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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

November 2, 2018

Council Updates

Mayor's Coffee Moved to November 14

Please note that the Mayor's coffee scheduled for November 7 had been moved to Tuesday, November 14 at 10am at Dunn Brothers Coffee.

Addison Rolls Out New Utility Billing Platform with November Bills

Beginning in November, Addison's utility billing platform will have a new look. In an effort to offer enhanced services for our customers, maintain security, and streamline operations, Addison is moving all utility billing to a new platform.

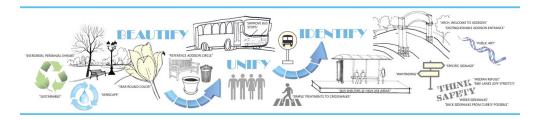
This new change may require some action on the part of our customers when you receive your **November bill.** For example, if you currently pay through our utility billing portal, you will be required to re-register. If you pay through your bank's bill pay system, you will need to update your account number.

All November invoices will be mailed and no automatic credit card payments will be made – there will not be any e-bills distributed. If you currently receive e-bills and would like to continue to do so, you will need to opt in on the new system. If your payment is automatically charged to your credit card, that payment will not happen with the new system until you register on the new portal and re-enroll.

Your November utility bill will include detailed instructions to guide you through the process. We will also have staff available on Thursday, December 6 from 9am -11am and 1pm - 4pm at the Addison Athletic Club to assist you. Staff is also available by phone at 972.450.7081. Thank you for your assistance as we work to improve our service.

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Belt Line 1.5 Update



At its October 23 work session, Council received an update from Director of Parks and Recreation Janna Tidwell on the progress of the Belt Line beautification program, also known as Belt Line 1.5. The special project committee appointed by Council has met five times, there have been five public input opportunities, and there was a survey recently on gateway monument options. The consultant selected for the project, Pacheco Koch, designed three levels of improvement options based on the input they have received. The designs offer low, medium, and high conceptual designs that focused on beautification of intersections, right—of—way, and found spaces and the addition of bus shelters. Council discussed the schematic design recommendations and provided feedback on the project moving forward. You can read the presentation here and watch the discussion here.

Appointment and Reappointments Made to Planning and Zoning and Board of Zoning Appeals

The Planning and Zoning Commission has three members whose terms expire on December 31, 2018. Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Walden and Council Members Guillermo Quintanilla and Marlin Willesen were responsible for making appointments to fill these vacancies at the October 23 Council Meeting. They chose to reappoint Kathryn Wheeler (Willesen), Linda Groce (Quintanilla), and John Meleky (Walden) for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2019. You can watch the discussion here.

These same council members also appointed members to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). Larry Brown (Willesen) and Peggy Gilchrist-Ploss (Quintanilla) were reappointed. Paul Walden selected Chris DeFrancisco to replace Troy Cooper, who has already served the maximum allowed consecutive terms. The two-year BZA terms will also begin on January 1, 2019. You can watch the discussion here.

Many thanks to our residents who volunteer their time to help make Addison a great place to live, work, and play!

Council Approves Funding for Non-Profit Organizations

At the October 23 meeting, Council approved funding for various non-profit organizations that support the Addison community. Council considered funding requests as part of the fiscal year 2019 budget process.

Cavanaugh Flight Museum: \$50,000Addison Arbor Foundation: \$35,000

The Family Place: \$2,500Woven Health Clinic: \$5,000

Business Pulse

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First TreeHouse Pumpkin Carving Contest



Entrepreneurs at the Addison TreeHouse had a creative battle on Thursday, October 25 in the first ever TreeHouse Pumpkin Carving Contest. They competed in categories for the most creative, scariest, and most likely to get smashed. The contest was held to build community, camaraderie, and collaboration among the local entrepreneurs. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

A Visit to Compass Datacenters



On Wednesday, October 31, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr met with company executives from Compass Datacenters. Compass Datacenters builds and manages data centers throughout the country, and is relocating its corporate headquarters to Addison's newest office building, Fourteen555 early next year. For more information on what the company does, visit compassdatacenters.com.

Public Safety Update

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Court Operations Temporarily Relocated

Beginning Friday, November 2, Municipal Court operations are being temporarily relocated to the Police Records Department, which is located around the corner from their current offices. We are in the process of remodeling the Municipal Court work area to improve security until December 10. Court hours will remain 7:30am – 4:30pm during construction. Thanks for your patience.

Addison Fire Department Recognitions





On October 24, Addison Fire Department C-Shift crew members were awarded with a Unit Citation for their lifesaving efforts during a recent emergency call. Their quick actions were responsible for saving a life during an emergency incident on September 21. Congratulations to Fire Equipment Operator Josh Bethel and Firefighter/Paramedics Jake Anderson, Deb Schwartz, Roy Luevano, and Curt Sanders!

Welcome Back

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Addison Fire Department FEO/Paramedic John Peskuski has been on military leave since early fall 2017 and will return to duty in early November. During his deployment, he was awarded his second Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Addison Police Detective Scott Marshall also recently returned from active duty where he served as the Executive Officer of Naval Operational Support Center in Austin. Lieutenant Commander Marshall was tasked with overseeing the training of 250 reserve sailors including the oversight of a two million dollar training budget. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for the work he completed and was

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selected for promotion to Commander in December.

Welcome back, John and Scott, and thank you for your service.

Around Town

Town Meeting Recap



Thank you to all the residents who attended the annual Fall Town Meeting on Monday, October 29 at the Addison Conference and Theatre Centre. Addison's City Council Members gave updates on infrastructure projects, parks, public safety, and economic development, among other things. If you missed the meeting, you can watch it here (we apologize in advance for the echo), you can watch it on the Town Facebook page, or read the presentation here.

Construction to begin on Beltway Road

The Town is enhancing the stormwater system to address flooding issues in the Midway Meadows neighborhood. Starting the beginning of November, expect lane closures on Beltway Drive just east of Fire Station #2 near the trail crossing as Addison's contractor continues work installing a larger stormwater system from Belt Line Road, along Redding Trail, to the intersection of Winter Park and Sherlock Drive. They will be installing a manhole on Beltway Drive to allow access to the new stormwater system. The contractor is required to keep enough room for emergency vehicles and at least one lane open at all times. The Redding Trail just south of Beltway Drive will be closed in the next week as construction continues south along the trail. The construction is expected to take several weeks.

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve Addison.

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Annual Craft Fair at the Addison Athletic Club



Getting ready to shop for the holidays? Stop by the Annual Addison Craft Fair on November 10 from 9am-2pm at the Addison Athletic Club for some homemade goodies! The event is free and open to the public. If you're interested in being a vendor, please sign up at the Addison Athletic Club front desk for a table and space. It's \$10 to participate, and only one table per resident is allowed. Please note that only Addison residents can sign up to be vendors, but the event is open to the public.

Don't Miss the Addison Circle Tree Lighting

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First Urban Artist Market a Big Success

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On Friday, October 26, Mayor Joe Chow and Council Members Ivan Hughes and Guillermo Quintanilla were among the first to view the locally-sourced art, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, libations, and desserts featured at the first Urban Artist Market at the Addison Conference Centre. Ticket proceeds from Friday night's reception benefitted Metrocrest Services. In case you missed it, you can see a recap here.



Friday, November 2 - Sunday, November 4

WTT Presents: A Doll's House
Addison Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road
See showtimes and ticket info

Saturday, November 10
Annual Craft Fair
Addison Athletic Club

Saturday, November 10

Cavanaugh Flight Museum
25th Anniversary Celebration
Cavanaugh Flight Museum
4572 Claire Chennault St
Get details at cavflight.org

Wednesday, November 14

Coffee with the Mayor - Rescheduled from November 7 Dunn Brothers Coffee *|MC:SUBJECT|*
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3900 Beltway Drive 9am-2pm 3725 Belt Line Road 10am

Important Links and Numbers

Town Hall: Sign up for <u>Addison Alerts</u>

972.450.7000

List of Restaurants

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:

<u>972.450.7156</u> <u>Addison News Blog</u>

Missed Trash: Watch City Council Meetings

972.392.9300

Community Crime Map

Athletic Club:

972.450.7048 Addison's PEG Channel

(channel 99 for AT&T subscribers, channel 16 for

Pay a utility bill Spectrum subscribers)

<u>Volunteer</u> <u>Register your Security Alarm</u>

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