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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

March 30, 2018

Council Updates

Farmers Branch Creek Dispute Continues

Over the past few years, the Town has been in a dispute with Farmers Branch over the impact of the Vitruvian development on Farmers Branch Creek that has yet to be resolved. Recent attempts to settle the dispute have unfortunately not been successful. As a result, over the span of five days beginning last Thursday, five letters were couriered to Addison cancelling/amending long-standing services between our two cities. Two of the changes directly impact resident services: [the cancellation of our contract for library services](#) and [the implementation of a \\$500 annual fee for Addison seniors to use the Farmers Branch Senior Center](#). (See links to Addison's responses at the end of the article.)

In addition, Farmers Branch indicated they will not participate in the [rebuilding of Midway Road](#), have terminated an agreement to share [refrigerated storage for dead animal disposal](#), and have given us an unreasonable deadline to fix an [unmetered Addison sewer line that flows into Farmers Branch's sewer system](#) and has since the early 1990s.

The goal of these actions by Farmers Branch's Council is to attempt to exert political pressure on the Addison City Council to make a decision that is not in the best interest of Addison residents.

Farmers Branch has a flier at their Senior Center informing residents that Addison is polluting Farmers Branch Creek despite an "official ruling." There has not been any such ruling and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has never issued any water quality violations against the Town.

Addison staff is doing everything we can to make alternative service arrangements with other neighboring communities for our residents. While we are no longer issuing Farmers Branch library cards, if you currently have a Farmers Branch Library card you can use it until it expires. We will continue to issue vouchers for Dallas Public Library cards. There is a TexShare program available through the Dallas Public Library that will allow Addison residents to access library services at 500 libraries across the state, including those in Farmers Branch and Carrollton. You can get more information on the TexShare

program [here](#).

While we are looking at additional programming options for seniors at the Addison Athletic Club, we would also encourage our seniors who use the Farmers Branch Senior Center to explore the [senior centers](#) in Carrollton, Richardson, and Coppell that offer much more reasonable non-resident fees. We hope you will share with us what types of programs you would like to see in Addison so we can do our best to accommodate your requests. Please share your thoughts with Deena Israel at disrael@addisontx.gov.

We have created some [FAQs](#) to give you more details about the Farmers Branch Creek dispute. We want to make sure our residents understand the facts of the situation. Addison has repeatedly attempted to resolve this dispute with Farmers Branch but to no avail. We remain committed to acting in a fiscally responsible manner and in the best interests of the Town, the community, and the region.

If you have any further questions, please contact Town Hall at 972.450.7000 or email Director of Public Communications Mary Rosenbleeth at mrosenbleeth@addisontx.gov.

Additional Information

[FAQs](#)

Addison's Responses to Farmers Branch's Letters

- [Library Services](#)
- [Senior Center](#)
- [Midway Road](#)
- [Refrigerated Storage](#)
- [Sewer Line](#)

[Response to Farmers Branch flier distributed at March 27 Addison City Council Meeting](#)

Council Authorizes City Manager to Settle Wind Turbine Lawsuit

At the February 27 City Council Meeting, Council authorized City Manager Wes Pierson to settle the wind turbine lawsuit. We are currently working to resolve a disagreement related to the details of the removal of the wind turbine system. We are endeavoring to ensure that the agreement is done right. We will share the final agreement as soon as it is complete.

Addison Circle Fountains to Get Splash Pad Capabilities As Part of Repairs



At a [December 12, 2017 Council Work Session](#), staff presented an extensive review of the many leakage problems related to the interactive display fountains at Addison Circle Park and provided a range of repair options from removing the fountains to modernizing them. Later in a [February 27 Council Work Session](#), staff presented additional research and the cost/benefit analysis of the options identified by Council during the December meeting. Council approved a resolution at the March 27 Council Meeting that directs staff to move forward with a repair and modernization plan that also includes the addition of a filtration system to support a splash pad area. Even though many area children have played in the fountains in the past, the fountains did not have the correct filtration system to support use of the fountain as a splash pad use. This new Addison Circle amenity will be a huge hit with Addison's youngest residents!

Last Day To Register To Vote April 5



Not sure if you are registered to vote in the May 5 Addison election? April 5 is the last day you can register and still be eligible. Check out the [Dallas County Elections website](#) for all the details on your registration status and how you can register. Early voting for the May 5 election will take place from April 23 until May 1 at Fire Station 1 at 4709 Airport Parkway.

Public Safety

Lage and Tomlinson Complete National Fire Academy "Managing Officer Program"

At the March 27 City Council meeting, Fire Chief David Jones recognized Addison Fire Department members Captain John Lage and Fire Equipment Operator Tim Tomlinson for successfully completing the two-year "Managing Officer Program" with the National Fire Academy.

This accomplishment represents their commitment to strive for personal and professional excellence, and a desire to enhance their department and community. We appreciate their commitment to this program and their dedication to our community. Congratulations!

<p>Around Town</p>

Metrocrest Services Holds 13th Annual Keyholder Breakfast

On Thursday, March 29, Metrocrest Services held their 13th annual Keyholder breakfast at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The biggest fundraiser of the year for this important non-profit organization, last year's event sponsors and attendees generated over \$110,000 to support Metrocrest Services programs that benefited area families and seniors throughout the year. They hope to have exceeded that goal this year. Addison

was well represented at the event by Mayor Pro Tempore Ivan Hughes, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Duffy, and Council Members Al Angell, Tom Braun, Paul Walden, and Lori Ward.

Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Hosts State of Poverty



On Tuesday, March 27, the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce hosted a conversation at Brookhaven College between City Square COO John Siburt and Metrocrest Services CEO Tracy Eubanks on the State of Poverty. The program shed light on a growing problem not only in Dallas, but also in the Metrocrest area. More than 60% of all Carrollton/Farmers Branch students live at or below the poverty line and homelessness among area youth continues to be one of the fastest growing segments. Mayor Pro Tempore Ivan Hughes and Council Member Al Angell were among the more than 100 business leaders in attendance.

Belt Line Road Overlay Project Update



The Belt Line Road Overlay Project start date has been moved to early April. Because the milling and overlay work crosses a DART-owned railroad just west of Addison Road on Belt Line, the staff of the Town's contractor, TexasBit, are required to attend a railroad safety course which has taken longer than expected to schedule. In the meantime, Addison staff is reviewing TexasBit's traffic control plan to ensure they adhere to the Town's specifications to minimize the impact of traffic on the community.

Town staff will be providing regular updates on the status of this project via the following mediums:

- **TEXT ALERTS:** Opt-in by texting “**BeltLine**” (no space) to **888-777** (word is not case sensitive)
- **EMAIL UPDATES:** Register at bit.ly/BLRUpdates (link IS case sensitive)
- **WEBSITE:** Visit www.Addisontexas.net
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Follow **Town of Addison** on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)

If you would like to speak with a Town representative regarding the Belt Line Road Overlay Project, please contact Streets and Stormwater Manager Todd Weinheimer at 972.450.2841 or email him at tweinheimer@addisontx.gov.

How Can We Improve Addison's Parks and Recreation Opportunities?



Addison is updating its Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. The plan will guide future improvements to our parks, recreation facilities, trails and greenbelts, programs, and events. We want to know what's important to you. Please take a few minutes to complete our short [online survey](#) and be registered to win special event ticket packages and Active Addison swag! The survey will close in a few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Janna Tidwell at jtidwell@addisontx.gov or 972.450.2869.

Belt Line Road Streetscape Public Input Workshop: Defining the Parameters Tuesday, April 3



The Parks Department is hosting a public input workshop on the Belt Line Road beautification project on Tuesday, April 3, at the Addison Athletic Club. This meeting will be the first of a series of input opportunities for the community on how to enhance the overall appearance of Belt Line Road from Marsh Lane to Midway Road. There will be two time slots in which the community is invited to attend: 5pm - 6pm and 7pm - 8pm. The Town will give an overview of the current Belt Line Road projects, define the objective of the Belt Line Road Streetscape project, and the consultant, Pachecho Koch, will define the

process for the project and begin to gather initial thoughts from the community. We encourage you to attend and have a voice in beautifying this important road within our Town.



Tuesday, April 3

Belt Line Road Public Input Workshop

5pm - 8pm
Addison Athletic Club
3900 Beltway Drive

Wednesday, April 4

First Wednesday Coffee with the Mayor

Dunn Brothers Coffee
10am
3725 Belt Line Road

Important Links and Numbers

Town Hall:
[972.450.7000](tel:972.450.7000)

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
[972.450.7156](tel:972.450.7156)

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