



Message from the Mayor



July 2018

Summer marks the start of budget season for the Town Council. We have begun planning for the 2018-19 budget with road reconstruction and repairs as our priority for the next fiscal year. This is the time of year we frequently receive property tax questions. Our tax rate is the second lowest rate in North Texas at 0.19294 per \$100 valuation. For comparison, Lewisville is 0.436086 and Flower Mound is 0.43900 (Over 2 times higher). The preponderance of your property tax goes to either Argyle ISD or Denton ISD, the Denton County Emergency Service District #1 (which covers our fire and ambulance services), and to Denton County. If you have any questions on taxes, please feel free to contact me.

With the 4th of July quickly approaching please remember that fireworks are permitted in the Town of Bartonville on your personal property **ONLY** if it is a Denton County Burn Day. Please confirm if it is a Burn Day (posted after 10am) before any use of fireworks takes place. This information is posted on the town's website or you can call 940.349.2840. If you will be using fireworks, please be mindful of your neighbors and ensure that all fireworks released remain on your personal property.

As you celebrate the 4th of July, please also take a moment to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms. One of our own, Capt. Mark Weber, along with six others, was killed in western Iraq on March 15, 2018. Capt. Weber will be laid to rest, with full military honors, at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on July 9th. Please keep the Weber family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Did you know that Bartonville residents can rent the community room located within Town Hall? The Town allows use of the space free of charge unless it is for commercial or for-profit use. The room is reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call Town Hall at 817-693-5280 for further information.

Did you remember our Bartonville Farmers Market located at the Bartonville Town Center? The locally grown fruits and vegetables are available every Saturday from 8am until they sell out.

Remember, July and August are our hottest months. Please be mindful of your children, pets and neighbors. This is also high season for mosquitos, so try to reduce any standing water from sprinklers or fountains. Reducing brush, especially in bar ditches, helps reduce snakes and fire danger. Finally, Town Hall will be closed on July 4th in observation of the holiday.

Bill Scherer, Mayor