

TOWN OF ARGYLE

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

AN ANNUAL UPDATE FROM TOWN OF ARGYLE LEADERSHIP



Bryan Livingston
Mayor

The Town of Argyle has had a busy year. A small team of elected officials, volunteers on appointed boards and commissions and professional staff has worked tirelessly to achieve several important milestones for citizens.

The town's roadway Capital Improvement Program resulted in the reconstruction of Crawford Road, major sections of Harpole and South Gibbons Roads and the replacement of Charyl Lynn Drive. Funding was also put in place, taking advantage of low interest rates, for a 2022 roadway Capital Improvement Program. Next year we will see the reconstruction of Stonecrest Road, a major portion of Hickory Hill Road and C. Taylor Road.

Working with our neighbors in Northlake and Denton County, we continue to press for an early schedule for the improvement of FM 407 from Justin to FM 1830. Together, we have brought the start date for the project forward from 2029 to 2025. We have completed most of the work of relocating wastewater utilities on US 377, in preparation for the start of improvements to the highway, slated to begin late in 2022 or early in 2023. Quiet or silent railway crossings will be included in the US 377 project.

The town is financially healthy, allowing the Town Council to reduce the property tax rate for the second year in a row during budget deliberations. Argyle passed a freeze on property taxes for over-65 and disabled citizens. We also funded an increase in pay for all employees including competitive adjustments for police and public works.

New volunteer organizations began operating to serve the long-term needs of the town in 2021. The Municipal Development District (MDD) was established under the leadership of Council member Dr. Cynthia Hermann and the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) was officially kicked off in January under the leadership of Mayor Pro Tem Ron Schmidt. (Continued on page 9)

TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Completion of the Crawford Road project two months ahead of schedule
- Standard and Poor's rated Argyle AA+ — again!
- Welcomed new Town Council member, Joan Delashaw, Community Development Director Emilio Sanchez, Town Secretary/Town Treasurer Dianna Buchanan, Assistant Town Secretary Bailey Love and Communications Coordinator Julia Falcon
- Former Mayor Pro Tem Bryan Livingston was elected Mayor in May
- Municipal Development District began meeting once a month and welcomed five board members
- Redesigned the town website, establishing a more updated look and more user-friendly interface
- Relunched Mornings with the Mayor, where Mayor Livingston holds a forum every first Saturday of the month for residents to visit with him
- Created a new, refreshed version of the town logo



FIRST ANNUAL CHILD SAFETY FAIR



The inaugural Child Safety Fair was held on June 12, 2021 at Liberty Christian School with approximately 500 in attendance. Attendees were educated on drowning prevention, poison prevention, heatstroke awareness, gun safety, dog safety and calling 9-1-1. Attendees were also able to enjoy a dunk booth and inflatables.

There were approximately 50 gun safes and drug lock boxes given away as well as child booster seats. Families were also scheduled for car seat fittings. Argyle PD partnered with Denton County Emergency Services District and multiple other area police agencies to provide education and demonstrations including police and fire vehicles, a SWAT vehicle and a helicopter.

TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLIC WORKS

ROADS

The 2021 Street Improvement Project concluded. This project included the reconstruction of Harpole Road, South Gibbons Road and Charyl Lynn Drive. The Crawford Road project, which wrapped up two months early, was made possible with funding contributions from Denton County and the City of Denton. Next up is the 2022 Street Improvement Project, which will include Stonecrest Road, C. Taylor Road and Hickory Hill Road. In addition, TXDOT began moving utility lines for the start of the US 377 expansion project. The town has, or will be, investing over \$6 million in roads within a two year period.

SANITARY SEWER

As part of the US 377 expansion project, Phase One of the sanitary sewer relocation project began earlier in 2021 and is expected to be done in January 2022. Phase One included the abandonment of lift station number three and the boring of US 377 and the railroad tracks. Phase Two will be awarded in January 2022 and will be done in July 2022. Phase Two consists of moving lateral lines that run along US 377.



PARKS

In conjunction with the 2021 Argyle Arbor Day celebration, Mayor Livingston with Argyle ISD Superintendent Dr. Telena Wright and School Board President Sam Slaton, dedicated four trees at Unity Park. Argyle Intermediate School students participated in a tree drawing contest and learned about the Argyle tree canopy from public officials.

Denton County Master Gardner John Ankeny has made tremendous effort toward the beautification of Unity Park. The Master Gardener group has installed five flower beds at Unity Park. The Master Gardeners and Boy Scout Troop 771 also worked together to complete landscaping on the north side of the Crawford Road roundabout.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The Arbor Day Foundation awarded the Town of Argyle with the Tree City USA designation for the second time
- Distributed 160 new trees to Argyle residents as part of the Annual Arbor Day Celebration to improve the tree canopy in Argyle
- Issued 217 single-family residential permits in FY 2021
- Teresa’s House, an assisted living and memory care facility, broke ground in 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2022
- A site plan was approved for Waterbrook Medical Office Building Phase 2: 7,500 sq. ft.
- Town Council adopted the 2018 International Building Codes and 2017 National Electrical Code
- Town Council amended the Town Development Standards for solar energy systems
- Town Council strengthened bufferyard requirements between nonresidential commercial uses and residential neighborhoods



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Town Council approved the issuance of \$3.25 million in Certificates of Obligation (COs) for the improvement of Stonecrest Road, C. Taylor Road and Hickory Hill Road.
- Welcomed new businesses to Argyle that opened their doors in 2021:
 - Rapid Med
 - Baylor Scott & White Outpatient Physical Therapy Clinic
 - Total Care
 - Uncle Mike's Bistro
 - Facial Aesthetics by Christy LLC
 - 407 Nutrition LLC
 - Wish Upon a Star Properties LLC
 - Core Culture Pilates
 - The Butler Firm
 - Seeden Photography
 - The ColeTen Group LLC
- The Municipal Development District (MDD) launched after it was approved in the November 2020 election. The MDD meets on the second Tuesday of every month at Town Hall.
- Launched the Argyle Business Association (ABA) under the MDD, promoting networking for businesses in the 76226 ZIP code. The ABA meets once a month and is hosted by a business selected as the Business Spotlight of the month.



PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Argyle Police Department hosted the third Citizens Police Academy, with 10 graduates on November 15, 2021
- Welcomed new Officers Amos, Reimer, Harwell, Pettis and Williams
- Hosted the first annual Child Safety Fair at Liberty Christian School
- Implemented a Reality Based Training program to place officers in realistic training scenarios that mimic calls for service
- Partnered with First Baptist Church of Argyle and Tribes Church for inaugural Trunk-or-Treat event
- Put in place a chaplain program and on-duty workout policy to assist with officer wellness
- Certified members of patrol as TCOLE certified Mental Health Officers to better respond to citizens experiencing mental crises
- Participated in a polar plunge at the Harvest pool, raising over \$1,800 for the North Texas Food Bank



LOOKING AHEAD 2022 AND BEYOND

- Begin road improvement projects as part of the 2022 Street Improvement Program, which include Stonecrest Road, C. Taylor Road and Hickory Hill Road
- The Town Council plans to host a first annual Fourth of July event
- The Texas Department of Transportation is to begin the expansion of US 377 later in 2022
- Harvest Town Center development will begin, bringing in a mixed-use development to Argyle’s ETJ, including a grocery store



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FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

Argyle Town Council approved the Fiscal Year 2022 budget during their meeting on September 20, 2021.

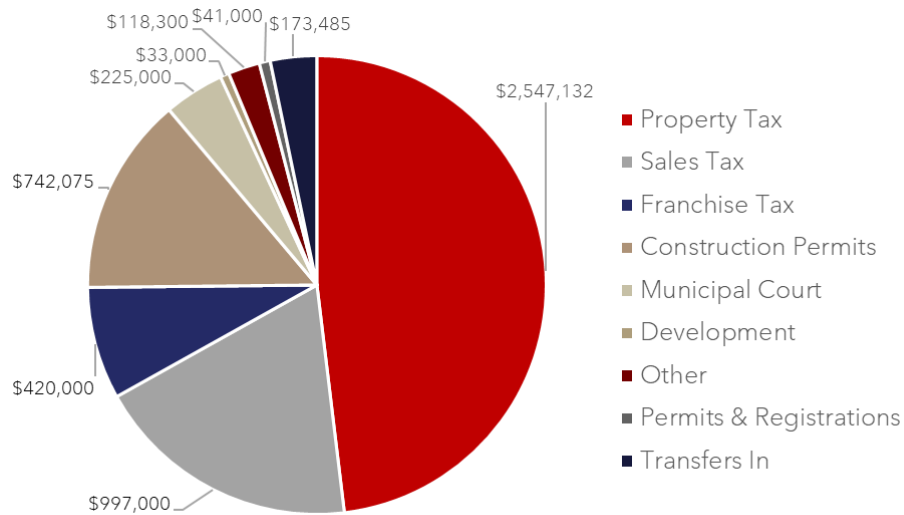
2022 DECREASED TAX RATE

\$0.370482

Per \$100 of assessed property value

GENERAL FUND BALANCE

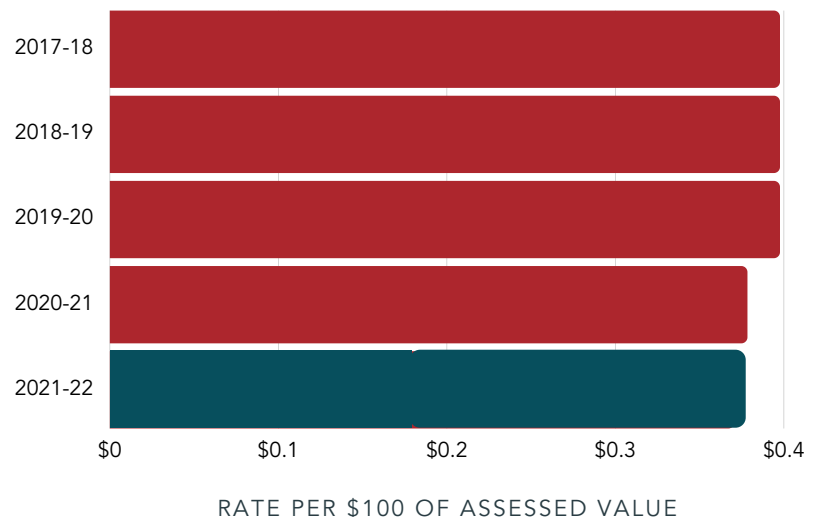
\$5,296,992



Highlights from the adopted FY 2022 budget include:

- Decrease in the actual tax rate from \$0.378193 to \$0.370482 per \$100 of appraised value
- The addition of one new police officer, bringing the officer count to 14
- Tax freeze for residents over the age of 65 and the disabled
- Funds for major capital projects, including C. Taylor Road and Hickory Hill Road

PROPERTY TAX RATE



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR CONTINUED

Both the MDD and the FOC are intended to ensure the financial strength and stability of the town through responsible growth and citizen participation in the town's financial affairs.

Dedicated people continued to step up to serve the town in 2021 in both volunteer and professional roles. We welcomed Joan Delashaw back to the Town Council, hired a new Town Secretary/Town Treasurer, Dianna Buchanan, filled the position of Community Development Director with Emilio Sanchez, and recently hired a new Assistant Town Secretary, Bailey Love. MDD members Vice President Brian Darnell and Reid Norton and Planning & Zoning Commissioner Matt Nelson joined FOC members Rick Merrill and Sheryl Haynes as new volunteer leaders. I offer my thanks to every citizen volunteer and professional staffer who supports the town with their time and talents.

Argyle leadership worked toward implementing the new Strategic Plan in 2021, aimed at realizing our vision statement - "The Town of Argyle is committed to preserving our small-town character and natural beauty through thoughtful growth, stewardship of resources, and a citizen-focused government." Several related projects are ongoing.

Argyle Business Association

The Argyle Business Association launched this year, connecting businesses in the 76226 ZIP code. Headed by the Argyle Municipal Development District, the ABA holds networking events once a month and guides the Shop Local campaign in Argyle. Under the ABA is the online business directory, which is an interactive database for businesses in Argyle.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR CONTINUED

A revised tree ordinance is being studied by a group, led by Councilmember Rick Bradford and Planning & Zoning Commissioner Paul Kula. A new identity/logo and branding for the town and an initiative led by Council member Sherri Myers to foster connection between the town and its neighborhoods are also in the works.

The town made progress on achieving its Comprehensive Land Use Plan goals of responsible development, focused on concentrating high-intensity commercial development on I-35W. Assisted by a consultant who is actively recruiting retail and other commercial enterprises, the MDD is steadily building a portfolio of companies who are interested in operating in the town. We anticipate several announcements in coming months as development on the I-35 W corridor kicks off.

The Town of Argyle's commitment to transparency was realized in part with the hiring of Julia Falcon, our communications coordinator. Ms. Falcon delivers news about everything Argyle via press releases, social media posts and Town Administrator Rich Olson's weekly FYI newsletter. If it happens in Argyle, you can learn about it almost immediately via text or email. Just sign up on the town website.

Live streaming and archived town meetings have stepped up significantly in quality with the inception of Swagit services and improved video and audio equipment. Tune in to see your government in action, or better yet stop by Town Hall for a scheduled meeting.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR CONTINUED

On November 18 and 19, 2021, Argyle PD underwent an audit to determine if they would be re-recognized by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Program. After this independent audit, performed by trained Police Chiefs from other areas of the state, APD was found to have complied with all 168 Best Practices and has been informed that they will be awarded re-recognition status. APD was first recognized in 2013 and has maintained "recognized" status since that time, placing the department among a select group of agencies that continues to conform to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

Next year will bring new challenges for Argyle. The town's progress in 2021 has ensured that we have the tools and capabilities to effectively serve the interests of you, the citizens of Argyle, in 2022.

Tell me how we are doing. Please send an email to mayor@argyletx.com or come by for coffee and donuts at a Mornings with the Mayor session, held on the first Saturday of the month at Town Hall.



Bryan Livingston
Mayor of Argyle

Argyle Town Council



Joan Delashaw,
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Sherri Myers,
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