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From the Mayor's Desk by Harv Kitchens, Mayor



TOWN SERVICES

Some of you may have wondered why the Town of Cross Roads does not directly provide some services such as:

- Town Law Enforcement (Police Department)
- Town Fire Department and Ambulance Service (EMT)
- Town Water Supply and Wastewater
- Town Animal Control (Dog Catcher)
- Town Waste Collection and Recycle

The Town Council and I believe that we have the ability to provide

these services by using other sources. Experience has shown us that contracting for these services is cost effective and more efficient for Cross Roads at this time.

Let's take each one separately.

Town Law Enforcement (Police Department)

Currently, we are using the services of the Denton County Sheriff's Department. These services are provided without cost because each of us pays Denton County Property Taxes.

Your council is very aware of the fact that in the not too distant future there may be a greater need for additional coverage as a result of our commercial growth. We are very fortunate to be located in the proximity of excellent Police Departments in Aubrey and Oak Point. We can create an Inter-local Agreement with either of these two cities or the Sheriff's Department to provide us with additional coverage as needed.

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"THANK YOU for your support and overwhelming mandate that we should continue on this course of responsible government..."

Have you submitted your CareFlight application yet?

Town Fire Department and Ambulance Service (EMT)

We currently have an Inter-local Agreement with the City of Aubrey to provide us with full fire protection and emergency service for all of our citizens. This agreement has been in place for approximately 12 years and has proven to be a very satisfactory arrangement as their response time has been excellent. Again, this is an area that may need to be examined as we grow. As you know from articles in previous newsletters, the Town is providing emergency helicopter service through Care-Flight to all citizens that sign up for the service. There is no cost to citizens. **(If you haven't yet signed up, call Town Hall.)**

Town Water Supply and Wastewater

Approximately 8 years ago, the Town Council decided that it was not expedient for the Town of Cross Roads to be in the water and wastewater treatment business. Since all the residences and commercial businesses in the Town had been receiving services from Mustang Water Supply Corporation, it was determined that we should continue with this arrangement. We released our Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to them. This has allowed Mustang, now

called Mustang Special Utility District, to have the exclusive rights to provide water to our Town, and treat wastewater. Because we have a one-acre minimum lot size, we can have conventional (anaerobic) septic systems as well as aerobic systems. This arrangement with Mustang is very beneficial since it provides us with a consistent, dependable source of water and can provide wastewater treatment to our commercial businesses. This also allows us to provide these services without costs to the Town.

Town Animal Control (Dog Catcher)

This is an area of concern for the Town Council. In the past, we had an agreement with an Animal Control Company to provide us with this service. The service that they provided did not meet our expectations, so we cancelled the agreement with them. Currently, the Town does respond and remove animals that have been killed on our roads. The safety of our citizens is a priority. Recently, the Town was contacted by the City of Little Elm about an Inter-local agreement to provide us with this service. Their proposal will be thoroughly investigated because it is an issue that needs our attention.

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Town Waste Collection and Recycle

Several years ago, residents had to arrange for their own waste removal. Later the Town of Cross Roads created an agreement with IESI to provide waste removal for all of the residences and commercial businesses. This agreement reduced the cost to residents by half. Approximately three years ago, we signed an agreement with IESI to provide our citizens with a Recycle Program at a low cost. This has been very successful. Currently, the Council is working to improve and enlarge our recycle program with IESI.

Your Town Council works diligently to use the funds we have as effectively as possible. At this time we have determined that it is possible to provide our citizens with excellent services at a reasonable cost through contracting with other providers rather than take on the

financial obligations and personnel responsibilities of direct services. We believe the approach that we are taking currently is the correct decision.

On a Personal Note

On May 10th, you elected me to continue as your Mayor for the next two years. I want to personally THANK YOU for your support and overwhelming mandate that we should continue on this course of responsible government, one-acre minimum residential lot sizes, no property taxes and a focus on road repair and replacement.

As always, I encourage you to get involved in our Town by attending Town Council meetings (the 2nd Monday of each month) volunteering for a committee or identifying new areas that you can contribute to our Town.



Mayor Harv Kitchens and council members Ross Schraeder and Tony Russo are sworn in after re-election.

Featured Employee, Judy Moudy...*some inside scoop*

When you enter the Town Hall, you will be greeted by Harvey the cat, but assisted in your search for answers to problems, by Judy Moudy, Administrative Assistant. Judy has been an employee of the Town of Cross Roads for over two years. Although she will admit to a steep learning curve when she first began the job, she is not new to challenges in the work place. Judy worked for the Denton Independent School District for many years. She was the secretary for a high school principal, and later worked at the tech center. While at Denton High School, she was the one person on campus who knew about everyone and everything. Her job here at Cross Roads is similar, because there is a constant barrage of questions being directed her way at any time. She multi-tasks and manages to keep her composure...most of the time. On a personal note, Judy is an avid reader, animal-lover, and unashamedly crazy about her five grandchildren. She is a devoted friend and supporter of her faith community. Judy loves to shop. She frequents antique shops and flea markets whenever possible, and has been known to brake for garage sales. She relishes a good bargain, especially if it is an item of rustic décor that often finds a place of importance inside her log home.

The Cross Roads Citizen

This is the first in a series of articles based on the first Cross Roads newsletter, *The Cross Roads Citizen*, for which Eddie Cundall was columnist. The date of the issue in which this article was published was January 1992. The articles cover all aspects of the history of the Cross Roads area, going back to the turn of the last century. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. Descriptions have been changed to fit the present names of the items and areas.

Ross Schraeder

INTRODUCING LIFE-LONG RESIDENT VIRGIE FORE

By Eddie Cundall

Sweetness, kindness and gentleness shine from the eyes of Virgie Fore, who was born March 1, 1906, in the first house north of the old New Hope Baptist Church, which is now the chapel on FM 424 north of Fish Trap Road. The parents of her father, Jerry H. Martin, came to the area as pioneers. Her mother, Maud Elmore, was from Pilot Point.

For her first year of school, Virgie attended New Hope School, which was located at the present site of the businesses north of Frank Bartel Trucking Company on the west side of Highway 377. The next year her parents moved, and she attended Lone Oak School, a two-room schoolhouse which stood where the old Tipps house was on Potter Shop Road that is now Historic Lane.

One of the most exciting events of those years (1910-1912) was the arrival of "Neighbor John" and his traveling Motion Picture Show. Neighbor John was a friend of the local veterinarian, Dr. Griffin. He drove a horse and wagon in which he carried everything he needed to project silent films on Dr. Griffin's barn door. He practiced magic and slight of hand and put on a delightful show for the crowd gathered there. At times he would also come to the Lone Oak School and put on his show for the children there. Needless to say, there was much excitement when folks heard that Neighbor John was coming.

Virgie graduated from the Lone Oak School and then went to Texas Normal School (now UNT) for two years, returning in 1925 to start teaching in the same two-room Lone Oak School from which she had graduated. During her first year of teaching, the school caught fire under mysterious circumstances while school was in session. Though no one was hurt and the teachers and students managed to pull out and save most of the desks and other furniture, the school building burned to the ground. After that, with no school building, the classes were held in a vacant house north of the Leo Miller home.

The following year, the Lone Oak School and the Lloyd School consolidated with all the children attending the three-teacher Lloyd School. Lloyd was a small community on FM 720 south of Oak Grove United Methodist Church. It consisted of a general store, a blacksmith shop and a three-room schoolhouse with a separate small building for a third classroom. Not one of the buildings is standing today.

In 1928, Virgie married her local beau, Red Fore, and her teaching came to an end. She and Red raised two children along with cotton and corn until 1940, when Red got a job in Grand

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Prairie. He later left there to work as a carpenter at NTSU. Around 1969, Virgie's father, Jerry Martin, gave each of his three daughters five acres of land from his farm, which included what is now Monk's Ranch, as well as the land on the other side of Highway 380.

By 1992, Virgie was involved in the activities of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, the Cross Roads Women's Club, and actively supported the local Fire Department, the Ambulance department and Anne's Haven Hospice among other projects. People like Virgie Fore are what made Cross Roads!

Work on New Hope Road

The work on New Hope Road was recently completed. It is a tremendous improvement. The work that was done included approximately 6000 linear feet of paving which was put down on top of the existing road surface. Reworking of the road base was done where it was needed. Then the overlay of asphalt was placed and compacted to a depth of 2 inches. Ditch work was also done where reshaping was needed for proper drainage, and to extend and repair the existing culverts. Trees and under brush were removed where necessary to provide for a clear line of sight along the roadway. The bid for the work was awarded to Advanced Paving from Dallas, Texas. The amount of the contract was \$136,700.



Roadwork completed on New Hope Road

The Town Park... *by Becky Porter, Chair of Park Board*

At the corner of FM 424 and Fish Trap Road, just north of the Town Hall, sits a 4-acre jewel, an emerald actually, with many huge old oaks lush with their beauty. There is a priceless feeling there where a constant breeze sweeps you away from the fast-paced urban life. This is a perfect site for a town park!

Though it does take time for things to happen in a small town like ours, we do have a vision. Fortunately, we have many wonderful volunteers who have already made a difference. We are so grateful to have had the hard working Boy Scouts from Troop 65, spearheaded by scout Nick Fazzino, to design and build our park tables and benches. They look terrific! We certainly hope the young people will continue to volunteer their time and energy getting involved in building their town's future.

Very soon, there will be an electrical connection made so that the park will be lighted at night. In the near future we're hoping to have a designated parking area created for those entering from FM 424. Then, of course, we will need a sign built. But don't wait for all of this to happen before you come to enjoy our gem of a park. Once you get there, you'll see how our town has the best kept secret around.

We would also like to give thanks to Starlight Builders and Gateway Concrete who donated and laid the foundation pads for the picnic tables. We also appreciate our volunteers and donors: Matt Finn, Robby Griffith, James Marshall, Brandon Myrick, Travis Patterson, Joseph Ready, John Tenny, Ryan Tenny, Travis White, Trey White, Gail Fazzino, Sal Fazzino, John Meinecke, Dean Patterson, Richard Ready, Roger Yale, and Nick Fazzino.



Eagle Scout candidate, Nick Fazzino and Life Scout, Travis Patterson (foreground) work on picnic table. Assisting them are Life Scout, John Tenny, and Eagle Scout, Ryan Tenny (background).



Thanks to Travis, Nick and Sal (Ryan, too) for the work they did in the park.

Katherine's Corner... by Katherine Ritchie

Dear Cross Roads Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to invite everyone to visit the new town park located at the northeast corner of Fishtrap Road and FM 424. The land for the park was dedicated to the town by Allegiance Development Corporation. A newly formed Park Board is overseeing the improvements to the park. This board is led by Park Board Chair Becky Porter. This group of concerned volunteer citizens grew out of the Comprehensive Planning Committee whose mission is to plan the town's development. All the citizens involved with this project, as well as other town committees, are volunteers.

I would like to invite any Cross Roads resident or property owner who would like to participate in the development and protection of our town to please contact me at Town Hall.



The Town Park is ready for you to enjoy.

Bring a picnic and relax in the shade.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Labor Day – Monday, September 1, 2008
Town Hall Offices will be closed.

TOWN OF CROSS ROADS, TX.

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Ross Schraeder, Mayor Pro Tem
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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, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Park Board meets on the second Tuesday of the 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 and are open to the public.

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



Enjoy your SUMMER.

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