectic time and this year there was an additional reason for "busyness". The Copeland Government Center in Cross Roads was in the last stages of readiness for all the county departments that would soon occupy its quarters.

And now I am pleased to say the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued and my office is completely set up! Special thanks go to Katherine Richie, Mayor Harv Kitchens, all the Council members and their inspectors. While my office is the first fully functional office, it is by no means the last. By the end of the month the Tax Assessor, the County Clerk, the Justice of the Peace, the Constable, the Sheriff's office, Juvenile Probation and Adult Probation will be fully operational.

Some county residents have asked what services will be available to them in these new county offices. The following is a partial list of some of the services that will be offered.

- Pay your taxes at the tax assessor's office.
- Obtain car tags at the tax assessor's office.

- Get a marriage license at the county clerk's office.
- Access (via public terminals) such records as assumed names (DBA), passports, birth records and all real property.

NOTE: No filings will be accepted.

The Justice of the Peace has jurisdiction over criminal and civil matters, pre and post trial procedures for criminal class C misdemeanors, and filing and processing of civil cases. This means you can file civil suits and pay fines. The Judge will hold court at this location as well.

Plans are currently underway for a Grand Opening Celebration. We will honor the memory of a Road and Bridge employee, Steven Everett Copeland, after whom the building was named. The rest of the details of the opening will be revealed soon but I can tell you that we are looking at mid to late February for the celebration so stay tuned for information on this event. In the meantime, we are excited to be in Cross Roads in the heart of Precinct One and look forward to providing more accessible county services for many years to come!





The Town of Cross Roads Joins CareFlite in Providing Protection to All Town Residents

The Cross Roads Town Council has approved the purchase of a CareFlite Membership for all households within the town. All members of each household will be covered by this special program that covers helicopter EMS within 150 miles of DFW, fixed wing air ambulance within 500 miles of DFW (except Mexico), and 911/ground ambulance services where offered. The way the program works is as follows. As a CareFlite member, anyone in your household who has health insurance and has to be transported by CareFlite in a helicopter, fixed wing or 911/ground ambulance will not receive a balance bill. CareFlite will accept the payment made by your insurance carrier as payment in full. If someone doesn't have health insurance, they automatically receive a 50% discount off of CareFlite's standard rates. By state regulation, this program does not apply to anyone who is currently or subsequently becomes a Medicaid recipient.

Complete terms and conditions are contained in the application that is available at the Cross Roads Town Hall and in this newsletter. (See the following 2 pages.) If requesting an application by phone, call (940) 365-9693 or email Katherine Ritchie, Town Administrator at townsecretary@crossroadstx.gov. The program begins February 1, 2008 for those who have completed and returned the application to the Town Hall at 1401 FM 424, Cross Roads, TX 76227. Forms received after February 1st will become effective upon receipt of the application at the Town Hall.

General information about CareFlite and its Membership Program can be found at www.careflite.org. CareFlite, founded in 1979, is the oldest joint use helicopter EMS program in the United States. CareFlite has a helicopter stationed at Denton Regional Hospital.

Application required for participation in the CareFlite program.



Membership Program

PERSONS COVERED: This Agreement covers the household family members listed on my Application, so long as they remain full-time residents of the specified household and the children listed and living within the household who are 25 years or younger. New residence family members may be added, family members may be deleted or the household location may be changed by written notice to CareFlite. Added members will be effective the first day of the month following the month of receipt by CareFlite of such notice.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES: I understand that I am responsible for payment for any services provided to me by CareFlite, but that my membership will assist me by discharging that part of my financial liability that is not covered by insurance for those CareFlite services specified in this Agreement. This benefit is subject to certain limitation specified in this agreement. As a condition of receiving this benefit, I hereby assign (hand over) to CareFlite all rights and benefits that I or the other family members of my residence have, under any and all medical, health, supplemental, worker's compensation, liability, auto or homeowner's insurance policies or plans, or from other third party payers or sources which provide coverage or would otherwise pay for air ambulance services. Such payment sources are collectively referred to in this agreement as 'insurance.' I authorize payment of all insurance benefits or payments to CareFlite. I understand that CareFlite will, whenever it deems it feasible, file claims for and directly collect the benefits payable from insurance, up to the amount of CareFlite's charges for its services. When requested by CareFlite, I agree to complete any forms and take any other reasonable action that may be necessary to collect such amounts. If I or anyone on my behalf receives any insurance or other third party payments for Emergency services provided by CareFlite, I will promptly forward those payments to CareFlite at 3110 S. Great Southwest Parkway, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052.

BENEFITS: Payment of membership fee and compliance with the terms of this Agreement entitles members to the following benefits:

- a. Emergency air ambulance services: Members, who receive "medically necessary" advanced or basic life support emergency services from CareFlite as a result of an emergency medical condition, shall pay nothing out of pocket, except as specified herein.
- b. Emergencies needing a higher level of care located further than 100 miles away but not more than 500 miles and in the U.S. can be serviced by CareFlite's Fixed Wing. All medical transports must meet the medical criteria and be pre-approved by patients insurance carrier before services can be provided. Upon

services being approved and used, the member will pay nothing out of pocket. If insurance coverage is denied then member will be responsible for full charges less a 50% discount off of usual and customary charges for such services.

LIMITATIONS and CONDITIONS: Membership benefits extend to CareFlite's critical care, advanced or basic life support air ambulance services staffed with Nurses, Paramedics and Pilot's, Ground Ambulance staffed with quality trained Medics, and a 20% discounted rate for Wheelchair and transport Services. Membership benefits are inapplicable to services rendered by any other provider. As a condition of receiving the benefits of membership with respect to any Air or Ground ambulance transport, a member with insurance must comply with all coverage conditions of their applicable insurance program for such transport. Some insurance programs require the insured person to obtain prior authorization of payment for non-emergency, yet medically necessary air ambulance services. If insurance denies coverage due to medical necessity then CareFlite shall provide the member with a 50% discount off its usual and customary charge for such transport. Non-insured household family members or members with deductibles larger than 50% of the full charges, will receive a 50% discount on services rendered. Some plans require certain documentation from the insured within a specified time limit, or the plans deny or reduce coverage for air ambulance services. In the event a member with insurance forfeits coverage by failing to comply with these types of requirements for a transport that would otherwise be covered by membership, member will then forfeit membership benefit by failing to comply with their insurance requirements and membership can be revoked. Air Membership will only be available for purchase to residents of approved counties. For a current list of Counties where the Caring-Heart Membership is available, please visit www.careflite.org and click on: *become a member*. In addition, Ground benefits will cover those members in CareFlite service areas where applicable. The members must hold a membership that is in good standings at the time of services and the transport originates in CareFlite's deemed service area and providing that CareFlite is the transporting agency. CareFlite reserves the right to deny or revoke any membership for a reasonable cause. If membership is revoked then all balances are due in full. CareFlite may terminate the membership program at any time upon notice to the members, with a pro-rated portion of the membership fees refunded.



3110 S. Great Southwest Parkway
Grand Prairie, TX 75952
Fax (972) 352-9534



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: _____

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: _____

By paying the CareFlite Membership fee I agree (on behalf of my family) to abide by the terms and conditions herein apply for All 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 All Membership Agreement and agree to abide by its 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 CARE, 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 193.713, if 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 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 that it 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: _____



Dates to Remember

Town of Cross Roads 2008 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day	January 1, 2008	Tuesday
President's Day	February 18, 2008	Monday
Good Friday	March 21, 2008	Friday
Memorial Day	May 26, 2008	Monday
Independence Day	July 4, 2008	Friday
Labor Day	September 1, 2008	Monday
Veterans Day	November 10, 2008	Monday
Thanksgiving Day	November 27, 2008	Thursday
Day After Thanksgiving Day	November 28, 2007	Friday
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2008	Wednesday
Christmas Holiday	December 25, 2008	Thursday

Meet Steve Smith

Steve Smith is a Certified Forensic Interviewer, and belongs to the National Retail Federation(NRF) and to the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI). He works for Charming Shoppes, Inc., where he investigates thefts relating to the loss of money and property from businesses. He graduated from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Steve has lived in Cross Roads with his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Garrett, Jenna and Walker, since 2005. The family has a great dane named Mook.

Steve has lived in a variety of towns. Before moving to Cross Roads, Steve was at home in Aubrey, Lubbock, Dallas, Huntsville, Denton and San Antonio, Texas. He lived for a while in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He settled in Cross Roads because he likes the closeness of the Town to necessities such as the airport, shopping, and services, but he also likes the relaxed, laid-back feeling of the Town. He hopes that Cross Roads will continue to intelligently manage its inevitable growth.

Steve's time reading mainly is spent on management books such as Question behind the Question, and First Break All the Rules. He enjoyed the 2004 remake of the movie "Alamo" because of its historical perspective and conflicting political views.

Steve says that he enjoys dining at the Ill Forks restaurant in Dallas. He also likes doing outdoor activities and sports. He admires his wife, Jennifer, because of the unselfish way she cares for their children and him. He admits that caring for him is not always an easy task.

The title of "the fastest mower in Denton County" was given to Steve. He hopes to continue to find the right balance between home and work life while he helps out in the community in any way possible. He currently serves on the Planning and Zoning commission for Cross Roads.



Aubrey Area Library Reminder...



Sun., Mon.-CLOSED
Tues., Wed., Thurs.- 10AM-7PM
Fri.- 10AM-6PM
Sat.- 10AM-3PM

The library offers library cards free of charge. Present a valid ID and proof of address. Books, large-print books, VHS and DVD movies, interlibrary loans, and magazines are available. Twelve computers equipped with Microsoft Office and Microsoft Publisher programs are available for use. The computers are connected to the internet, and are available for business and reference use.

Community classes are taught at the facility.

There are two book sales each year- March Madness and Dog Days of Summer. Please make book donations to the library during January, February, June and July only.

Go to Aubrey's website <http://www.ci.aubrey.tx.us> and link to the library.

KATHERINE'S CORNER . . .by Katherine Ritchie

Dear Cross Roads Friends and Neighbors,
Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you had a wonderful and healthy holiday season. I have a few reminders. We will be having a Spring Roadside Clean-up on Saturday, March 29. Mark your calendars. We will place an ad in the Town Charter newspaper with the details.

Also, the Mayor's seat and two Council seats will be on the May 10, 2008 ballot. If you wish to run for election please contact Town Hall. Candidates filing package are available now at the Town hall. The filing deadline is March 10, 2008.

Holiday Display at Town hall



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Are you looking for that special gift, antique collectible, or piece of art to give to someone? You stand a very good chance of finding exactly what that person likes at the Cross Roads Station where artwork is displayed, antiques are sold, and gift items are creatively arranged.



One of the best-kept secrets in Denton County is right here in Cross Roads. Cross Roads Station offers antiques, art, gifts and more. Housed in a replica 1908 Santa Fe train depot, Cross Roads Station is located on the southwest corner of Hwy 380 and Hwy 377. Owners Steven and Dana Mordecai have filled the store with a variety of items ranging from jelly to handbags to entry doors.

“We try as much as we can to carry locally made, or at least Texas-made, items. This not only enables us to have lower prices by saving on shipping costs, but also gives our local artists a place to sell their work,” said Steven. Some of the Texas-made product lines you can find at Cross Roads Station are: New Canaan Farms jams and salsas, Lammes Candies, gourmet jellies from Texas Traditions, Dale Adkins western art, Sterling Tea, and Lavender Ridge Farms, just to name a few.

Cross Roads Station hosts art shows and trunk shows for the artists whose works are sold in the store. “Artists will be on hand,” Steven said, “to personally sign their work and will often bring in one-of-a-kind pieces just for the show.” For more information about Cross Roads Station call 365-2889 or visit www.CrossRoadsStation.net, or better yet, stop by and say hello. Business hours are Monday-Friday 9 to 5 and Saturdays 10 to 4.



The Shed Shop

The Shed Shop, whose sales office is located in the Cross Roads Station building, started building custom wood storage buildings in Cross Roads in March of 1985. The company is owned and operated by Doug and Linda Daffron.

They build most buildings on-site, however their buildings are designed to be portable, so they can build in the shop and deliver a fully assembled building. The buildings are all wood and come painted and with a shingled roof. They have standard sizes of buildings, but they will also custom build anything to meet the customer's needs. In addition to making storage sheds, they are one of the few companies in the area who can move a storage shed for you.

Their business hours are Monday-Friday 9 to 5 and Saturdays 10 to 4.
Contact 365-9752, www.MyShedShop.com



Dr. Ellen Jordan Awarded DeLaval Dairy Extension Award

Dr Ellen Jordan, Texas Cooperative Extension dairy specialist, received the DeLaval Award, the highest Extension honor, for 2007. The award is granted annually to the extension specialist who has made outstanding contributions to the dairy industry. Dr. Ray Nebel, the chairman of the American Dairy Science Association's awards committee, is quoted saying, "She is the prototype for young dairy Extension specialists in that she is research-based and proactive. She transfers technical information to the farm so that it is easily understandable and put into practice." Dr. Tamilee Nennich, an Extension specialist based in Stephenville, nominated Dr. Jordan for the award. She said, "Dr. Jordan has made many contributions to both Texas A&M University and the dairy industry, and this award is well-deserved."

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.
- Tree Protection and Preservation meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 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 Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting.
- All meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board 72 hours prior to meeting.



Happy New Year!

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