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From the Mayor's Desk...

By Lynn Tompkins, Mayor



T. Lynn Tompkins Jr,
Mayor of Cross Roads

YOUR SUPPORT DOES COUNT!!!!

As Summer is in full swing, this is a great time to update you on the positive happenings in Cross Roads. With the pandemic restrictions lifted, in-person meetings are back at Town Hall. Feedback from residents has been that they like having the option of attending in person or joining meetings via Zoom, so Hybrid meetings appear to be the future. Town staff is continuing to upgrade equipment to optimize the experience for all attendees.

Based on attendance at our Spring Eggstravaganza, Community Market, Spring Clean Up and Memorial Day celebration, our community is enjoying being able to connect in person. The Parks and Recreation Committee has many more great events planned to get our neighbors together again. Coming in September will be a Labor Day event and a Cross Roads Police Department grand opening celebration!

The Town of Cross Roads is very fortunate to have Kristi Gilbert as the new Town Administrator. Please read the story on her included in this newsletter to learn more about her background and qualifications.

Also, by the time this newsletter is be-

ing read, Cross Roads will have hired the first ever Cross Roads Chief of Police who will take over the lead in establishing the police department. The Mayor and Town Administrator have had multiple meetings with our current NEPD officers on transitioning to a Cross Roads department. At this time, all but two NEPD Officers have applied to the Cross Roads Department and Town Council is committed to offering them all the same pay and benefits they currently receive. The current Town Hall is being renovated to become the new Police Department building and Town Hall is moving to a leased space in the Professional Building at Moseley and Hwy 380. The Town website has a new tab with complete details on the creation of the Cross Roads Police Department: <https://crossroadstx.gov/cross-roads-police-department/>

As Mayor, I have taken actions to deliver fiscally responsible and transparent government to Cross Roads. The Town is publishing meeting agendas a week in advance with all available documentation that goes to the Town Council included, allowing citizens to be fully informed on Town business. The Town Council meetings are also allowing for more Q&A on specific subjects, after the citizens comments, with a goal of addressing questions in real time when possible.

Cross Roads is doing exceptionally well from a financial perspective. The Town Council passed an

amended FY2021 budget to adjust for the expenses associated with the formation of the Cross Roads Police Department. Using the most pessimistic forecast, The Towns shows a budget surplus of more than \$200k, which will almost certainly be surpassed as recently opened businesses were not included in the sales tax forecast.

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Using the slogan, “**Cross Roads is open for business**”, the MDD under the leadership of John Knox, has been actively recruiting high quality businesses that in turn drive sales tax revenue. The Cross Roads community can look forward to some exciting new tenants, such as Lowes, Chipotle, Dunkin Donuts, Dutch Brother Coffee, Bank of America and a high-quality sit-down restaurant, something many of you have asked for. The MDD is also funding a newly designed Town website – one that will

Greater Yield, volunteer her time and talent to this process. Over 400 residents have provided feedback on what they want the future of Cross Roads to be. The results of this activity will be presented in the near future in the Town Visioning Finale! To keep informed of this and other current Town happenings, sign up for the weekly eblast to keep informed of the latest Town news. <https://crossroadstx.gov/receive-e-mail-notifications/>.

The Town has accomplished much in

becoming a Committee Member or Volunteer by completing a Volunteer form: [https://crossroadstx.gov/download/Common%20Forms/FY21%20Volunteer%20Application\(2\).pdf](https://crossroadstx.gov/download/Common%20Forms/FY21%20Volunteer%20Application(2).pdf).

Last of all, I remain committed to deliver fiscally responsible, transparent government to the residents of Cross Roads. Residents are encouraged to attend the Town Council meetings and reach out to myself and Town Council with questions or concerns. Cross Roads first!
Respectfully,

T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr.
Mayor of Cross Roads.



include a local business directory – to help you “shop local”.

Thank you to all who have participated in the Cross Roads Town Visioning sessions. The Town is very lucky to have Debbie Womack, CEO of

the seven months since I became Mayor, and none of this happens without the energy and expertise of the many Town volunteers. To become a part of the POSITIVE happenings in Cross Roads, please consider



From the Editor...

The Cross Roads Times has been on hold the last few years. We hope that you will enjoy receiving this newsletter.

The Town of Cross Roads has no municipal tax. Our main source of revenue comes to us in the form of sales taxes from our local businesses. In the next edition of The Cross Roads Times we will include a directory of our local businesses. If you are a Cross Roads business owner, please contact us so we can include you in this directory. Please forward your information to the address listed at the end of this article or call the Town secretary.

With each publication of the newsletter, we will be spotlighting one or more of our local businesses. It is important that we support these businesses and in doing so, support our Town.

Also we are adding a “Community Bulletin Board”. The intent of this feature is to acquaint you with the people and activities going on in Cross Roads. If you have any news to share, please submit your news to me at the address listed below. I look forward to hearing from you and passing on your news to our community.

We hope you and your family are

enjoying your summer. Stay safe and stay cool....and have a wonderful summer.

The next edition of The Cross Roads Times will be published in October. The deadline for submitting articles and/or information for publication is October 1.

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Cross Roads Police Department (CRPD)

Update about the CRPD

Update about the CRPD from Diane Bartek, NEPD commissioner.

In case you haven't heard....Cross Roads has been in the process of starting our own Police Department, which will be in place by October 1, 2021. This is a new and exciting opportunity for our Community.

The Northeast Police Department, established in 2013 as a joint partnership with the City of Krugerville, will officially terminate on September 30, 2021. The NEPD Commission Board will help with the transition and division of assets. For further details, go to our Town website.

Our Town Government officials contracted with a Consulting firm to help get the Cross Roads Police Department started. One of the many steps in the process includes the hiring of a new Police Chief. On June 26th, Town officials unanimously voted and made a conditional job offer



(pending a successful background check).

The Town of Cross Roads is growing quickly and the time has come for us to have our own Police Department, dedicated to the specific needs of our citizens, businesses, daily visitors and commuters. With our New Police Chief's focus on community-oriented policing and Servant Leadership we will be starting off with a great foundation to build on.

Current NEPD Officers have been invited to apply for available positions, which have also been posted for qualified outside applicants. When the new Chief starts, he will

be actively involved in assessing and hiring to fill these positions within the Police Department.

Go to the Town of Cross Roads website for active updates on the Cross Roads Police Department.

Is there a way to save the NEPD?

No.

The City of Krugerville has cancelled the NEPD ILA on two (2) separate occasions:

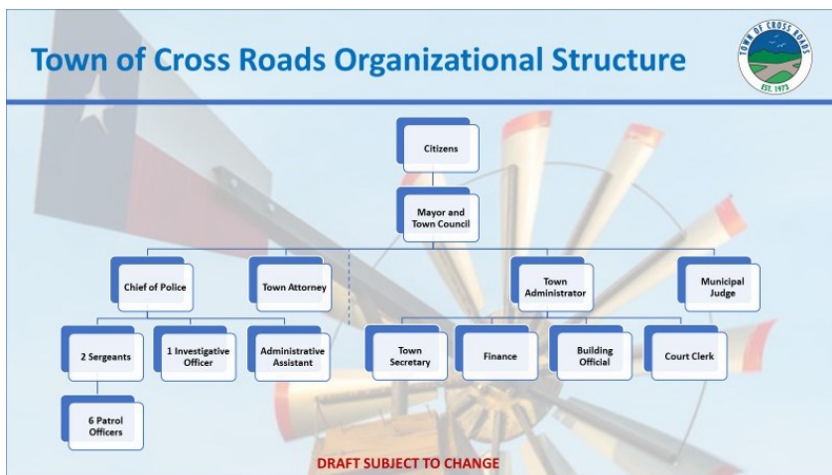
Termination One: On **March 25, 2021**, the Krugerville City Council votes **unanimously** to terminate the NEPD ILA, 17 months before it is due to expire, without previously discussing ILA concerns with Mayor Tompkins or Town Council.

Termination Two: On **April 26, 2021** Krugerville holds special session and votes unanimously to cease all negotiations with Cross Roads on a new ILA and mover forward with establishing a Krugerville Police Department.

April 28, 2021 in Executive Session, Cross Roads Town Council discussed the status of the NEPD ILA. Town Council agreed to "Take No Action" on ILA and a consensus was reached to move forward with a Cross Roads Police Department.

The Town of Cross Roads and the City of Krugerville are both moving forward with the creation of their own Police Departments.

The NEPD ILA will legally terminate on September 30, 2021. The Town of Cross Roads and the City of Krugerville will both have established their own unique police departments, but desire to work well together as they share a common border.





Park Board Committee Updates

Park and Recreation

By Kathryn Langley.

The Parks and Recreation Board was recreated and established by resolution in September 2020. In December 2020 newly elected Mayor Tompkins, along with the Town Council members, appointed Park Board members. And many citizens were excited!

Our first event was an Eggstravaganza in early April to bring kids together for our first annual Easter Egg Hunt and games. Our Board joined forces with residents to organize, to paint Friendship Rocks, to paint signs, fill plastic eggs with chocolate, pass out prizes and be greeted by the Easter Bunny! Chick-fil-A gave us treats for the volunteers and children. Other supporters included Club Pilates who held a Pilates class with the children and 29 Acres who brought three of their alpacas. Children were allowed to feed



and pet the sweet alpacas.

Our second event was our Spring Cleanup on April 24. We had an incredible turnout with over 40 participants, plus 5 Aubrey firemen and paramedics. Our deepest gratitude goes to Walmart.org who awarded the Town of Cross Roads with a \$3000 grant to help our community! Other supporters include Rosa’s Café, Baker’s Dozen Donuts, Chipotle and Starbucks.

Cross Roads’ annual Community Farmer’s & Artisan Market in the Park opened on May 15. It occurs every Saturday morning through early September. Dunn Farming brings their wonderful fresh vegetables and honey. Grama Anne Goodies has delicious fresh baked treats. Other vendors include locally made soaps, bath salts, pickles, jams, home designed jewelry, special hand carved pens, ice cream scoops, knives and the biggest pizza cutters I’ve ever seen!



Our last spring event was a Memorial Day

“Remember and Honor” Celebration of those who died in service of our country. It



rained, but just as The Vic Duncan Band began to sing the Beatles song, “Here Comes the Sun”, guess what happened!?! The sun made an appearance! Mihaela Leonte sang a special patriotic performance. Putt and Plate set up 9-holes of putt putt golf for all to enjoy. Thanks also to Tikiz Shaved Ice and Ice Cream for the frozen treats.

We have designated several sub-committees to work on acquiring playground equipment, landscaping the park and constructing bathrooms. We have other ideas and future improvements we are considering for our park.

Send comments to Parks@crossroadstx.gov

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to EVERY Cross Roads resident that participated in the Cross Roads Spring Roadside Cleanup Day that was held in April. Although this was the first time after Covid, the participation level and results were fabulous! It would not have been so successful had it not been for the combined efforts of many including the Aubrey Paramedics. I especially want to thank Kathy Langley, Angela Gordon and Vicky Knox for their assistance with various details including schedul-

ing the waste connection dumpster, Shred-it and computer crushers. In addition, a hearty thank you goes out to Rick Wagner for organizing pick up of bulk items from people who don’t have any way of getting it to the dumpster.

The Town of Cross Roads hopes to sponsor this event two times per year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Details for the fall clean-up day will be communicated through the next quarterly newsletter and on the Town website.

Cross Roads continues to be a town of great residents willing to volunteer where there is a need and to pitch in a hand. I, for one, am truly grateful for their efforts.

Sincerely,

Johanna Oosterwijk.



Meet Our New Town Administrator

Kristi Gilbert

We are very fortunate to have Kristi as our town administrator. She started her job at the beginning of this year and brings with her an impressive background in finance and town administration as she has served in the towns of Bartonville, Murphy, Argyle and Gonzales. She is not only certified as a Municipal clerk but also as a Certified Public Manager and has a Masters in Public Administration from UTA. She has held leadership positions in the Texas Municipal Clerks Association and Municipal League.



If you happen to stop by at the Town Hall, please say hi to her and welcome her, that is, if she is not meeting with developers or our town officials.

Under her leadership we have already made good progress towards acquiring high quality developments in retail to strengthen our tax base so we can build out our own police force and invest in our roads and infrastructure and provide parks and recreational facilities for our citizens. She was also instrumental in getting back about \$100k of COVID grant money for our Town, which was a great accomplishment. Again, we are fortunate to have such a great resource for our Town!



THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BITS AND PIECES Did You Know???

- Cross Roads is getting his own police department.
- You can now create the new Cross Roads Police Department Patch. Deadline July 23rd.
- Lowes’s retail company is looking to open a store next to Walmart.
- We have a Historic site (pottery kiln) in Cross Roads on Historic lane.
- We will have a Labor Day party at the park with live music.
- Bloomfield housing development Phase One is already completely sold out.
- Atwoods will be opening soon on US 377.
- New Business are coming to Town such as Bank of America, Raising Cane’s, Dunkin Donuts, Chipotle and Dutch Brothers Coffee.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Town Council meetings are on the first and third Monday of each month, 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall and on Zoom. Please join us and become involved in your Town.
- Planning and Zoning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall and on Zoom.
- Park and Recreation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall and on Zoom.
- Municipal Development District Meeting meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall.
- Community Market Saturday's from 7:00–11:00 am. at the park

All meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulleting board at least 72 hours prior to meeting. For additional information, please contact the Town Secretary.

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