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## A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

## **Council Updates**

# Council Authorizes City Manager to Settle Wind Turbine Lawsuit

Following an Executive Session during the February 27 City Council Meeting, the Council authorized City Manager Wes Pierson to settle the two-year-old wind turbine lawsuit with Landmark Structures, L.P., Freese and Nichols, Inc., and Urban Green Energy pursuant to the terms discussed in Executive Session. The details of the settlement agreement are still in the process of being finalized. Once complete, the Town will share what it can as soon as it can. You can watch the Council directive <a href="https://executive.com/here">here</a>.

#### **Council Gets Asset Management Update**

In May 2017, the City Council approved a contract with Kayuga Solutions to develop a comprehensive Asset Management Plan (AMP). The goal of an AMP is to consolidate asset knowledge in a database that allows the Town to assess risk, to prioritize needs based on risk, and to plan for maintenance and replacement of the Town's physical assets.

During a work session prior to the March 6 Council meeting, Kayuga Solutions provided a progress report. To date, the March 9, 2018



Sunday, March 11
Daylight Savings Begins
Don't forget to spring your
clocks forward one hour.

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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Kayuga team has logged more than 38,000 Town assets including everything from buildings, bridges, and fleet vehicles to picnic tables and drinking fountains. Kayuga estimates the replacement value of all of Addison's assets to be \$450 million.

Phase one of the project will be complete by the end of April. Phase two includes evaluating the Airport and the Town's stormwater system.

You can read the presentation <u>here</u> and watch the discussion <u>here.</u>

#### The Future of Midway Road Trees

On November 3, 2017, staff and Council walked along Midway Road to look at the impact of the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) on the trees along Midway Road when that street is reconstructed. The MTP was approved in November 2015 and updated the requirements for the width of streets, as well as the width and location of the pedestrian amenities along those streets, including sidewalks. The plan also identified Midway Road as a corridor for an off-street trail.

Following the tour, staff commissioned a consulting arborist to inspect the trees along Midway Road for overall health, remaining life expectancy, and feasibility of transplantation. Based on this assessment, he identified two dozen shade trees that rated "good" in three categories: health, structure, and prognosis of survivability. During the work session, Council directed staff to proceed with the implementation of the MTP along Midway Road as adopted, but to take steps to preserve as many of the trees identified by the arborist as is reasonable.

The Town will be adding new trees back to the roadway based on the spacing specified in its landscape ordinance, which will create a more uniform look for this major Addison artery. Staff is working to finalize the timeline for the project.

You can read the presentation <u>here</u> and watch the discussion here.

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## Planning and Zoning Chair Delivers 2017 Annual Report

Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) Chair Kathryn Wheeler delivered the commission's <u>annual report</u> to Council at the March 6 meeting. She shared that during 2017, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed 23 cases including ten zoning changes, seven special use permits, five plats, and one comprehensive plan amendment.

The three notable developments P&Z heard last year -14555 Dallas Parkway, AMLI, and Elan Addison Grove - collectively add over 500,000 square feet of office space and 670 new housing units to the community, which will provide a significant increase to the Town's tax base.

Many thanks to all our P&Z Commissioners for dedicating your time and talents to Addison. You can watch the discussion <u>here</u>.

#### **Council Appoints Members to Economic Development Special Project Committee**

At the second meeting in January, Council approved a contract for the development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan. At the March 6 meeting, Council appointed twelve members to serve on the Economic Development Strategic Plan Special Project Committee:

Sabina Bradbury
David Chavez
David Collins
CJ Comu
Ralph Doherty
Adam Gordon
Casey Hasten
Ron Holley
Jeff Laceky
Judy Lembke
Kent Pierce
Mark Sommer

Thank you for volunteering to help serve Addison.

#### **Council Accepts CAFR Report**

The Addison Town Charter requires that the Town staff prepare a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which shows the status of the Town's finances. The charter also requires that the Town's financial statements be audited annually by an independent external auditing firm. The results of the independent external audit are included in the CAFR.

On March 6, Addison's auditors BDK, LLP, an independent firm of licensed certified public accountants, shared with Council that it has issued an unmodified option, which means that the financial statements are presented, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable financial reporting framework. Simply stated, an unmodified opinion is a clean opinion.

You can watch the discussion here.

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#### **Council Candidates Draw For Places on the Ballot**

Recently the council candidates for the May 5 election drew names for their placement on the ballot. Below is the order in which they will appear:

Lesli A. Gray Mike White Sheila Barkofske Paul Walden Guillermo Quintanilla John Price Marlin Willesen

Early voting will take place from Monday, April 23 - Tuesday, May 1. You can get more details on polling times and locations <u>here</u>.

#### **Public Safety**





Addison Fire Department's Truck 101 was featured in the latest issue of the *Fire Apparatus* magazine released earlier this week. This is the only industry magazine written exclusively for fire chiefs, commissioners, and those whose job it is to buy trucks, tools, turnout gear, firefighting equipment, and more. You can see the full magazine article <a href="here">here</a>. Congratulations to Addison's Fire Department!

## **Around Town**

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Join the Addison Athletic Club as it celebrates National Nutrition Month. Each week they will be sharing nutrition-related posts on everything from proteins and carbohydrates to fats and dining out on their <a href="Facebook"><u>Facebook</u></a> page. Make sure you follow them to get all the scoop.

**Arbor Foundation Celebrates Arbor Day** 

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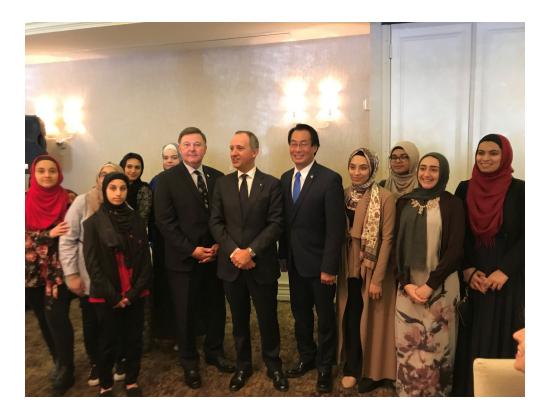




At the quarterly Addison Arbor Foundation seminar "Selection and Planting of Trees for North Texas" on March 3, Mayor Joe Chow presented Arbor Foundation members with a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day and celebrating the group's efforts to beautify Addison.

**Mayor Chow Introduces His Excellency Armando Varricchio** 

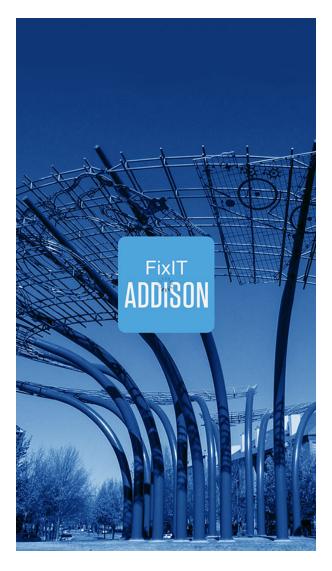
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On Wednesday, March 7, the University of Dallas' Italian Program and the World Affairs Council of Dallas partnered together to bring the Ambassador of Italy to the United States, His Excellency Armando Varricchio, to Dallas. Mayor Joe Chow had the distinct honor of introducing the ambassador during the luncheon and program held at the Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek. He was joined at the luncheon by Mayor Pro Tempore Ivan Hughes and Council Members Al Angell, Tom Braun, and Lori Ward.

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## **Download FixIt Addison App to Report Problems**



Notice a street light out, an illegally placed sign, or a stray dog? Now you can report it to the Town by using Addison's new "FixIt Addison" app. The app is available for both iPhones and Androids and allows users to either take or upload a photo and mark an exact location on a map. You don't have to log in to use the app- just open it and submit a request!

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## Stay Up To Date with The Belt Line Road Utility Undergrounding Project



Beginning mid-March, Belt Line Road will be getting a facelift. At the February 27 meeting, the City Council approved a \$2.2 million contract for an overlay of Belt Line Road from Marsh Lane to the Dallas North Tollway. The work is anticipated to take approximately four months to complete, weather permitting. The installation of ADA compliant curb ramps and concrete work will be completed between 9:30am and 3:30pm. The majority of the remaining overlay will be performed from 7:30pm to 6:30am to minimize the traffic impact 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 <a href="bit.ly/BLRUpdates">bit.ly/BLRUpdates</a> (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 <a href="mailto:tweinheimer@addisontx.gov">tweinheimer@addisontx.gov</a>.

#### **Contact DART Police with the DART Say Something App**



Have you downloaded the new DART Say Something app? It allows you to report incidents to DART Police more discreetly than making a phone call. A drop-down menu allows you to select the type of activity you want to report, as well as the location. You can submit photos and video, and there is a notes field that allows you to type any additional information before hitting "send report." The free DART Say

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Something app is available for iPhone and Android devices, and non-smartphone users can text 214.256.1819. Learn more about the DART Say Something app at <a href="dart.org">dart.org</a>.

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