



TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

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1. On September 22, 2021, staff, Teague Nall and Perkins (TNP) and the contractor, Jagoe, did a walk through on Crawford Road to develop a punch list. On September 24, while driving into work, the sun hit the roadway in such a way, I thought I noticed some cracks in the asphalt near the intersection of Carnegie Ridge Road. I stopped and looked at the roadway and was able to verify that two cracks had started to develop on the east bound lane on both sides of the Carnegie Ridge Road. These cracks were about 75 feet long and the separation was anywhere from quarter inch to one inch in width. Some of the cracks were confined to the surface, however several of the cracks were deep enough to reach the subgrade. Upon further investigation, I noticed a second crack just west of the pedestrian signal going into Unity Park. This crack was also in the east bound lane and was about 50 feet long. It is not as prevalent as the ones near Carnegie Ridge Road. On September 29, a team of engineers visited the site to try to determine what may have caused the cracks to develop. All the areas where the cracks have developed were in areas that needed the soils to be removed. The depth of the cracks extended down three feet well below the depth of the subgrade. So, the issue should not be a compaction issue. Prior to asphalt being placed down, density tests were performed in this area and all passed. On Wednesday, our engineer and staff met with Jagoe to discuss the matter. It was determined that Jagoe would seal the cracks with crack seal and work with TNP to find a solution. Under our contract, Jagoe must provide a two-year maintenance agreement for the roadway. The town has not accepted the project yet and our two-year maintenance bond time clock has not started. The town had a similar issue about 10 years ago with several roads that were reconstructed. At that time, it was determined that the soil conditions caused the problems.
2. During the Municipal Development District meeting on October 12, 2021, Place 3 Director Robin Massey announced her resignation. Massey is moving out of the boundaries required to be a board member. We are seeking someone to fill Place 3 on the MDD board. Requirements include living in the boundaries/jurisdiction of Argyle, availability on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month and a background check. If you are interested, please apply [here](#).
3. The Argyle Business Association will be having its monthly networking event next Thursday, October 21, 2021. This month's Business Spotlight, Facial Aesthetics by Christy, will be hosting the event from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Business owners in the 76226 ZIP code are invited to meet fellow business owners and town officials.

4. The town has received notice from Oncor that in the next several weeks, they will begin relocating power poles along US 377 for the upcoming TXDOT widening project. This work will be from FM 407 to Country Club Road. All the work performed by Oncor will occur within the new TXDOT right of way. There may be some minor interruptions in service when Oncor begins switching service from the old power poles to the new power poles. Oncor estimates that it will take four to six weeks to complete the project. The town has been waiting on Oncor to relocate the power poles so we can start on phase II of our sewer line relocation. Teague Nall and Perkins should shortly begin advertising the scope of work for phase II. We are targeting a bid award in December and construction to begin in February.
5. There are still trees available for the Arbor Day tree giveaway. Please remember that registrants must live in Town of Argyle or extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Trees are limited to one per household. The drive thru event will be held at BPS Technology on November 6, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no Mornings with the Mayor at Town Hall on this day, instead Mayor Livingston will be handing out coffee and donuts at the Arbor Day drive thru. Sign up for your tree and time slot [here](#).
6. The first phase of Stonecrest reconstruction will begin next week. A subcontractor for Freese and Nichols (FNI) will begin boring the roadway. This work may cause some minor traffic delays. A total of 16 bores at a depth of 5 feet will occur next week. This work may take several days to complete. Once the boring profiles have been completed, our engineer will determine if additional subgrade work will be needed. The ratio of cement and lime needed to stabilize the subgrade will be determined. In addition, the town has received several drainage complaints from residents which FNI will try to address as part of the roadway redesign.
7. Besides the three police officers the town hired last week, the town also hired a new Public Works employee. Mr. Larry Briones was hired to be an equipment operator. Mr. Briones had previously worked for the town as an equipment operator from June of 2015 to May of 2019. Mr. Briones, because of his previous work experience with the town, is already familiar with the duties of the position and already has all the certifications needed for the position. Mr. Briones is excited to be back with the town and we are happy to have him return.
8. Work on the US 377 sewer line relocation project has slowed this week. The contractor has completed the jack and bore of the railroad tracks and highway. The PCV pipe has been fused but cannot be inserted into the casing until the necessary spacers have arrived. The contractor has been waiting several weeks for the spacers. Since this line is a gravity sewer line, the spacers aid in keeping the slope of the line within the design specifications. Hopefully this work will be completed next week. This will allow the contractor to move on to the next phase. Payment application #1 has been submitted for \$212,297.60.