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From the Mayor's Desk

By T. Lynn Tompkins Jr, Mayor



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Mayor of Cross Roads

“Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced, ... discharged and used up in order to exist at all,” said William Faulkner.

As Mayor of Cross Roads, I am grateful for the many people who have helped achieve the objectives I set out last year. Not only is the Town Council Meeting Agenda posted a week ahead of each meeting, but all attachments are available. Check out the Town of Cross Roads’ Website: www.CrossRoads.gov to be fully informed about each upcoming meeting. It is due to an incredibly committed town staff, led by Kristi Gilbert, that makes all happen. Donna Butler, Rodney Patterson, Christy Sayer and Karen Padilla keep the boat afloat as task after task heads their way.

Our Council members give unbelievably of their time and energy. When businesspeople have time to review budgets and contracts, their collective experience is brought to bear on every issue. Wendy White-Stevens and Ron King spent hours of their time at Little Elm, examining their services for fire and rescue, making sure that they would best meet the needs of Cross Roads, now and in the future. Bobby Phillips served on the panel to select finalists for the first ever Police Chief. Whether it was the NEPD expenditures or the new CRPD budget, Mayor

Pro Tem Meek and Councilman Gaalema examined the numbers until ALL of their questions were answered.

There are three committees that are essential to a smooth running of our Town: Municipal Development District (MDD), Planning and Zoning and Parks and Recreation. John Knox succeeded Larry Fisher as president of MDD. His able management group includes: LQ Vann, Sara Montazeri, Allan Neubauer and Mady Killfoil. Perhaps the most visible committee in Cross Roads is Planning and Zoning. Ably chaired by Jim Riley, this group ensures that development plans are consistent with our Comprehensive Plan. A HUGE “Thank you” to Jim and his dedicated team: David Wright, Kay Neubauer, James Dominy, Gary Daniels and Sylvia Phillips.

The Parks and Recreation Committee, chaired last year by Kathryn Langley and now by Ron Zohfeld has some of the most creative and industrious people in our Town. Vicki Knox serves as Vice-chair, working with Angela Gorton as Recording Secretary. Herman Oosterwijk is working on big picture items, such as bicycling and hiking trails. Blanche Dillon, Steven Killfoil and Paula Paus have been active in organizing and setting up great events this year.

And then there are the Mayor’s Task Forces that work on specific-need projects. Sharon Baca, Connectivity Chair, and her team of Gary Daniels, Darren Deffner, David B Lawson, and Steve Tisdall, ably addressed bringing connectivity to Cross Roads. With the installation of a NextLink tower, just off of Mosley, south of 380, we will

be able to meet and exceed the growing internet communication needs.

Also, Cross Roads owes a huge “thank you” to Debbie K. Womack of Greater Yield. On a pro bono basis, Womack has met with Town committees and citizens. Over 450 people have participated in the collaboration which will produce “**The Vision**” for the Town of Cross Roads.

I am grateful for citizens who show up to clean up the sides of our roads, set up games for the children, prepare treats for our first responders. **Volunteers form the backbone of our community.** I am grateful for these citizens, who work for our Town’s future. Thank you all.

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Cross Roads Ambulance & Fire

FIRE AND AMBULANCE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY

Fire and Emergency Medical Services for Cross Roads have been provided by the Aubrey Fire Department and Aubrey Area Ambulance service under an Interlocal Agreement expiring September 30, 2021.

The Fire & EMS Task Force presented its initial report to the Mayor and Town Council on August 2nd. An addendum to the report was presented August 16th. These reports are available on the Town website.

Following are some of the Task Force's key findings.

The highest concentration of Fire and EMS emergencies occur along Hwy 380, east of FM 424. The neighborhood with the highest concentration of emergencies is the Preserve at Hillstone Pointe, north of Hwy 380 and west of Oak Grove Lane.

The closest fire station to this area is Aubrey Fire Station 2 on Navo Road. In 2020 FS 2 responded to just 8% of Cross Roads fire and EMS emergencies. This was due to an administrative decision by Aubrey Fire Department to dispatch to Cross Roads from the more distant FS 1 in downtown Aubrey. This decision added an average of 1 minute, 39 seconds in response times to Cross Roads emergencies.

The next closest station is Little Elm FS 3, also on Navo Road, 3/10ths of a mile further away. In 2020 Little Elm FS 3 responded in mutual aid to more Cross Roads emergencies than Aubrey FS 2. Little Elm FS 3 can reach most Cross Roads emergencies in less than 5 minutes. FS 3 has a paramedic ambulance for EMS and an engine company to support EMS and provide fire suppression, rescue and extrication

services.

Little Elm FD has aerial operations, a capability that Aubrey FD lacks. This is significant due to the anticipated construction of three story apartments and a four story hotel approved by the Council in 2019.



Little Elm FD has command staff on duty 24/7. Aubrey FD relies on an on-call chief after business hours.

Little Elm FD is rated Class 1 by the Insurances Services Organization (ISO), Aubrey FD is rated Class 2. The higher ISO rating of Little Elm FD could result in lower insurance premiums for Cross Roads homeowners and businesses.

Little Elm FD will build FS 4, on FM 720 at Remington Road in 4-5 years. This station will house a fully staffed engine and paramedic ambulance. FS 4 will significantly improve the portion of Cross Roads that can be reached in 5 minutes. FS 4 will include all of Cross Roads within the 5 mile range used in calculating insurance premiums.

The Denton County Sheriff's office performs dispatch services for 14 fire departments and 22 law enforcement agencies in Denton County. Staff shortages frequently occur and the system can be stressed with county wide events, e.g. severe weather

events that can result in delays in dispatch.

Little Elm Fire and Police Departments are changing from the Sheriff's dispatch to a new state of the art system with the City of Denton. This dispatch office will serve only Denton and Little Elm fire and police departments. This will result in faster 911 call processing and dispatch. Little Elm is investing more than a million dollars per year in the improved dispatch process.

At its August 16th meeting, the Cross Roads Town Council approved a motion to enter into a five year Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Little Elm for Fire and EMS services, effective October 1, 2021.

Subsequent to the Council's action, Little Elm Fire Chief Paul Rust disclosed that he had initiated discussions with the Denton Fire Department to expand their mutual aid responses for fire and EMS to the western portions of Cross Roads to maintain a high level of service until FS 4 is placed into operation. The administrative steps necessary to implement those changes are currently underway.

Chief Rust says the Little Elm Fire Department is anxious to engage with the residents of the Town of Cross Roads. He looks forward to getting to know residents at neighborhoods as well as Town events.

Task force committee members:

1. Glen Vaughn; Retired EMS Coordinator and Battalion Chief, Denton FD.
2. Steve Zuczek; Retired Investigator, Dallas PD.
3. Sylvia Phillips; Cross Roads Businesswoman.
4. Randy Wallace; Retired Assistant Chief, Los Angeles FD.



Parks & Rec. Board Updates

The Town of Cross Roads Parks & Recreation Board’s Mission:

Enhance the quality of life by providing for safe, well-maintained parks and public places, preserving historic resources and strengthening the bonds of community through programs and special events.

To accomplish that mission, our Board has three major jobs:

- 1) Manage our parks including taking care of their maintenance,
- 2) Plan activities and events and the use of our Park for the Farmers and Holiday Markets, and
- 3) Create and follow through with a master plan to expand our facilities.

With regard to the events, our most recent planned event in the Town park was on Labor Day. **Renegade** entertained the crowd with their classic country and rock music while families played Putt-Putt, Corn hole, Frisbee

and Yard darts. A special thanks to the folks at **In-N-Out Burger** for wowing us by donating 300 meals to the event! Everyone was well fed and we all had a great time.



In-N-OUT Burger @ Labor Day event

The summer Cross Roads Community Farmers & Artisan Market wrapped up on September 4th. We are looking forward to the **Fall Holiday Markets** which will be the 3rd Saturday of Oct, Nov, & Dec. We are still taking vendor applications for the Holiday Markets. We already have more than 20

vendors signed up including Dunn’s Farming who will be doing a pumpkin patch again this year so it promises to be a great event.

Our master plan is still under development; we are anxious to incorporate the results from our Town mission and planning activities to make sure it is aligned with the citizens input and wishes.

I like to remind you that we rely on volunteers for a lot of our activities, so please reach out to the Board if you are able/willing to participate. It is a great way to contribute, meet your neighbors and make new friends in the process. And last but not least, thanks to the Board Members, the ladies at our Town Hall, the Mayor, Town Council members and the Cross Roads citizens who support our great little Town.

Ron Zohfeld,

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Much of Cross Roads has inadequate water lines for adequate fire fighting capability. I propose that the Town of Cross Roads invest in a water supply study that (1) shows all of the present waterlines with their sizes in the Town and (2) shows the necessary upgrades needed to bring our Town up to adequate fire fighting capability.

Mustang Water Co. provides water to all residents and businesses and maintains the water system, but Mustang has no responsibility to upgrade water lines with its own money.

I believe that upgrading our water supply system is a greater priority than

upgrading the Town’s septic and sewer systems. The State of TX mandates that septic and sewer systems are maintained and upgraded when necessary, and so all septic and sewer systems in the Town should be working properly and safely.

However to my knowledge, the only State of TX mandate about city water is for its cleanliness (potableness); and Mustang is charged with that. There is no state mandate about providing enough water to fight fires. So each city/town is responsible to see that there are enough fire hydrants and enough water in the hydrants to fight a large fire. With an adequate water study in place



the Town would be in a much better place for several reasons:

1. When money becomes available (grants, etc) the Town would be prepared to use that money wisely for water main upgrades.
2. When developers install waterlines for their sites, the Town could advocate for water main lines to be the right size to take care of all water needs beyond that site. (For example, one source of water to upgrade Oak Shores could be to tag onto the water line for the housing development at Tipps and Potter Shop.)

By Virden Seybold.
Citizen of Cross Roads



Cross Roads Businesses

Please support our local businesses by visiting them.

Restaurant/fast food

Bakers Dozen Donuts
 Bottlecap Alley Icehouse
 Grill
 Burger King
 Chick-fil-A
 Cross Roads Liquor
 Domino's
 Fuzzy's Taco Shop
 Jack in the Box
 Jacob's Liquors
 McDonald
 Palio's Pizza Café
 Panda Express
 Pizza Hut
 Pooky's Famous Yoghurt
 Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen
 Prairie House
 Rice Pot Express
 Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory
 Sonic Drive-in
 Starbucks
 Subway
 Taco Bell
 Taco Bueno
 Villa Grande Mexican
 Whataburger

Wingstop

Car stores

Discount Tire
 Caliber Collision
 Firestone Complete Auto Care
 Integrity Car Care
 Take 5 Express Car Wash

Medical & Health Business

Asana Dental
 Be Women's Health & Wellness
 Beauty By Us LLC.
 Club Pilates
 CommunityMed Family Urgent Care
 Cross Roads Dentistry
 Cross Roads Smile
 GNC Vitamin & Supplement
 Healthcare Assoc. of Texas
 Kissable Dental
 Leigh Jacobs Salon
 Olga Cortez
 Peaceful State Massage
 The Noesis Clinic
 The Shed Strength and Per-

formance

Total Eyecare
 USMD Cross Roads Clinic
 Velocity Physical Therapy
 Viso Bello Spa

Hair & Beauty

Happy Feet
 Majestic Nails
 Sally Beauty Store
 Sport Clips Haircuts
 Supercuts
 Texas Deluxe Nails & Spa
 The Nail Spa

Gas stations

Walmart
 7-Eleven
 Circle K

Banks

Bank of America (TBA)
 LIFE Federal Credit Union

Other Businesses

Action Vape Co.
 Atwoods
 AT&T Store

Big Tex Trailers

Box Car Quilts
 Denton County Tax Office
 Frank Bartel Transportation
 Grand Hacienda Furniture
 KJE Environmental Management
 Kyle W. Lyons Insurance
 Leslie's Swimming pool supply
 Mathnasium
 Metro by T-Mobile
 Open Infra
 Rustic Furniture Depot
 Smoking Glass Works
 Snyders Custom Home
 State Farm Insurance
 The Big Dog House
 The Drafter Guy
 The Hillside Estate
 The V Spot
 Titan Fence & Supply
 Tractor Supply Co.
 UPS Store
 Village Veterinary Center
 Vineyard Wine Cellars
 TX-Ture Farm



Local Business: Velocity Physical Therapy

Make Adaptation Your Friend, NOT Your Enemy

"Change is my favorite!", said nobody ever. Rapidly evolving circumstances have been the only consistency we've experienced since COVID-19 began wreaking havoc. Despite all the frustrating changes we've encountered, we can be thankful that our bodies are miraculously adaptive. Let's take a quick physiological look at CHANGE as your frenemy (friend/enemy).

The human body is an amazing system that has been masterfully made to adapt to everyday stress. The type of stress you put on your

skeleton will serve a positive or negative purpose. Negative stress, such as injury or overuse, can wear our bodies down. **However, NO stress is what's most commonly seen.** A lack of stimulation will signal your body to rid itself of excess bone and muscle mass. Believe it or not, your body is just as good at adapting to watching Netflix as it is to marathon training.

If that resonates, don't despair! Good stress on your systems will stimulate adaptations that generate a healthier body by reducing pain, improving sleep and



ensuring you are getting the most out of life. Most importantly, focus on the *intensity* of your exercise. Aim for a training intensity that is moderately hard. If you could maintain a conversation without having to pause for breath, the intensity isn't at a moderately hard level. Apply this to walking, resistance training, pilates, or any other activity you enjoy!

As a Doctor of Physical Therapy, challenging the body to adapt is the superpower we use to help patients feel good, move better, and be their best.

Wes McFall, PT, DPT **Velocity** Physical Therapy - Cross Roads.

Meet Our New Chief of Police

Shaun D. Short

Welcome Shaun D. Short, our new Town of Cross Roads Chief of Police.

We are privileged to have Shaun Short as the first Chief of Police for the Town of Cross Roads.

Chief Short brings a broad experience at our Town, recently as the Chief of police for the Town of Joshua, TX and prior to that as an assistant police Chief for the bustling DFW airport. He therefore has not only deployed community policing in a small town but also managed a significant budget at our metroplex airport and gained significant operational experience.

Chief Short also has an impressive background with a MPA and BS in Criminal Justice as a graduate from the FBI National Academy, and being a Licensed Master Peace officer (TCOLE).

He hit the ground running with putting a first-class police department together for our Town. Chief Short is very approachable, so please don't hesitate to talk to him if you have any concerns or issues with the Public Safety in our Town. Welcome Chief Short!

More about our new Police Department (CRPD) in our next special edition of Cross Roads Times.



THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BITS AND PIECES Did You Know???

- The Town of Cross Roads moved into their new office at 3201 US Hwy 80, Suite 105 Cross Roads.
- Cross Roads has a new ILA with the Little Elm Fire and Ambulance, starting Oct. 1st.
- We are having our yearly Pop-Up Market on Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.
- We have about 100 businesses in the Town of Cross Roads and more coming every month. Please support them.
- Ribbon cutting for CRPD will be on Oct 1 at noon at the old Town Hall/Police station.
- You can contact the editor of Cross Roads Times by sending an email to editor@crossroadstx.gov.



Cross Roads Police Department

October 5, 2021
Cross Roads Town Park 6-8 PM



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David Meek, Mayor Pro Tem
Wendy White Stevens, Council
Member*

Bobby Phillips, Council Member

Ron King, Council Member

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Town Council meetings are on the first and third Monday of each month, 7:00 pm. at our old Town Hall/Police Station 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 our old Town Hall/Police station and on Zoom.
- Park and Recreation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. at our old Town Hall/Police Station.
- Municipal Development District Meeting meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. at our old Town Hall.
- Regular Community Market Saturday's from 7:00–11:00 am. till the end of September.
- Holiday Pop-Up Market are planned on Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 from 9:00Am–2:00Pm.

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

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