

Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to pass on the following information. All information in Manager’s Notes is available to the public and these reports will be archived on the Town website.

**Staff Updates**

Lori Sarmiento, Executive Assistant:

Lori started on February 9. Lori came to us from the City of Grapevine where she served the community for 14 years. In her most current role as the Administrative Services Manager, she headed a team of 5 administrative professionals and worked closely with departmental directors to ensure smooth and efficient operations. Additionally, she performed onboarding with new employees, developed office procedures and protocols and coordinated high profile events for the city. On a personal note, she has been happily married for over 33 years and is the mother to 2 grown children. Her daughter is a senior at TCU and her son just married and is living in Florida. Lori brings a thoughtful, service-oriented approach to all that she does.

Susan Raabe, Senior Planner:

Susan started on February 9. My husband and I have enjoyed living in the Denton and Cooke County area since 1999, where we raised our five daughters. My professional experience in the planning field includes Travel Demand Modeling for the Texas Department of Transportation, Community Development at the City of Gainesville, comprehensive planning with the City of Houston, and more recently, the Antero Group in Denton, TX. In my spare time, I enjoy the outdoors with my family. I love working with my hands in the garden. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the team of professionals here in the Town of Argyle.

Bobby Johnston, Director of Public Works:

Public Works Director Bobby Johnston provided his two week notice on February 13. I have been impressed with his dedicated, hardworking service to Argyle. Bobby brought a wealth of experience from his prior service in other municipalities and I wish him all the best. I deeply appreciated his help as I came aboard in May 2025, having his earnest desire for the best for Argyle was a great asset.


**Next Town Hall**

As a reminder, postcards are now out for the upcoming Avalon and Waterbrook Town Hall meeting. Due to early voting for the Primary Election, the meeting will be at Milestone Church’s Student Building.

**WATERBOOK and AVALON TOWN HALL**

<p><b>WHEN:</b>  <b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup></b>  <b>AT 6PM</b></p>	<p><b>WHERE:</b>  <b>MILESTONE CHURCH STUDENT BUILDING</b>  <b>1119 US-377</b>  <b>ARGYLE, TX 76226</b></p>
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Police Department Progress

Project	Brief Description	Update
Traffic Safety Issues	On 2/8/2026 Argyle Officers worked a fatality accident at I-35 and FM407	A motorcycle struck at vehicle, causing the death of the motorcycle rider. This crash tied up 3 Argyle officers and officers from Northlake and Justin for approximately 3 hours. While officers worked this accident, three (3) other accidents were dispatched in the Town of Argyle and Northlake PD had to assist with a call of a resident shooting across FM407 in town because all Argyle officers were occupied.
Social Media Posts	This week the department has shared safety information for drivers and information about African American contributions to public safety.	The 2/4/26 post related to prohibited left turns at FM407 from Old Justin had 380 “likes” and 61,757 views. The three posts related to Black History Month resulted in multiple citizens thanking the department for sharing this educational information and have drawn 349 “likes” and 28,057 views.
Accreditation Certificate	The certificate for the department’s 4 <sup>th</sup> consecutive accreditation award from the Texas Police Chief Association arrived. This certificate was added to the other three for citizens to see in the police department lobby.	
Police Activity	Provided is a snapshot of the amount of activity undertaken by the Argyle Police Department between Wednesday February 4 and Wednesday February 11, 2026.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 10 traffic accidents responded to</li> <li>* 228 traffic stops</li> <li>* 24 Citizen Driven Traffic Complaints</li> <li>* 102 Calls for Service</li> </ul>



### Argyle Police Department's Post



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Jermaine Galloway  
That is very cool. Thanks for sharing. ...

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Tiauna Chimwaza  
Thank you ! Didn't know this !! ...

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K Lynn Lillie  
This makes me so proud of our little town. Thanks for sharing! 🥰 ...




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Lauren Hicks  
Love this! Thanks for sharing. ...

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**Community Development Progress**

Project Name	Project Brief	Weekly Update/Status/Next Steps
New Staff Member		Susan Raabe started Monday, February 9 <sup>th</sup> as our new Senior Planner. We are happy to have her on the team!
Internship	Week with Argyle Police Dept	Intern Annalisa Stoll has spent the past week with Argyle PD helping out with projects and other admin needs. She went on a ride-along and learned the fundamentals of policing.
Continuing Education/Training	Permit Technician	Permit Technician Kristin Simicek attended virtual training this week through the Building Professional Institute (BPI). They offer continuing education sessions in the areas of: Building Code, Texas Accessibility, & Code Enforcement.
Economic Development	Retail Strategies Presentation	File is being emailed with this edition.
Business Update	Uncle Mike’s Bistro	The owners of Uncle Mike’s Bistro were closed Thursday, February 12 <sup>th</sup> due to a death in the family. Town staff confirmed they are open at normal business hours as of Friday, February 13 <sup>th</sup> . I sent them our condolences.
MDD Economic Assistance Grant	Spartan Sports Performance Center	Town staff met with the owners of Spartan Sports Performance Center, located at <b>811 Stonecrest Road</b> , the previous Torque Baseball building. We discussed their application to MDD. They will consider changes and resubmit.
Heritage Tract Planned Development	Off-site Sanitary Sewer Line Project	<p>Our Public Construction Inspector Heather Kieckbusch with Bureau Veritas alerted Town staff to a failed inspection for leaking manholes connected to the sanitary sewer line being installed along the west side of I-35W, extending north from the TRA line to service the future Heritage Tact PD. The contractor will make the necessary repairs before receiving an approved inspection.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>

**Municipal Services Progress**

Project Name	Project Brief Description	Weekly Update / Status / Next Steps
GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award	National recognition for budget excellence and transparency.	Received notification that the Town of Argyle has been awarded the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the second consecutive year. Last year the Town received recognition in one category; this year recognition was expanded to three categories, reflecting continued improvements in financial transparency, organization, and policy alignment.
Bank Depository Services – Finalist Interviews	Evaluation of finalist banking institutions.	Conducted interviews with SouthState Bank and American National Bank this week. PointBank’s interview is scheduled this coming week. Staff will continue evaluation and prepare recommendations following completion of all interviews.
Grant Management Services RFQ	Procurement coordination for grant administration services.	An addendum addressing submitted questions will be issued next week. Bid opening remains scheduled for Monday, February 23.
Audit Services RFQ Development	Preparation of solicitation for external audit services.	Drafted RFQ documents for Audit Services. Documents were distributed internally today for staff review and comments prior to finalization and public posting.
Golden Agers Bingo – February	Hosted over 40 Golden Agers at Thursday’s Bingo luncheon and set a record of five simultaneous BINGOs!!! Shout out to PD for helping host and call numbers!	
VPN Security & Continuity Updates	Network reliability and secure remote access coordination.	Coordinated with Fulcrum on VPN updates to maintain secure remote connectivity and ensure continuity of service for staff operations.
Inter-City Process Collaboration – City of Krum	Sharing digital workflow best practices with regional partners.	Met with staff from the City of Krum to assist in implementing a digital invoice queuing and approval workflow, including routing for internal review and exporting data into their ERP system. Shared lessons learned from Argyle’s implementation to support their process improvement efforts.



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**October 01, 2025**

*Christopher P. Morill*

Executive Director

Public Works Progress

Project Name	Project Brief Description	Weekly Update/Status/Next Steps
Shell Station Sewer Line	To provide adequate sanitary sewer service to the commercial facilities.	The rear drive to the Shell station is back open for vehicle access. The crew is working to restore the surrounding area to its original condition.
Multi-site Ditch Maintenance	Restoring select drainage ditches so water can flow properly and drainage issues are corrected.	Drainage repairs have begun along the west side of Ben Boyd.
Unity Park – Irrigation	De-winterizing Irrigation System	The irrigation system has been recharged and all zones tested to ensure no leaks were created by the winter storm.
Argyle Nature Trail - Staking	Identifying the trail pathway. Installed additional stakes along the proposed trail alignment and connected them with neon string to improve visibility for contractors preparing clearing bids.	
Waterbrook Lift Station – Pump Replacement	<p>One of the lift station pumps failed.</p> 	<p>After troubleshooting, the pump was removed and inspected, and it was determined that the motor had failed. A backup pump was available in inventory, and Public Works staff replaced the unit in-house.</p> 

Staff Update

Department	Number of Full-time Budgeted Positions	Number of Current Vacancies	Hiring Status	Notes
Administration	2	0	Executive Assistant started 2/9/26	Over hiring as per briefing to Council
Court	2	0		
Town Secretary and Finance	2	1	Accounting Manager job posted 2/6/26	Job posted to Town Website/TML
Community Development	4	0	Senior Planner started 2/9/26	Code Enforcement Position on Leave of Absence; One Part Time Intern Currently on Staff
Public Works	7	2	2 Equipment Operator Vacancies - Two offers made; 1 Code Enforcement / Construction Inspector One offer made	All offers accepted. Awaiting pre-employment testing.
Police Department Sworn Officers	17	0		
Police Department Civilian Positions	2	1	Civilian Admin Asst I/II job posted 2/5/26	Job posted to Town Website/TML
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>		