

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

AN ANNUAL UPDATE FROM TOWN OF ARGYLE LEADERS



Donald Moser  
Mayor

As the year is drawing to a close, it is a great time to reflect on the past year as we look forward to humbly serving you in the coming year. Our goals for 2018 were set high and numerous, but I am very proud of the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commissioners, Economic Development Corporation Members and numerous volunteers from the community, as well, of course, the town staff for keeping focused on the big picture and accomplishing many significant achievements. We wanted to take the opportunity to put together a list of these accomplishments to let you know how we are all working together for the progress and preservation of our town Argyle. - Donald Moser



Marla Hawkesworth  
Mayor Pro Tem/Place 5



Alex Vukasin  
Place 1



Ron Schmidt  
Place 2




Jon Donahue  
Place 3



Todd Mankin  
Place 4

## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Adopted the FY 2019 Budget maintaining a property tax rate of \$0.3975 per \$100 valuation for the 8th year in a row. 
- Increased bond rating from "AA" to "AA+" with Standard & Poor's.
- Conducted a successful sales tax reallocation election resulting in an additional 1/4 cent of sales tax dollars being redirected from economic development to street maintenance.
- Implemented live streaming and video archiving of Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings.
- Accepted an unqualified FY 2017 Audit with no issues of non-compliance.
- Conducted a successful retreat for Town Council and Department Heads to discuss priorities.
- Conducted annual review and adopted the Town's Investment Policy in compliance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.
- After several committee meetings, adopted a Vision Statement to guide the Town in future decision making.



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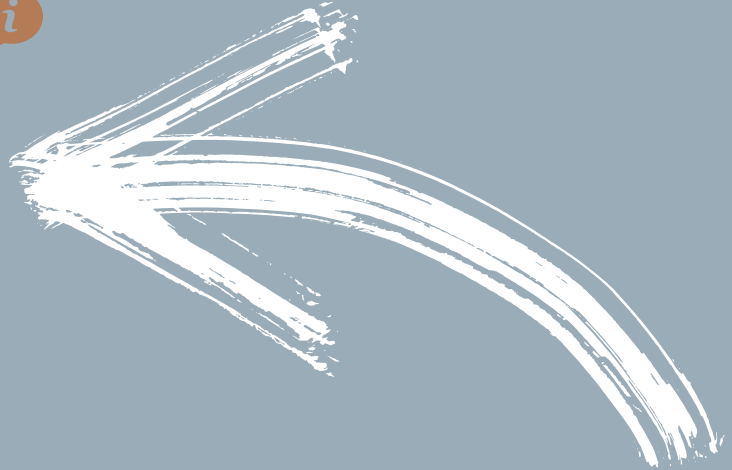
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## DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

- Amended the Town Development Standards to require a courtesy notice to all property owners between 201' and 1,000' expanding the notice requirements for a public hearing in addition to the required notice for property owners within 200'.
- Conducted joint work sessions with the Planning and Zoning Commission on updates to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Land Use Charts supportive of the newly adopted Town Vision Statement.
- Implemented the use of a certified arborist to review all development applications and inspections for compliance with the Town's tree preservation regulations.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Approved a specific use permit to allow for the transition of a previously tax-exempt building into a corporate headquarters.
- The Economic Development Corporation funded and adopted the 2018 Action Plan with goals to enhance economic development plans and policies to be intentional in attracting quality development along the I-35W corridor.

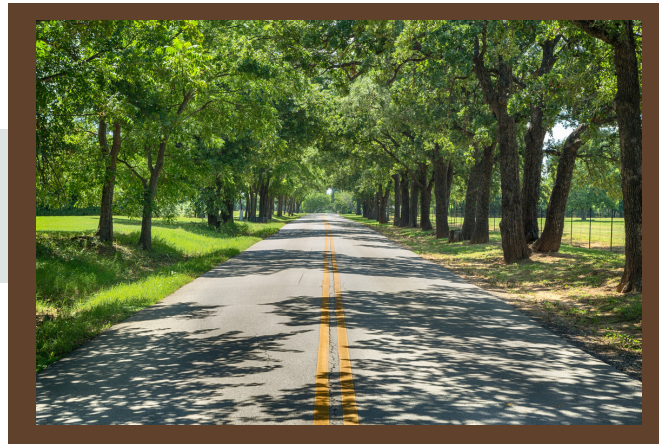


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## PUBLIC WORKS - ROADS

- Completed a road inventory assessment identifying roads to be included in a bond issuance for town-wide improvements.
- Negotiated a new solid waste agreement with Republic Services to allow for recycling and bulk pick-up on a weekly basis.
- Purchased land and a 6,000 square foot building for a Public Works Facility with excess General Fund revenue upon notification the current building lease would not be renewed.



## PUBLIC SAFETY



- Restructured and increased funding for the Police Department to add one Sergeant and two additional patrol positions, for a total of a Chief, three Sergeants, one Corporal, and seven Police Officers by the end of FY 2019.
- Re-Recognized through the Texas Police Chief's Association Best Practices Recognition Program.
- Identified and implemented policies to attract and retain quality officers.
- Conducted several Coffee with a Cop events.
- Purchased a new, fully-equipped police vehicle authorized and funded by the Crime Control and Prevention District.



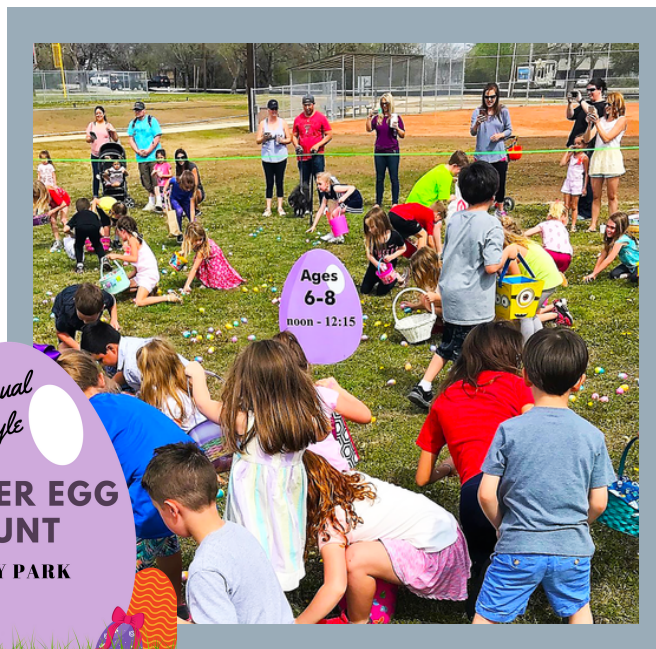
# PARKS AND EVENTS



- Successfully completed the construction of a pavilion and improvements to the ballfields in conjunction with a \$500,000 matching grant awarded by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- Authorized a joint use agreement between the Town and Argyle Youth Sports Association (AYSA) for the shared use of Unity Park (Argyle Community Park).
- Conducted community events including the Argyle Annual Easter Egg Hunt, the grand opening of Unity Park (Argyle Community Park), the First Annual Argyle Derby Day, National Night Out and our first Movie in the Park event.



# movie in the park




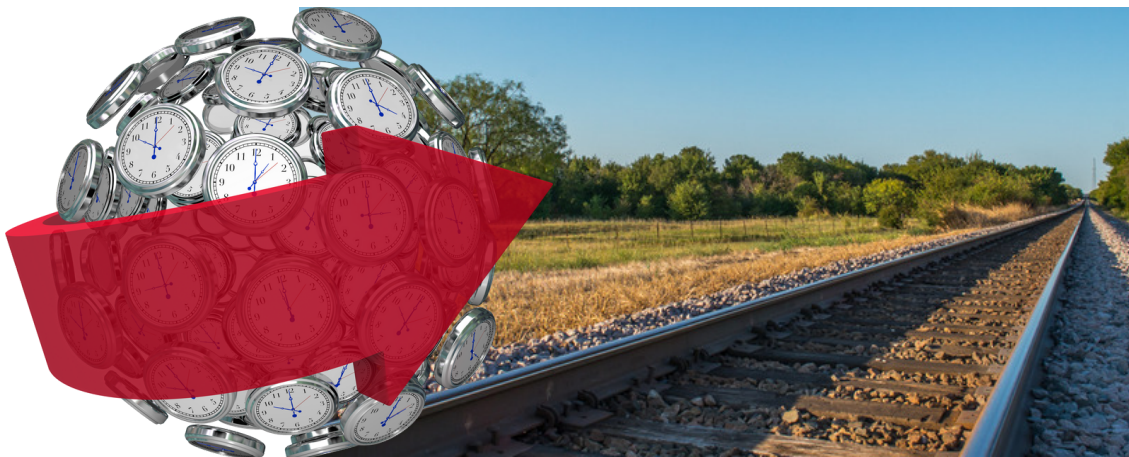
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## LOOKING AHEAD

- Begin construction for the 2019 Road Improvement Project to include resurfacing, reconstruction and repairs to over 15 road sections within the Town. 
- Implement a strategic plan to align all facets of the Town's regulations with the newly adopted Vision Statement.
- Work towards Scenic City Certification and Tree City USA designation
- Revision of the Town's tree regulations.
- Continue feasibility study for a Railroad Quiet Zone throughout the Town.
- More community events!



### STAFF CONTACTS

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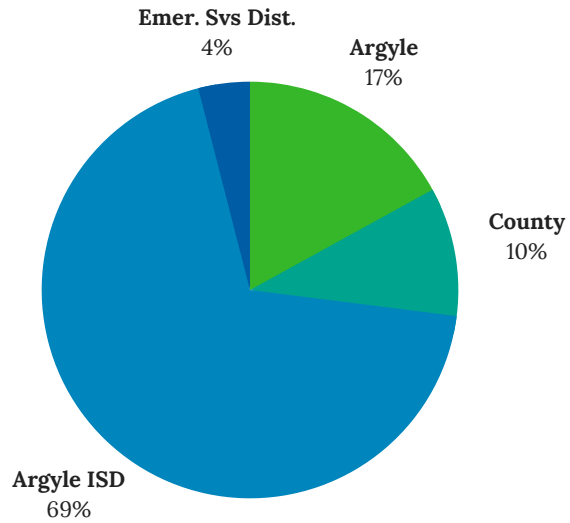
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# ARGYLE PROPERTY TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

- For the typical Argyle household, 4% of taxes go to the Emergency Services District, 10% of taxes go to Denton County, 17% of taxes go to the Town and 69% go to Argyle ISD.
- Based on the 2018 tax rolls, one penny on the Town tax rate generates approximately \$67,409.

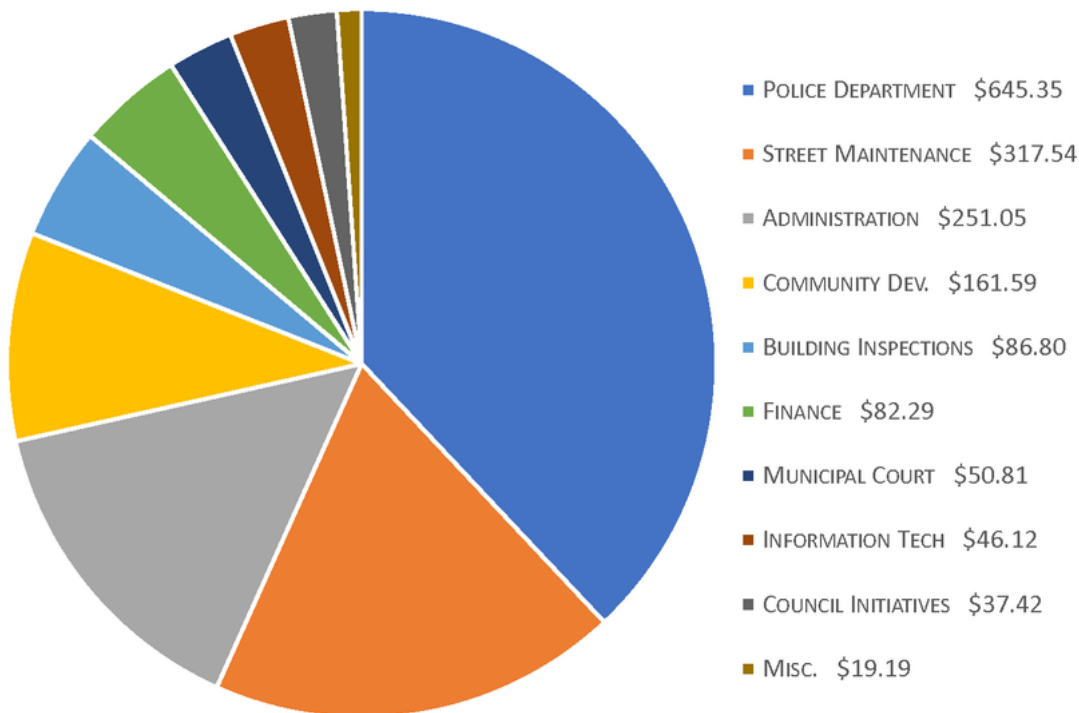


The average value of a house in Argyle is: **\$427,206**

Based on an average home value of \$427,206, annual property taxes for each entity are as follows:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Argyle ISD               | \$ 6,771.73        |
| <b>Town of Argyle</b>    | <b>\$ 1,698.14</b> |
| Denton County            | \$ 963.67          |
| Emergency Services Dist. | \$ 427.21          |

Based on the overall Fiscal Year 2019 General Fund budget, the annual taxes paid on an average Argyle home would be allocated as follows:



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