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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

December 7, 2018

Council Updates

Addison's Legislative Priorities

The 86th session of the Texas legislature will begin in January 2019. At a work session on November 27, Council discussed the Town's [legislative priorities](#). Former State Representative Fred Hill serves as the Town's legislative consultant during legislative sessions and presented some topics for the Council to consider before adopting their priorities for the next session at the December Council meeting.

You can watch [Council's discussion on legislative priorities here](#).

Council Discusses Strategies for Regulating Dockless Vehicles in Addison

Addison has been approached by several companies who are interested in placing scooters and bikes around town, a popular trend in neighboring cities. During the work session on November 27, Assistant Director of Development Services Charles Goff presented some background on bike-sharing and scooter-sharing programs and provided an overview on how other cities are regulating dockless vehicles. Council plans to continue to explore this topic.

You can watch [Council's discussion on dockless vehicles here](#).

Spruill Dog Park Naming Policy Amended to Lower Minimum Donation for Businesses



At the February 28, 2017 meeting, Council approved an amendment to the naming and recognition policy for city-owned improvements at Spruill Dog Park.

The former policy allowed for two levels of recognition:

- Individuals may donate a minimum of \$100 and receive recognition on a brick paver.
- Individuals or businesses who donate a minimum of \$1,000 are eligible for recognition on an individual flagstone.

Several businesses have expressed an interest in donating \$100 for a brick paver, which is currently not allowed in the policy. The Legacy Foundation, who accepts the Spruill Dog Park donations, requested that Council consider amending the naming policy to lower the minimum donation for businesses from \$1,000 to \$100. Council considered the request at the November 27 meeting and voted to amend the policy and lower the minimum donation for businesses.

Donations for Spruill Dog Park are tax deductible and should be coordinated with the Addison Legacy Foundation.

You can watch [Council's discussion on the Spruill Park naming and recognition policy here.](#)

Finance Department Delivers Strong Fourth Quarter Financial Report

At the November 27 Council Meeting, Budget Manager Terri Doby delivered the fourth quarter [financial](#) and [investment](#) reports to Council. The financial report highlights included:

- Overall General Fund revenues are up approximately 0.3% compared to the prior year, sales tax collections are up approximately 17.2% compared to the prior year, and expenditures for the various departments are on pace with or below their respective budgets.
- Hotel occupancy tax revenues are 7.5% lower than last year; however, expenditures are 12.3% less than the fiscal year 2018 budgeted amounts.
- Airport fund revenues are up 13.6% principally due to the receipt of insurance proceeds; however, rental income is 2.4% more than in fiscal year 2017.

- Expenditures for 2018 were 2.8% lower than actual expenditures for FY 2017.
- Utility fund revenues are 8.5% more than fiscal year 2017. As a part of the adopted fiscal year 2018 budget, utility rates were increased approximately 5%. Operating expenses are also 11.2% higher than in fiscal year 2017 as a result of increases in the cost of water from the City of Dallas, wastewater treatment, and the legal expenses related to the Landmark lawsuit.
- Stormwater revenues are 102.1% of the fiscal year 2018 budget while operating expenses remain below the fiscal year 2018 budgeted amounts.

You can watch [Council's discussion on the fourth quarter financial report here](#).

Council Authorizes City Manager to Amend Farmers Branch Creek Permit

The Town of Addison holds a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Water Rights Permit for Farmers Branch Creek where it runs through Addison around Vitruvian Park. The permit allows the Town to impound water in the two reservoirs for public park purposes. The permit also contains several Special Conditions that must be met in order for the Town to be in compliance with the permit requirements. Among other conditions listed in the permit, the Town is required to keep the reservoirs in good working condition so that all State water is passed downstream from the park area; provide and maintain an alternative source of water from a well drilled to the Trinity Aquifer; and provide a riparian buffer zone that will consist of permanent native vegetation at a density that will ensure complete coverage at maturity.

In order to amend the Town's permit to comply with the [agreement with Farmers Branch](#), TCEQ requires that the application be signed by a duly authorized official. At the November 27 Council Meeting, Council authorized City Manager Wes Pierson to sign the application on the behalf of the Town.

Public Hearing

The following public hearing will be held at the December 11 City Council Meeting. City Council Meetings are held at Addison Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road. [Agendas are posted here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Case 1788-Z/CTL Medical. Public hearing to approve an Ordinance changing the zoning on the property located at 4550 Excel Parkway, by amending the use regulations of Planned Development (PD) District 085-073, as previously amended by Ordinances 095-054, 096-006, 099-025, and 007-007, to allow the production, assembly, and distribution of spinal fixation systems.

Public Safety

Big Weekend for Toys for Tots



On December 2 and 3, Addison Fire Department partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps to collect toys and donations for Toys for Tots at the intersection of Belt Line Road and the Dallas North Tollway. Thanks to our generous community, they collected \$30,000 and a lobby full of toys. Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for children throughout North Texas.

Santa's Heroes Are Back



The Town of Addison Police Department and Fire Department have partnered up for Santa's Heroes Toy Drive once again this year. Please donate new and unwrapped toys for all ages by December 14 in any Town building or local businesses [on this list!](#) If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Keith at dkeith@addisontx.gov.

Around Town

Getting Ready for 2019 Spring Bloom



On Monday, December 10, the Parks crew will be planting 46,000 tulip and daffodil bulbs all around Town for the 2019 spring bloom!

2018 Holiday Brunch & Open House



More than 1,000 residents joined in the fun at the annual Addison Holiday Brunch and Open House at the Addison Conference and Theatre Centre on Sunday, December 2. The ice skating rink and the inflatable snow globes were big hits this year, but of course the longest line was for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Conference Centre staff is working hard to make sure your Santa photos are mailed out before Christmas.

Another Successful Year for Run the Lights



On Friday, November 30, the [Addison Legacy Foundation](#) hosted Run the Lights, its annual 5K and Fun Run. The sold-out event attracted more than 1,700 runners who wound their way through the Vitruvian Lights holiday light display. Support from sponsors such as Oncor, Methodist Hospital, Bitter Sisters, Addison Coffee Roasters and La Comida, together with an army of volunteers, made this event a great success. Congratulations to the Legacy Foundation!

Adopt-A-Park Recap





Eight residents joined Addison Parks staff and Council Members Ivan Hughes, Guillermo Quintanilla, and Marlin Willesen on Saturday, December 1 for the Adopt-A-Park Cleanup Day in Winnwood Park and along the White Rock Creek Trail. The crew collected trash, but also debris that was blocking the trail. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

Arbor Foundation Celebrates Giving Day by Giving Back to Parks and Infrastructure Employees



In honor of Giving Tuesday, the Addison Arbor Foundation provided treats for the Addison Parks and Recreation and Infrastructure staff at the Addison Athletic Club on Tuesday, November 27. Thanks to the [Addison Arbor Foundation](#) for showing appreciation to our team!

Don't Miss Vitruvian Lights



The most dazzling and spectacular time of the year is here! Vitruvian Park transforms into a magical holiday wonderland during Vitruvian Lights from now through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. It's free to walk or drive through the park to enjoy the lights.

The event scheduled for Saturday, December 8 has been canceled due to inclement weather. Please check vitruvianpark.com for possible rescheduling dates.



**Saturday, November 23 -
Tuesday, January 1**
Vitruvian Lights
Vitruvian Way
3966 Vitruvian Way

Tuesday, December 11
City Council Meeting
Addison Town Hall
5300 Belt Line Road
7:30pm
[Agenda will be posted here three days prior to the meeting.](#)

Important Links and Numbers

Town Hall:
972.450.7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972.450.7156

Missed Trash:
972.392.9300

Athletic Club:
972.450.7048

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