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From the Mayor's Desk

By T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr., Mayor

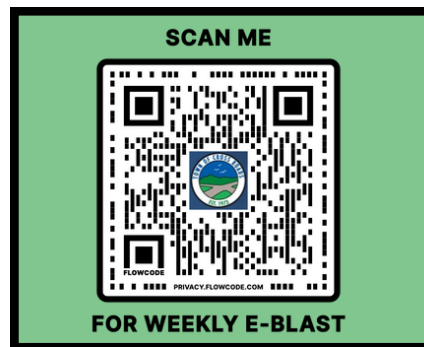
I am excited to share that The Cross Roads Times will now be a monthly communication thanks to the Cross Roads Municipal Development District (MDD)! With the continued construction on US 380, the Town Council and MDD feel it is important to support our local businesses to keep our economy strong. Sales tax revenue funds nearly 80% of the Town's operations and is what allows the Town to assess no property taxes. We intend for future newsletters to highlight local businesses.

Are you receiving the Town's weekly **e-Newsletter**? If not, visit crossroadstx.gov/subscribe and add your email address to the top box. The e-Newsletter is sent out every Friday morning so if you are not seeing it, check your junk mail box.

At the July 10th Council meeting, the Town Council received a presentation and adopted amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. We also held discussion of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget which will be in effect from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Discussions will continue at the August 21st Council Meeting with plans to adopt the

budget at the September 18th Council Meeting. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

As part of capital improvements for this fiscal year, the Town Council funded enhancements to our audio system for Council meetings. On July 10th we conducted the first successful meeting via Zoom that includes new features such as cameras that focus on certain speakers. We also have assistive technology for the hearing impaired that can be used while attending the meeting by checking out a device with the Town Secretary before the meeting.



The adoption of revised subdivision regulations was another significant action taken by the Town Council at the July meeting. These regulations provide a more comprehensive description of the information required for submitting a plat application in addition to an

abbreviated minor plat process for individuals who desire to plat four lots or less and already have road frontage. We continue to focus heavily on drainage requirements as part of the development process as these carry a significant cost burden to the Town to fix later if they are not properly addressed at the time of development.

Don't forget the upcoming Founder's Day...sponsorship, vendor and attendance information can be found at www.crossroadsfoundersday.com. We look forward to the community participating in this event!

Respectfully,

Mayor T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr.

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Roads Committee

We Are Like a Growing Rose

With growth, there is increased traffic. With increased traffic, there is a need for construction. With highway and street construction, there are inconveniences. Actually, if we stop and think about it, TxDOT and its construction teams actually keep traffic moving fairly well.

The Roads Committee of Cross Roads, concerns itself with safety and efficient expenditure of the Town's road budget. There is a capital budget for road improvement and a maintenance budget to fix short-term problems, such as potholes.

The State is hard at work on US 380 and, in response to our questions, they will soon provide us with a schedule of key milestones. The south side of 380 is already opening up. We find it exciting to see the curbs and new ribbons of concrete that are being completed.

Scan for Cross Roads construction updates:



crossroadstx.gov/roadprojects

With the passage of the Denton County Road Bond in November 2022 the Town has been allocated funds in a multi-year funding pattern. With the careful prior planning of our Town Council and engineers, we will see that bond money at work in Cross Roads. Commissioner Williams has met with the Mayor and Staff and has indicated that Fish Trap Road is a high priority. A meeting with Commissioner Falconer for areas south of US 380 is on the books.

The Town's maintenance budget is being spent on short-term fixes. The capital budget pairs with the Denton County Road Bond funds to create the long-term fixes.

It was 2017 when the research and designs were drawn up for the current construction on US 380 which anticipated 49,750 trips per day in 2020. In 2021, there were portions of US 380 in Cross Roads that were seeing close to that number. The 2045 US 380 project anticipates over 75,000 trips per day. Areas east of Town are already seeing traffic volumes near that benchmark.

We are seeing traffic shifts on a weekly basis as TxDOT's contractors work on the project. Stay aware...watch for notices on message boards, be mindful of the construction workers and watch the cars around you!

- Submitted by Sharon Baca, Road Committee Chairperson

DID YOU KNOW?

There are several local residents that pick up trash along our Town roads during their morning or evening walks?

A huge "Thank You!" to those volunteers!



Responsibility for Mowing

All property owners are responsible for maintaining their property and not allowing grass, weeds or brush to grow to a height greater than 12" in the area within twenty feet (20') of the edge of the road or in the area between then fence line and the edge of the roadway, whichever is less.

While the Town has historically mowed areas along the roadways for several years, it is not required to do so and it is an expense that can add up.

We ask that you do your part and keep your property mowed!





Save the Date!



The Town of Cross Roads presents: **Founder's Day**



A celebration of the Town's 50th Birthday! Recognizing our historical roots and celebrating our future.

Saturday, September 16th ~ 3pm - 9pm
Star Ranch - Denton ISD Ag Facility
8400 Fishtrap Road, Cross Roads, TX 76227

Historical elements including: Pottery demonstrations, a walk through Cross Roads history, and "Baby Clay" the World's Largest Brick (provided by ACME)

Free Activities:

- Carnival Games/Kid's Zone
- Artisans
- Live Music

For a fee:

- Craft Beer/Wines
- Food Trucks
- Artisan Vendors

Vendor & Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

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MDD & CRPD Updates

Municipal Development District (MDD) Board

The Town Council has approved a temporary sign ordinance that allows for the installation of temporary signage (outside of the normal banner signs) on properties that are adjacent to TxDOT road construction projects. There is no fee for a permit, however, applications must be submitted to the Town for approval. Attached is guidance on the temporary construction signs. The permit application can be found here: https://www.crossroadstx.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf6936/f/uploads/sign_permit_application.pdf

The Mayor and Staff have had meetings with TxDOT regarding concerns related to US 380 construction traffic. TxDOT has committed to keeping the work area clean, avoiding equipment blocking the view of buildings and also providing a simplified schedule of work so businesses can make appropriate accommodations. We anticipate having an abbreviated schedule from TxDOT within the next two weeks. The intersection of US 380 and Walmart Drive will still be under construction for some time, however, TxDOT is reviewing opportunities to open lanes when no work is immediately being performed. TxDOT has been very responsive to concerns when they are conveyed by the Town. If you are having any issues, please reach out to me and let me know.

At the Council's request, the MDD will begin funding a monthly newsletter to Cross Roads residents and businesses. This will be a transition from our bi-monthly newsletter and will have a heavier emphasis on Cross Road's businesses. We anticipate this to start with the August mailing. If you are interested in being added to the mailing list or are interested in having your business featured, please email news@crossroadstx.gov. We will also be including local events in our weekly eblast which can be forwarded to us at the same email address.

The Town has requested the owner of The Villages Commercial Shopping Center restripe the lanes at the exit of the parking lot along FM 424 in the hopes that it will alleviate some traffic concerns.

Cross Roads Police Department



Chief Short and Officer Dewberry recently attended Denton County Friends of the Family's annual Friends of the Badge Luncheon on Tuesday, June 27th in Krum, TX.

This annual event is an opportunity for Denton County Friends of the Family to say thank you for the work that law enforcement and those in the criminal justice system do to protect survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

The luncheon is also to celebrate the positive collaboration and partnership between Denton County Friends of the Family and the justice system to provide comprehensive services to those impacted by Rape, Sexual Abuse, and Domestic Violence.

Every year, Friends of the Badge honors individuals who have gone above and beyond to bring safety, healing, justice, and prevention to survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

This year's keynote speaker was Chief Emmitt Jackson with Argyle PD. This year's luncheon raised \$1,000.

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Business & More

Dutch Bros Opening

Cross Roads would like to welcome Dutch Bros to Town! This new Cross Roads location held its grand opening recently on June 30th, 2023.



Dutch Bros strives to be a force for good through outstanding customer service! In addition to offering customizable coffee, Rebel energy drinks, lemonades, teas and frosts, Dutch Bros hosts several local giveback days a year and, as a company, donates millions of dollars each year to local and national nonprofit organizations.



Dutch Bros no longer franchises; instead, all shop operators start as broistas and work their way up. Once they open a shop, they're committed to living, working and creating a circle of friends in their area!

Back to School

Denton ISD

Denton ISD's first day of school will be on Thursday, August 10th, 2023. On Wednesday, August 9th, 2023, the district will be having their annual Freshman First Day for the Class of 2027 only.

The 2023-2024 school start times:

- *Elementary School:* 7:40am-3:00pm
- *Middle School:* 8:15am-3:35pm
- *High School:* 8:50am-4:10pm

Aubrey ISD

Aubrey ISD's first day of school will be on Wednesday, August 16th, 2023. Aubrey ISD will be having their 3rd Annual Chaparral Showcase on Saturday, August 5th from 9am to 12pm. The Showcase will be held at Fuller Elementary School located at 10825 Quicksilver Blvd, Aubrey, TX 76227.

This event is open to the entire Aubrey ISD community, including new and returning families. At the event, families can purchase district t-shirts, sign up for library cards, connect with booster clubs and sign up for volunteer opportunities. Families can learn about local activities and clubs that their children can get involved with. Area dentists, banks, veterinarians, restaurants and community counseling providers will also be a part of the Showcase. District staff will be in attendance to meet with parents and students.

The 2023-2024 school start times:

- *Elementary School:* 7:40am-3:15pm
- *Middle School:* 8:10am-3:50pm
- *High School:* 8:10am-3:55pm

Sales Tax Holiday

Texas' annual Tax Free weekend will be August 11th-13th this year. The sales tax holiday begins on Friday, August 11th, and goes through midnight on Sunday, August 13th.

The Comptroller encourages all taxpayers to support Texas businesses while saving money on tax-free purchases of most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks (sold for less than \$100) during the annual Tax-Free weekend.

Qualifying items can be purchased tax free from a Texas store or from an online or catalog seller doing business in Texas. The sale of the item must take place during the specific period.

The sales tax exemption applies only to qualifying items you buy during the sales tax holiday. Items you buy before or after the sales tax holiday do not qualify for exemption, and there is no tax refund available.



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Stephanie Housewright, Council Member

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Shaun Short, Police Chief
Donna Butler, Town Secretary

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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 Station 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 Station and on Zoom.
- Park and Recreation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Police Station.
- Municipal Development District meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Police Station.

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.