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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

November 30, 2018

Council Updates

Moody's Upgrades Addison's Credit Rating to Aaa

Addison has had an AAA credit rating from Standard and Poor's, but we are pleased to announced that Moody's is upgrading our rating from Aa1 to Aaa, the highest rating they issue. According to Moody's [press release](#), the upgrade to Aaa reflects a sustained history of healthy financial operations supported by conservative planning and budgeting practices. It goes on to say that the stable rating outlook reflects the Town's healthy local economy that should continue to benefit in the near to medium term from residential and commercial development, and a strong financial position that should remain stable supported by prudent fiscal practices and a proactive management team.

Standard and Poor's has also recently [reaffirmed Addison's AAA rating](#).

Council Seeks Volunteers for Bond Committee

At the November 27 Council Meeting, the Council discussed the possibility of a 2019 bond program. As part of that program, Council also discussed forming a Bond Advisory Committee to help prioritize projects. The projects being considered impact our roads, parks, and municipal buildings. Both residents and members of the business community are encouraged to participate. If you are interested in being considered for this committee, please fill out [this short form](#). The deadline for applications has been extended to December 5.

We anticipate that the committee members will need to be available for one to two meetings per month from January through April. Council plans to consider appointments as early as the December 11 Council Meeting. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

You can watch the discussion [here](#) and view the presentation [here](#).

Oktoberfest Recap



Addison Oktoberfest is one of four major special events the Town produces each year. The four-day festival focuses on promoting tourism for the Town and is recognized as one of the most authentic Oktoberfest celebrations outside of Germany.

This year, the event was held on September 20-23 at Addison Circle Park. An historic rain event caused severe flooding and unsafe conditions in the park, resulting in an early closure on September 21 and cancellation on September 22. These closures affected the overall attendance and revenue for the 2018 festival. At the November 27 Council Meeting, Special Events Director Jasmine Lee and Accounting Supervisor Ashley Boatright shared an event recap with Council. You can watch the discussion [here](#) and view the presentation [here](#).

Judge Thaddeus Iwuji Resigns

Alternate Judge Thaddeus Iwuji was re-appointed as a Municipal Court Alternate Judge on October 23, 2018 for a term beginning on January 1, 2019. Mr. Iwuji was subsequently offered a full-time judge position with the City of Fort Worth. Mr. Iwuji notified the Town of his resignation on November 6, 2018, which was effective immediately.

Staff will recommend a process to Council for selecting a second alternate judge in January.

Public Safety

Addison Police Officers Recognized at Council Meeting



At the November 13 Council Meeting, Police Chief Paul Spencer presented several awards to Addison Police Officers for their outstanding efforts. Sergeant Coffelt and Officer Guemmer (not pictured) were presented with Life Saving Awards and Sergeant Helton, Officers Rivera, Rinehart, Aller, and Castaneda with Certificates of Merit for their quick actions on September 21, when officers responded to a shooting at a local hotel. The Addison Fire Department and hospital medical staff confirmed that APD's teamwork and quick response saved the life of the victim.



Officer Minwell was also awarded a Life Saving Award for his quick actions on August 24 when Addison officers responded to an attempted suicide at the DART Transit Center. Officer Minwell was the first person to arrive on the scene and his swift response is credited for saving the man's life.

Chief Spencer shared that the bravery, dedication, and professionalism of all of the award recipients are a testament to the character of all Addison's public safety professionals.

Join us as we congratulate these officers on a job well done!

Santa's Heroes is 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.

Don't Miss Coffee with a Cop



Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation on Saturday, December 1 from 11am - 1pm at Starbucks at 15099 Midway Road. This is your chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood! If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Keith at dkeith@addisontx.gov or call 972-450-7153.

Business Pulse

A Visit to Bottle Rocket Studios



The Addison Economic Development and Tourism Department, together with Mayor Joe Chow, paid a visit to [Bottle Rocket Studios](#) and met with Founder and CEO Calvin Carter and Office Experience Coordinator Greer Garland. Bottle Rocket is an international, multi-disciplinary mobile studio that connects future-focused brands to their customers through mobile experiences. Bottle Rocket occupies two floors at the Aberdeen Building with nearly 300 employees. We are proud to have Calvin and Bottle Rocket in Addison!

Around Town

Nature-Inspired Holiday Decorations



Make your holidays cheery and bright while you indulge your creative side. Learn how to create festive and organic holiday decorations with natural elements from Acorns to Zinnias. Many thanks to the Addison Arbor Foundation for offering these free classes to our community.

Saturday, December 1
9:30am - 11am
Addison Athletic Club
3900 Beltway Drive

The class is free, but registration required but space is limited. You can [register here!](#)

2018 Holiday Brunch & Open House



The Addison City Council invites Addison residents to the 2018 annual Addison Holiday Brunch & Open House at the Addison Conference Centre on Sunday, December 2 from 10am - 2pm. Complimentary photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as holiday music, ice skating, and children's arts and crafts will be available.

Please RSVP by November 30 [online](#) or by calling 972-450-7025. Also, please feel free to bring a new and unwrapped toy for the Santa's Heroes Toy Drive!

** Note this event is limited to Addison residents and their families and Town employees and their families. It is not open to the general public.*

Adopt-A-Park Cleanup Day



Join us on Saturday, December 1 from 10am - Noon for a community Adopt-A-Park cleanup day in Winnwood Park and along the White Rock Creek Trail. Volunteers can park at Town of Addison Finance Building located at 5350 Belt Line Road. This volunteer opportunity will require a lot of walking and trash pick-up so please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a pair of gloves. The Town will also have a limited supply of gloves available for use.

The Addison Adopt-A-Park Program is a joint effort between the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and everyday citizens just like you. Its purpose is to reduce litter, remove debris that could end up in our waterways while saving operational costs by partnering with community groups to clean up Town Parks, trails, and planting beds.

All interested volunteers should fill out and bring [this form](#) with them on Saturday morning.

Get All Your Questions About the New Utility Billing Platform Answered at the December 6 Open House

This week, Addison launched a new utility billing platform. All November utility bills were mailed to customers (no electronic bills were sent). Customers will need to register on the [new platform](#) to re-register for e-bills and enroll in the automatic credit card payments program. You can find detailed directions and videos on the [Addison website](#).

The Finance Department is also hosting an Open House at the Addison Athletic Club on **Thursday, December 6 from 9am - 11am and 1pm - 4pm** for anyone who would prefer personal assistance. They are also available by phone Monday - Friday from 8am - 5pm by calling 972-450-7081.

Have You Seen the New Art Sculpture?



The Addison Arbor Foundation (AAF) and the Town of Addison are pleased to announce the fourteenth public art installation sponsored by AAF. AAF commissioned emerging artist Pascale Pryor to create a mixed media sculpture for Bosque Park, located at the southwest corner of Quorum Drive and Morris Avenue.

Ms. Pryor is based in Dallas and creates sculptures in steel as well as art works that combine steel and glass. The Bosque Park piece stands about 7.5 feet tall and incorporates blue and green slab glass in an intricate pattern with a rim of corten steel.

New Art Exhibit by Fran Powell Coming Soon to the Addison Conference Centre



Visit the Addison Conference and Theatre Centre to see the latest Addison Art display by artist Fran Powell from December 11 through January 31. On Wednesday, December 12 from 6pm - 8pm, stop by the Conference Centre for an Opening Reception and meet the artist. Due to the busy meeting and event schedule at the Conference Centre, please call 972-450-6241 for available viewing times.

Three 35-Year Employees Recognized



Parks Contracts & Forestry Manager Ron Lee, Fire Equipment Operator/Paramedic Larry Sparks, and Senior Building Inspector Bruce Ellis (not pictured above) were recognized at the Employee Meritorious Luncheon on November 15 for 35 years of service with the Town of Addison. Thank you for your incredible commitment to the Addison community.

Jason Shroyer Named Employee of the Quarter



At the Employee Meritorious Luncheon on November 15, Assistant Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Services Jason Shroyer was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter.

Jason was responsible for overseeing the complicated Belt Line Road utility undergrounding and overlay projects for the past five years. Not only did he visit the site on an almost daily basis to monitor progress, but he was also able to address the concerns and issues that came up. We appreciate his role and efforts to help make Addison a better place to live, work, and play. Congratulations, Jason!



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

Saturday, December 1
Coffee with a Cop
Starbucks
15099 Midway Road
11am - 1pm

Saturday, December 1
Nature-Inspired Holiday Decorations
Vitruvian Way
3966 Vitruvian Way
7:30pm
[Register Here](#)

Sunday, December 2
Holiday Brunch & Open House
Addison Conference Centre
15650 Addison Road
10am - 2pm
[RSVP Here](#)

Saturday, December 1
Adopt-a-Park Cleanup Day
White Rock Trail
10am - noon
Park at the Addison Finance Building

Wednesday, December 5
Mayor's Coffee
Dunn Brothers
3725 Belt Line Road
10am - 11:30am

5350 Belt Line Road

Important Links and Numbers

Town Hall:
972.450.7000

[Volunteer](#)

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972.450.7156

[List of Restaurants](#)

[Addison News Blog](#)

Missed Trash:
972.392.9300

[Watch City Council Meetings](#)

Athletic Club:
972.450.7048

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