

CROSS ROADS TIMES



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MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



**T. LYNN TOMPKINS, JR.
MAYOR OF CROSS ROADS**

It's April Already!

I am pleased to announce a new program that the Roads Committee recommended to the Town Council and was adopted at the February 20th Council meeting. The Adopt OUR Roads program provides an opportunity for HOAs, companies, non-profits, or families to adopt sections of Cross Roads streets to clean throughout the year. The Town will provide adoption signage, trash bags, safety vests and grabbers for participating groups. Look for more information in this newsletter and consider doing your part to help keep the Town clean. I also want to recognize

the handful of individuals that have consistently been picking up roadway trash on their morning walks. These folks choose to remain anonymous, but you know who you are, and you make a difference in our Town!

We are well underway in our planning of the 2nd Annual Founder's Day to be held on Saturday, September 21st. We are still looking for sponsors and vendor applications have just been released. Check out CrossRoadsFoundersDay.com for more information. We are looking to expand this year's offerings to include more artisan-based crafts and activities. Think blacksmith, pottery, glass blowing, woodworking and weaving. If you or someone you know fits into this category, email events@crossroadstx.gov to inquire about participating.

Also mark your calendars for National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2nd at the Cross Roads Town Park. I have been meeting with churches in our community to coordinate this event that will allow for an opportunity for interested individuals to join us in prayer with this year's theme "Lift Up the Word - Light up the World." This year's event will start at 6:30 pm with prayer and worship and run until 7:30 pm.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, I invite you to email me at l.tompkins@crossroadstx.gov.

Respectfully, Mayor T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr.

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AROUND TOWN

BEWARE OF THESE SCAMS

Scammers use phone calls, emails and text messages to trick their victims into providing personal information or even sending cash. These criminals are very good at convincing their victims of their legitimacy. They may provide details about your personal life that they likely obtained through online research.

There are several common scams everyone should be familiar with include:

The Romance Scam - False relationships usually fostered via dating and other social media sites. Criminals create a fake profile seeking to establish romantic relationships with their victims. This scheme often preys on vulnerable populations asking to borrow money that will allow them to meet in person.

Tech Abuse Scam – Criminals convince victims they need access to their computer to fix or prevent a problem. Once they have access criminals begin transferring money from the victim’s bank or investment accounts.

Overpayment Scam - Criminals convince victims to receive a payment that will days later be found to be fraudulent. The criminal will overpay, then request access to bank accounts to retrieve the overpayment. With access to bank accounts they will drain/divert funds. Criminals may even ask for repayment by gift card for the overage and encourage the victim to keep a few dollars for the trouble.

Grandparent Help – Criminals pose as a grandchild in trouble (maybe in jail or involved in a traffic accident). This scam exploits trust and deceives the victim into transferring

funds. In this scam the criminal pretending to be the grandchild often asks the grandparents not to tell their parents and may keep the grandparent on the phone until the transaction is complete.

This is not a list of every scam and tactics are always changing. Awareness is key to preventing these criminal enterprises.

HISTORICAL MINUTES

04-25-1988

The Town Council and Aubrey Area Library agreed to a partnership that included Cross Roads in their service area allowing residents access to the library.

04-25-1994

The Town Council passed a noise ordinance that specified any unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise which causes distress, discomfort or injury to persons of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity as prohibited and deemed as a nuisance.

04-12-2004

The Town Council approved a proclamation of April 18th through April 24th, 2004 being National Volunteer Week.

04-12-2010

The Town Council approved funding for parks improvements such as finishing the parking lot, removal of unwanted wooden logs, and the installation of the landscape irrigation system to water the Town Hall sign plantings.

SPRING CLEANING

Cross Roads Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 20th 9-11am

Cross Roads Town Park (corner of Fishtrap & FM424)

All services for Cross Roads residents only.

- General, bulky trash disposal
- Paper shredding
- Computer crushing
- Metal disposal
- Wood chipping
- Tire disposal
(passenger size vehicle or smaller, limit 4 per household)

Hazardous waste drop-off will be by appointment only and there will be a \$20 charge for hazardous waste disposal.

Email d.butler@crossroadstx.gov by April 18th to schedule an appointment.

What is considered Household Hazardous Waste?



Sorry, we cannot accept:
CRT monitors, TVs, large stumps,
products containing freon



The Town will be charging a \$20 fee for any household participating in hazardous waste drop-off due to an increase in cost per household from \$109 to \$132. Passing along a small portion of the fee will help the Town maintain its primary goal of no Town property taxes.

This year the Town is also providing a limited number of packages of paint hardener to residents prior to the event on a first come, first serve basis. The hardener can be mixed into gallons of paint and allows it to harden so it can be disposed of with your regular trash.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Saturday, April 27th - Monday, April 29th is Texas Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday!

Natural disasters happen and it is important to be prepared for when they strike. Prepare yourself for emergencies that can cause physical damage like hurricanes, flash floods and wildfires during this tax holiday. You can purchase certain emergency preparation supplies tax free during the sales tax holiday. There is no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase, and you do not need to give an exemption certificate to claim the exemption.

These emergency preparation supplies qualify for tax exemption if purchased for a sales price:

- *Less than \$3,000*
 - Portable generators.
- *Less than \$300*
 - Emergency ladders.
 - Hurricane shutters.
- *Less than \$75*
 - Axes.
 - Batteries, single or multipack (AAA cell, AA cell, C cell, D cell, 6 volt or 9 volt).
 - Can openers - nonelectric.
 - Carbon monoxide detectors.
 - Coolers and ice chests for food storage – nonelectric.
 - Fire extinguishers.
 - First aid kits.
 - Fuel containers.
 - Ground anchor systems and tie-down kits.
 - Hatchets.
 - Ice products - reusable and artificial
 - Light sources - portable self-powered (including battery operated).
 - Examples of items include: candles, flashlights and lanterns.

- Mobile telephone batteries and mobile telephone chargers.
- Radios - portable self-powered (including battery operated) - includes two-way and weather band radios.
- Smoke detectors.
- Tarps and other plastic sheeting.

Note: Several over-the-counter self-care items, such as antibacterial hand sanitizer, soap, and spray, are always exempt from sales tax if they are labeled with a "Drug Facts" panel in accordance with federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations.

These supplies do not qualify for tax exemption:

- Medical masks and face masks.
- Cleaning supplies, such as disinfectants and bleach wipes.
- Gloves, including leather, fabric, latex and types used in healthcare.
- Toilet paper.
- Batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles.
- Camping stoves.
- Camping supplies.
- Chainsaws.
- Plywood.
- Extension ladders.
- Stepladders.
- Tents.
- Repair or replacement parts for emergency preparation supplies.
- Services performed on, or related to, emergency preparation supplies.

During the holiday you can buy qualifying emergency preparation supplies in-store, online, by telephone, mail, custom order, or any other means. The sale of the item must take place during the specific period.

BUSINESS FEATURE

The Brass Tap is an upscale craft beer bar with 70 taps including many local brews like Rollertown from Celina, as well as many other craft beers from Texas and throughout the country. Currently, The Brass Tap is featuring their full-sized house margarita for \$2.22 all day on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Rollertown is also available for \$2.22 a pint Mondays and Tuesdays. The Brass Tap loves to teach people about how craft beer is made and the many styles of craft beers from IPA, to Lager, stouts and beyond.

The Brass Tap is also a full bar that makes many craft cocktails. Every Monday, they feature a new craft drink of the week that runs for just \$7 the whole week.

THE BRASS TAP - 11450 US 380

HAPPY HOUR

SIP, MUNCH, REPEAT.

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 11AM - 7PM

FOOD SPECIALS	DRINK SPECIALS
<p>\$8 PRETZEL WITH WHITE QUESO CHEESE PIZZA BRUSSELS SPROUTS</p> <p>\$9 CHEESE CURDS CHICKEN QUESADILLA CHEESEBURGER & FRIES 8 BOOM BOOM SHRIMP 2 GRILLED POBLANO CHICKEN TACOS WITH CHIPS & SALSA</p>	<p>\$4^s SHOTS FIREBALL® GREEN TEA SKREWBALL PEANUT BUTTER WHISKEY OLE SMOKY® SALTY CARAMEL WHISKEY</p> <p>\$5 SELECT PINTS HOUSE WINE SANGRIA</p> <p>\$6 PREMIUM WELLS NÜTRL VODKA SELTZER</p> <p>\$7 DRINK OF THE WEEK</p>








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FREE PRETZEL

WITH ANY PURCHASE



Not valid with any other offer, discount or promotion. Limit one per customer. Tax and gratuity not included. Valid at Cross Roads location only. Expires 4/30/24.



10 WINGS FOR \$10



Not valid with any other offer, discount or promotion. Limit one per customer. Tax and gratuity not included. Valid at Cross Roads location only. Expires 4/30/24.



\$5 OFF A \$20 PURCHASE

OR \$10 OFF
A \$40 PURCHASE



Not valid with any other offer, discount or promotion. Limit one per customer. Tax and gratuity not included. Valid at Cross Roads location only. Expires 4/30/24.

Visit The Brass Tap to enjoy events throughout the week such as bingo, trivia and live music. Music Bingo is Wednesday's at 7pm or visit on Trivia Thursdays at 7pm. Both are free to play with prize available to win. Music performances are on select Saturdays. Check out The Brass Tap Facebook page at facebook.com/brasstapcr for the live music schedule.

FEATURED COURTESY OF THE CROSS ROADS MDD. EMAIL NEWS@CROSSROADSTX.GOV TO HAVE YOUR CROSS ROADS BUSINESS FEATURED IN OUR NEWSLETTER.

ADOPT OUR ROADS

The Town has enacted the Adopt-OUR-Roads Program as an additional tool to help the Town keep its rights-of-way clear of trash. The program encourages organizations, groups, businesses, and individuals who would like to volunteer help in efforts to beautify our Town's roadsides.



The goals of the Adopt-OUR-Roads Program are:

1. To promote community pride and provide an opportunity to accomplish a worthwhile goal of taking care of our environment.
2. To allow participants to contribute time at their convenience.
3. To engage volunteers ages 13 and older, providing a chance to develop values of giving back to the community.
4. To recognize and thank program participants via sponsorship signs installed at the adopted road section(s). The Town will provide and install the signs.

A major part of the Adopt-OUR-Roads Program is litter removal. Volunteer efforts spent in litter removal on Town roadways and accompanying recognition signs decrease Town expenses, increase public awareness as well as appeal to community values and pride.

By agreeing to participate in the Adopt-OUR-Roads program, individuals and organizations agree to:

- Perform their Adopt-OUR-Roads function for at least two years
- Care for an adopted section for litter removal
- Perform work a minimum of four times per year

The Town will provide kits containing supplies needed to clean up the adopted roadway(s).

The Adopt-OUR-Roads Program is crafted to have safety as the overall mission. Any adoptable sections of roadway are selected for safety and appropriateness of the work involved. Participants bear individual responsibility for their own personal safety and appropriate behavior while participants are working with the Town right-of-way.

The leaders of each organization, group, or business, along with the initial volunteers, are required to attend a safety briefing. Leaders will be responsible for training any additional future volunteers. Participants are also required to fill out an Adopt-OUR-Roads application and release of liability form before the cleanup can begin. Town Staff must be contacted one week prior to their scheduled cleanup to notify the Town of the planned cleanup.

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP!



crossroadstx.gov/adopt

The Adopt-OUR-Roads Program has proven to be successful in many communities, improving appearance through litter pickup, and is a great way for community-based organizations/groups and businesses to show their involvement in the community. This program will provide another opportunity for businesses and community-based organizations/groups to work together in this effort.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Town Council meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month. at 6:00 pm at the Police Department and on Zoom. Please join us and become involved in your Town.
- Planning and Zoning Commission meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Police Department and on Zoom.
- Park and Recreation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Police Department.
- Municipal Development District meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Police Department.

All meetings, agendas, and support materials are posted online at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. For additional information, please contact the Town Secretary.