

# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



T. LYNN TOMPKINS, JR. MAYOR OF CROSS ROADS

#### **WELCOME SPRING!**

With spring just around the corner, we have a lot of things going on in Cross Roads! The Parks and Recreation Board has been hard at work planning both our Eggstravaganza and a new feature in our Town Park. We lost one of our large trees this past year. Instead of cutting it down and hauling it off, chainsaw artist Kevin Roach will carve the tree with a design focusing on the animals native to the Cross Roads area. He is tentatively scheduled to begin on March 13th and it will take a few days to a week to complete the carving.

The public is more than welcome to visit the Town Park at FM 424 and Fishtrap Road to watch him in action. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details and times.

This year's Eggstravaganza event will be bigger than ever! Due to increased event offerings and anticipated higher participation, we are moving locations to North Rock Church located at 8690 Liberty Road on the north side of Town. The entire community is invited to participate. Your kids will love it! We also need volunteers to help make this event a great success. Further details are included in this newsletter.

February 16th was the last day to file for a place on the ballot for the May 4th General Municipal Election. As of the deadline to file, only incumbents had submitted their application. As a result the Town will be canceling the May 4th election. Council Members Dave Meek and Stephanie Housewright, along with myself, will continue to serve until May 2026. I am most appreciative of the support and confidence Town Residents have placed in me!

Work has begun on road maintenance projects throughout Town. These projects will include crack sealing, some pothole repair and larger-scale repairs to the intersection of Keyes and Mill Creek Road as well as on Fishtrap Road between US 380 and Forrest Hills. Please keep an eye on the Town's Facebook page to receive alerts prior to road closures.

I will be hosting the National Day of Prayer at the Town Park with the participation of area churches. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 2nd and plan to join us. Keep an eye on Facebook for more information.

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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### **NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**



It is that time of year again! It is time to extend your spring cleaning to your medicine cabinet.

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why it was great to see thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in - safely and anonymously - a record amount of prescription drugs.

The Cross Roads PD is participating in National Drug Take Back Day. We will be collecting unneeded or unused prescription drugs on Saturday, April 27th at the Police Department located at 1401 FM 424 from 10am-2pm.

Go through your medicine cabinet and get rid of those medications you no longer need, haven't used, or that have expired. The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

## The results of the 25th National Take Back Day that took place in October of 2023 are as follows:

- Total Law Enforcement Participation: 4,383
- Total Collection Sites: 4,675
- Total Weight Collected: 599,897 lbs. (300 tons)
- Total Weight All Time: 17,900,351 lbs. (8,950 tons)

For more information, go to: DEATakeBack.com

Keep them safe. Clean the out. Take them back.

# **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.



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.



# **AROUND TOWN**

#### THE PARKS BOARD PRESENTS:



#### Chainsaw Art in the Park

Kevin Roach, a local chainsaw artist, will be doing an art installation in the Cross Roads Town Park tentatively starting on Wednesday, March 13th. He will be working from 9am-3pm until approximately March 19th or until the piece is completed.

Roach will be creating an art piece using one of the park's dead trees. The art piece will feature woodland creatures native to our area. Roach will also be building a bench allowing residents to sit and enjoy the finished art piece. Cross Roads residents are welcome to watch Roach during the creation process and see the art come to life. Keep an eye on the Town's Facebook page for more details.

#### **HISTORICAL MINUTES**

#### 02-27-1989

Town Council voted to have plans drawn up for a new town hall by Danny Franklin. All Council Members were in favor of this action.

#### 03-06-2002

The Future Growth Survey, prepared by the Comprehensive Plan Committee, was presented to Council for approval. This survey was passed unanimously by members of the Council. The survey was then distributed around Cross Roads to obtain citizen input on what they wanted the Town to look like in the future as it grows.

#### 03-21-2011

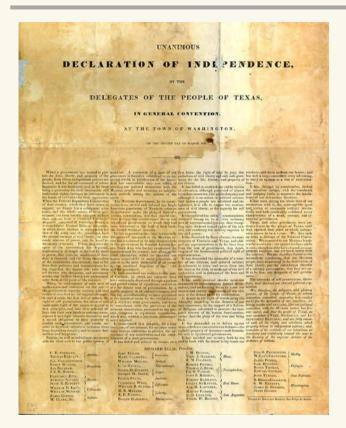
In early 2010, Town Council tasked the Comprehensive Plan Committee with investigating the feasibility, along with the benefits and costs, of establishing a fire station within Cross Roads Town limits and to make recommendations to the Town Council.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



Join us on May 2, 2024 for the National Day of Prayer in Cross Roads Town Park with the participation of area churches

## IN OTHER NEWS



#### TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

March 2nd is Texas Independence Day!

This is a celebration of the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence. This declaration was adopted at the at Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos and was signed by 59 delegates, each representing one of the settlements in Texas.

Using this document, settlers in Mexican Texas officially declared independence from Mexico and created the Republic of Texas on March 2nd, 1836.

More information on the Texas Declaration of Independence and the Texas Revolution can be found on the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's website.



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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.