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# A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

**August 3, 2018** 

### **Council Updates**

## **City Manager Submits Proposed FY2019 Budget**

Addison City Manager Wes Pierson shared his <u>proposed budget</u> for Fiscal Year 2019 with the City Council on July 31, as is required by Addison's Charter.

Over the next two months, there will be several opportunities for the public to participate in the budget process. The City Council will set a "not to exceed" tax rate at the <u>August 14 City Council Meeting</u>. Find other important budget dates <u>here</u>.

#### **Council Schedules Budget Work Sessions**

On Thursday, August 16 and Friday, August 17 from 4pm - 9pm, the Addison City Council has scheduled budget work sessions to discuss the FY2019 budget proposed by City Manager Wes Pierson. The meetings will be held at the Addison TreeHouse and are open to the public.

#### **Super 8 Motel Update**

On March 22, a fire caused extensive damage to the Super 8 Motel located at 4150 Beltway Drive. Since that time, the owner and their insurance company have been working to determine the cause and origin of the fire and to sort out the details of the insurance payment for the damage. It is not uncommon for this process to last several months. The Town is required to provide the property owner a "reasonable" amount of time to work through these matters so that a determination can be made whether the building can be salvaged or if it has to be demolished.

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The Town has now issued a notice of violation regarding this hotel in accordance with the International Property Maintenance Code. The notice of violation gives the property owner 30 days to commence demolition of the structure and 90 days, barring unusual circumstances, to complete the demolition. If this does not occur, the Town will take the lawful steps to demolish the property.

**Public Safety** 

## **AFD Uses Athletic Club Pool for Water Rescue Training**



If you were at the Addison Athletic Club on July 27, you may have been a bit surprised to see firefighters in full bunker gear jumping into the pool. It's all in the name of water rescue training! The department challenged people on their <a href="Facebook page">Facebook page</a> to comment whether the firefighter would float or sink. Want to know the answer? Check out their video <a href="here">here</a>.

**New APD Officers Get Ready to Hit the Streets** 

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On July 19, Police Chief Paul Spencer swore in Officers Aller and Ramirez as the newest members of the Addison Police Department. Both officers come to Addison with prior law enforcement experience. Officer Dowers graduated from the Police Academy on July 27, where he was his class president and the Valedictorian. Please join us in congratulating all three officers and welcoming them to Town. You will see them patrolling Addison's streets soon!

#### **Around Town**

### **Resident Survey Hits Homes Next Week**



Addison engaged ETC Institute to complete a citizen satisfaction survey, the first that Town has done in 10 years. ETC Institute will mail the survey and a cover letter (on Town letterhead) to a random sample of households in Addison. 400 households will receive a survey and postage-paid envelopes provided by ETC Institute for each respondent. These households are picked based on geographical locations to equally represent the Town. Residents who receive the survey will have the option of returning the printed

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survey by mail or completing it online. If you are one of the residents who receives the survey, we encourage you to invest a few minutes in your answers. Your responses will influence many of the decisions that will be made about the Town's future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Caitlan Biggs at cbiggs@addisontx.gov.

## **Addison Citizens Academy Registration Now Open**



The application is now open for Citizens Academy 2018! Citizens Academy is a three-day instructional program designed to provide residents of Addison with a strong working knowledge of municipal operations for the Town. The program consists of three Saturday sessions covering a variety of civic and local government topics including City Council Roles & Responsibilities, Finance, Economic Development & Tourism, Development, and Public Safety. This year's academy will be held on the following dates:

- Friday, October 26: Kick Off Dinner (6:30pm-8pm)
- Saturday, October 27: Session I (8am-5pm)
- Saturday, November 3: Session II (8am-5pm)
- Saturday, November 10: Session III (8am-5pm)
- Tuesday, November 13: Graduation (6pm-8pm)

For more information and to download the application, click here.

Students from China and Taiwan Visit Addison

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Five students from China and Taiwan who are part of an International Leadership Program through the University of Texas at Dallas Asia Center toured Addison on Tuesday, July 31 to obtain a deeper understanding of the Town's operations. Mayor Joe Chow was able to share his insight and personal experiences as a Mayor with the group.

As participants in this program, students have opportunities to explore educational options available at U.S. universities and to expand their understanding of various career disciplines. Students also gain exposure to different aspects of U.S. culture, politics and government including visits to major cities, corporations, non-profit organizations, presidential libraries and museums.

Addison Summer Series Presents Bidi Bidi Banda

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Come out tonight as we pay tribute to the Queen of Tejano Music! Addison Summer Series will feature FREE live music performed by Bidi Bidi Banda - an all-star Selena Tribute band - on Friday, August 3 at Addison Circle Park from 7-9pm. Be sure to take advantage of the nearby <u>restaurant offers</u> and <u>hotel packages</u> to stay the night afterward! Please visit <u>AddisonSummerSeries.com</u> for the full schedule and more information.

## **Belt Line Road Overlay Project Nearly Complete!**



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You're not the only one who noticed that driving on Belt Line has gotten easier and smoother! The Belt Line Overlay project will be completed this week. Staff is currently working with the contractor to schedule a final walk-through of the project to develop the punch-list.

In addition, the Belt Line Underground Electrical Project will be completed this month. The contractor is finishing the final few sections of concrete sidewalk and all work should be completed by mid-August. Staff will work with the contractor to schedule a final walk-through of the project to develop a punch-list once they are complete.

#### Vitruvian Salsa Festival



Vitruvian Salsa Festival starts this Saturday, August 4! Bring your dancing shoes to Vitruvian Park's amphitheater every Saturday in August from 6pm-10pm for the Vitruvian Salsa Festival. Enjoy live bands, DJs, salsa lessons with Luis Delgadillo of Salsa Dallas and gourmet food trucks. Get all the details at <a href="VitruvianPark.com">VitruvianPark.com</a>.



Friday, August 3

Summer Series - Bidi Bidi Banda

Addison Circle Park 4970 Addison Circle 7pm

Restaurant Specials and Hotel Packages

Saturday, August 4

Vitruvian Salsa Festival

Wednesday, August 8

Coffee with the Mayor
Dunn Brothers Coffee
3725 Belt Line Road
10am-11:30am

**Thursday, August 9** 

**Vitruvian Nights Live** 

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Vitruvian Park 3966 Vitruvian Way 6pm-10pm Vitruvian Park 3966 Vitruvian Way 7pm-9:30pm

### **Important Links and Numbers**

**Town Hall:** Sign up for Addison Alerts

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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