In The Loop
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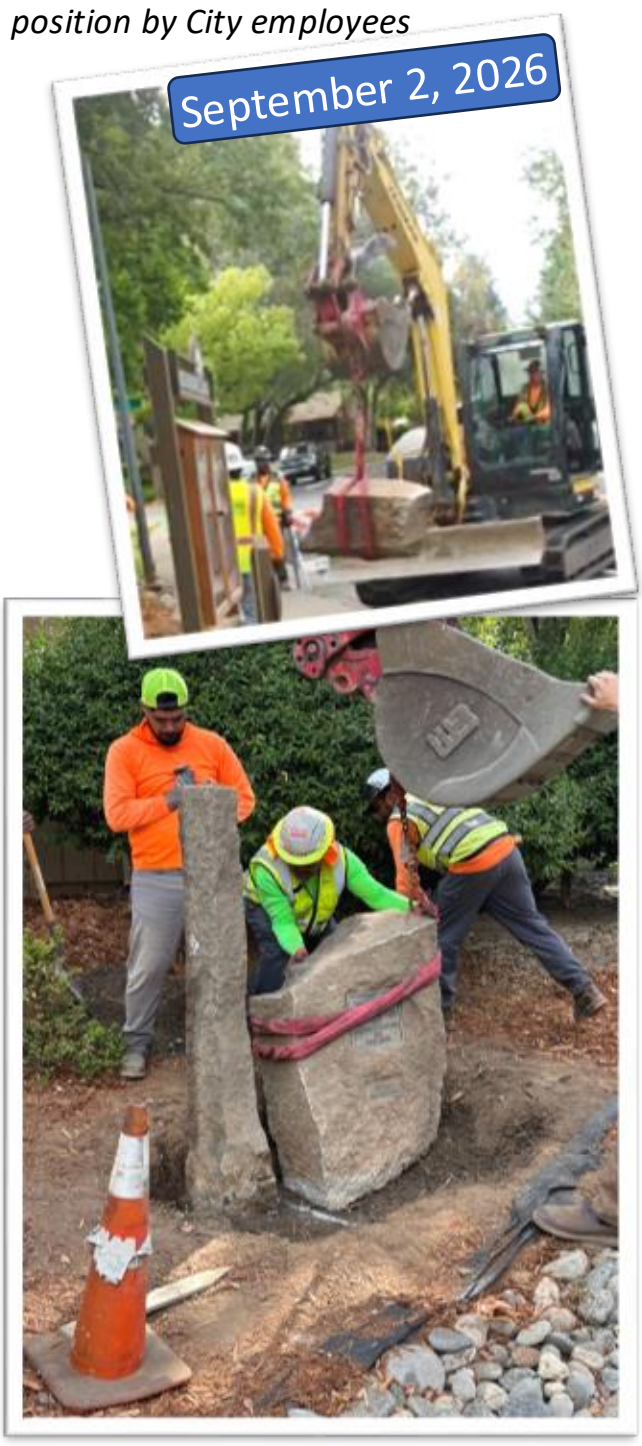
Cross Family Monument Comes Home

We have exciting news to share with the community!

After months of determination and teamwork, the historic monument and hitching post dedicated to the Cross Family have returned to Crosswoods and are now proudly displayed next to the Community Bulletin Board on Crosswoods Circle, near the entrance to the HOA office.

The Cross Family monumentand hitching post finally in a safe place next to the Bulletin Board on Crosswoods Circle

Above: Residents, Scott Allison and Norm Hill turn over the monument.
Below: The monument gets lowered into position by City employees



For longtime residents, this landmark may look familiar. Since 1951, the monument and hitching post stood at the Auburn Boulevard entrance to Crosswoods. Several years ago, a truck struck the monument, knocking it face-down onto the ground. Over time, the monument was largely forgotten, while the hitching post disappeared and was presumed lost.

That changed when Board Secretary **Norm Hill** suspected that a large stone near the entrance might actually be the long-lost monument. On January 29, 2026, armed with little more than levers, lumber, bricks, and the help of several strong residents, volunteers carefully turned the stone over. For the first time in years, the Cross Family plaque saw daylight again.

What followed was a remarkable effort to bring this piece of community history back home. With support from Treasurer **Andrew Campbell**, Norm worked with the City of Citrus Heights to find a safer location for the monument away from busy Auburn Boulevard. During those conversations, he also discovered that the City had recovered and preserved the original hitching post following the accident years earlier.

On September 2, City crews generously volunteered their time and equipment to relocate the monument and reunite it with the historic hitching post at its new home in the heart of Crosswoods, next to the community bulletin board.

The monument stands not only as a tribute to the Cross Family, whose name became part of our neighborhood's identity, but also as a reminder of the community spirit that helped preserve an important piece of our shared history.

Michael Ball
Crosswoods HOA President