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From the Mayor's Desk

By T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr., Mayor



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Mayor of Cross Roads

Thank you to all the residents of the Town of Cross Roads who took the time to vote in the recent Municipal Election; I am honored to have been re-elected as your Mayor. For my supporters, I hope that you will continue to be satisfied with my performance. For those of you that were not my supporters, I hope to gain your support through my administration's accomplishments.

During the latest campaign season, I knocked on over 500 doors and received a lot of feedback from the residents of Cross Roads. **There is a strong desire to retain our small-town country charm and remain committed to an excellent quality of life for our citizens, businesses and visitors.**

Residents prioritize sustainable growth that protects our natural and historical resources, while preserving our values, quality and culture. It is clear that people love our Town and desire to build our community, making it imperative that we are all



working towards a common goal and a common future vision for Cross Roads.

In 2021, the Town completed Vision 2035 – expressing what attracted residents to the Town and what they want to see in the future, resulting in the slogan of **“Building Our Future, Together”**.

To continue with this plan, Town Council approved partnering with Greater Yield and Mundo & Associates to create a Strategic Plan and update the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Building our Future Together

The strategic planning process utilized by Greater Yield and Mundo can be represented in a model of the various steps and elements in a cycle of input, scanning, goal setting, prioritization, action planning and re-examination.

Strategic planning is fundamental to successful work-planning, enabling the goals of the Town to be aligned with the annual budget processes and helps use resources intelligently. The strategic plan provides direction and focus to the Town council, boards, committees and staff.

Periodic review and updating of a strategic plan ensures that current realities (internal and external) are taken into consideration and appropriately factored into the operations of the Town.

The Vision 2035 - Building Our Future Together Strategic Comprehen-

sive Plan belongs to the citizens in the community and is what the Town will use on a continuous basis for growth management to ensure that the voices of the community are heard and acted upon. The information gathered through the Vision 2035 process will be analyzed to prioritize the Town's most pressing challenges, promising opportunities, and important priorities to focus on through the short and long term. As such, the resulting Strategic Plan will affirm the vision and values articulated by the Town's citizens.

The Town's Strategic Comprehensive Plan will act as the framework for the Town's growth and strengthen its relationship with the community in order to continue “Building Our Future Together.”

Respectfully, your Mayor

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New Council Members Greg and Kay



Greg Gaalema

Greg Gaalema is our re-elected council member who will serve our town for another 2 year term.

Greg has an extensive background in finance, including commercial banking and investments and has been working as a financial advisor for the past 20 years.

Greg is excited to continue his term to finish taking part in the financial turn-around of our Town. It is a good problem to have, to determine how to spend our tax revenue which today shows the largest surplus in the history of our Town.

Greg is committed to the Vision 2035, which spells out what the citizens of Cross Roads want, focusing around “no property tax, one acre minimum zoning and country style living”. In his opinion, we can afford to be “picky” about who we are going to partner with because partnerships and grants will be essential to fill our wish list. As he says: **“Better NO development than the WRONG development.”**

He was also very happy to see the 5-year financial strategic plan being developed by our Mayor and Town Administrator, which was a first in our Town’s history, to make sure we think strategically about our finances. We are lucky to have Greg on our council with such depth of financial knowledge and experience.



Kay Neubauer

Kay Neubauer is our newest council member.

Kay works in real estate, which will be an asset to our Town, especially as she has familiarity dealing with city governments from her own and her husband’s experience being in the construction business.

Kay grew up in Washington state but as one says, she came here as soon as she could. Not only because of the climate, but more importantly to be in the heart of horse country which is her long-time passion.

Kay wants to be able to help Business expand and wants us to be more open to bringing in New Businesses that will support our “zero” property tax. She thinks it is therefore important to create an open and welcoming image for developers.

Her objective is to seek input from all our citizens when making decisions regarding Town matters. She embraces the 1-acre minimum lot requirement for residences.

Because of Kay’s entrepreneur mindset, her roots in the local horse community and real estate background, she has a great set of skills to support our Town.



In the Spotlight

If you drive into Mosely Road from US 380 you'll see a very attractive development at your left with the sign "29 Acres".



It consists of 10 shared residences which soon will be filled up to its maximum capacity of 40 guests.

The community is created to support and celebrate neurodiversity, which includes autism. The founders of this development have children with autism and their purpose was to provide a sustainable place for their children, where they are taught vocational skills, can enjoy semi-independent living, have therapeutic recreation, and last but not least, have fun. The fun part is provided with a busy social calendar with activities pretty much every evening.

It is important for the residents to become semi-independent and live among peers and learn what seems simple to many of us such as cooking your own meals and shopping by yourself.

Living independently is especially valuable for the more highly functional residents as they are aware that they are "different" and more at home among peers than when living with a supporting family.



The community houses mostly male adults from the age of

18 years to almost 60 (autism is more prevalent among males than females) and provides a day-time program. The center is a major employer in our Town, it has about 100 employees in the form of life coaches, behavioral analysts, psychologists, and other staff. The proximity of both UNT and TWU was very important for the selection of the current location as there are many students that do their internship at this facility. As a matter of fact, having all those students involved makes for a very young and vibrant community which is obvious as soon as you enter the facility.

The residents are working at local business such as Palio's Pizza Cafe, Prairie house, Subway, the Hillside Estate Wedding Venue, and several others, facilitated by the facility's customized Employment services, closely working with the Texas Workforce Commission. If you are a local business, please contact 29

Acres to see if they can assist you with a potential employee. The residents typically perform clerical work such as filing or other simple tasks and you'll find that you will get a very reliable and joyful employee!



When asked how the Town of Cross Roads can help their cause, one of the founders and acting CEO, Debra Caudy, mentioned that they have volunteer days and asking for help with the landscaping and provide other activities for the upkeep of the complex.

Nineteen acres of the 29 acres are for recreational purposes which is also where they have a couple of Alpaca's, so



helping out could be a lot of fun. Another important opportunity for the Town of Cross Roads citizens is to teach their residents certain skills which could range from art, gardening, cooking, to yoga and anything else that could enrich their lives and experiences.

Last but not least, they would really like a walking/biking path along Mosely as residents like to walk or bike to the 7/11 convenience store on 380 to do some basic shopping.

Cross Roads is very fortunate to have such a great asset within our Town and providing a meaningful living experience to this community.



Parks & Rec. Board Updates

June 4th was our second Mega Market in our Town Park.

Mega Market is a combined market between: Shop Local Popups Market and Cross Roads Community Market that is held on the first Saturday of each month.

Shop Local Popups has vendors that sell coffee, beef jerky, pet treats, Avon, produce, canned goods, and many others.

Of course our regular Cross Roads

Community Market vendors were there: Dunn Farms, Grama Ann, Kraft Mama Creations, pet treats, and many others.

Don't forget to visit us on Saturday's between 7-12 pm.



Future plans for the park:

We are looking at playgrounds for the park. The improvement committee will be going around looking at area playgrounds and taking pictures to decide what we want to put up in our park. We are also looking into getting permanent

bathrooms for the park but this will be a much longer process and can take a year or two to complete.

Our next planned event for the park is on Labor Day. Details will be following later.

This summer we plan on getting overhead fans installed in the Pavilion and adding a drinking fountain just outside of the Pavilion.

The Maintenance Committee is moving forward with plans to get rid of those pesky gofers and improve the overall look of the park.

Ron Zofield, Park Board Chairman



Sample of a playground at Lake Ray Roberts

US 380 Improvement Project Updates

WHERE: 10.5 miles of roadway from US 377 to west of County Road 26 (Collin County line).

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will close various, alternating lanes of east- and westbound US 380 from Fish-trap Road to Providence Boulevard from 6/01 till 8/1/2022. Be aware of traffic taking



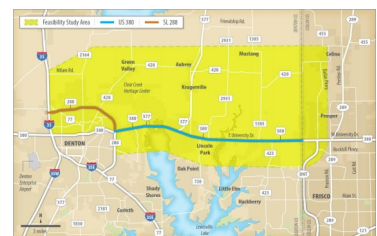
alternate roads. **Watch your speed since the police will be more active during this time. Don't want anyone to get hurt.**

Drivers should expect delays and plan ahead for extra travel time in this area.

Message boards will be placed to alert drivers of upcoming construction activities.

Backups are possible and motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes.

This work, as part of the US 380 Improvement project, will improve mobility by increasing capacity and reducing congestion, bring the roadway to current safety design standards, and improve pedestrian access to businesses and schools in the corridor





Cross Roads PD Updates



Officer Ladusau and Officer Martinez completed the NAPD tactical police driving course. This is a rigorous three day driving course through the National Academy for Professional Driving. **Congratulations to both of you!**



Please welcome our new **Officer James Wright**. He comes from Harris County Constable office. He holds a **Master Peace Officer Certificate**. He has 17 years of experience in Law Enforcement.

Madison, our CRPD administrator **passed the Telecommunicator State License Exam**. She went through a two week rigorous training for dispatching. **Way to go Madison!**



Police Phone: 940-441-4226.

Non-emergency: 940-349-1600

THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BITS AND PIECES Did You Know???

- Bank of America, Edward Jones and MOD Pizza had their grand openings in May.
- A new business 'Salad and Go ' is under construction next to Bank of America.
- We love for you to sign up to serve on a Town Committee or Board. Fill out the volunteer application.
- To stay involved in the Town news, subscribe to the Town e-blast. <https://www.crossroadstx.gov/subscribe>.
- You can register at no cost to receive free Careflight emergency EMS service as a Town citizen.
- Community Market is now expanded the first Saturday of each month. Visit our market every Saturday 7-12 Pm.
- The police force is working very hard to keep our Town safe. Please say Thank You, when you see them around.

We love your input and any other suggestions. Please email to editor@crossroadstx.gov.



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Elected Officials:

T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr. Mayor

David Meek, Mayor Pro Tem

Wendy White-Stevens, Council Member

Ron King, Council Member

Greg Gaalema, Council Member

Kay Neubauer, Council Member

Staff:

Kristi Gilbert, Town Administrator

Shaun Short, Police Chief

Donna Butler, Town Secretary

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Town Council meetings are on the third Monday of each month. Workshop, when necessary, at 6:15 pm. Council meeting 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.

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

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