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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

September 14, 2018

Council Updates

Council Approved 2019 Budget and Tax Rate

At the September 11 meeting, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget and tax rate. The FY2019 tax rate of \$.55 per \$100 of valuation exceeds the effective tax rate, but is lower than the FY2019 rollback rate and remains the same as the FY2018 adopted rate. The FY2019 operating budget includes an appropriation of \$94 million plus an additional \$26 million for the Capital Improvement Projects budget. You can see the [breakdown of funds here](#) and watch Tuesday's [tax rate](#) and [budget](#) presentations on the Town's [website](#).

Impact on Average Homeowner

	FY2018	FY2019
Average Home Value	\$299,911	\$319,582
Tax Rate	55.0000	55.0000
Annual Tax Bill	\$1,649.51	\$1,757.70

The average residential taxpayer will pay approximately \$108.19 (~\$9.02 per month) more than last year, depending on their home value.



Addison and Farmers Branch Reach Agreement on Farmers Branch Creek Dispute



The Addison City Council authorized City Manager Wes Pierson to execute an agreement with the City of Farmers Branch in an effort to bring an end to the long-standing [dispute](#) over the impact of the Vitruvian development on Farmers Branch Creek. At the September 11 meeting, Mr. Pierson shared the [agreement deal points](#), which were approved by the Farmers Branch City Council earlier that day.

As part of the agreement, Addison will facilitate conveyance of property to serve as a new well site and at Addison's expense, pay for the preparation and construction of that well site. Farmers Branch will design and construct a well and water transmission line to draw water from the Trinity Aquifer to replace water at the Vitruvian Reservoirs. Addison will pay 100% of the operational costs for the Trinity Well associated with meeting Addison's minimum annual requirement under our Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permit. Farmers Branch will pay 100% of the operational costs for the Trinity Well for

water that is pumped in excess of that minimum. Addison's permit requires us to pump approximately 2 million gallons of water annually, depending on evaporation. In 2017, Addison pumped 10,724,195 gallons. The existing well will remain in place to serve as a backup as necessary.

Addison will also seed the existing bermuda grass areas around Vitruvian pond with native grasses between the concrete pond edge and the sidewalk beginning with the growing season of 2019 to create an added riparian buffer.

Finally, Farmers Branch will convey to Addison their portion of Midway Road, which consists of the easternmost northbound lane from Spring Valley to just south of Zoli's restaurant.

Addison staff will now work with TCEQ to finalize the enforcement actions related to the draft agreed order that was remanded back to TCEQ staff in February 2017. Once finalized, this will be shared with the public. Staff will also work with TCEQ to amend Addison's permit to reflect the terms of the new agreement.

You can watch [Mr. Pierson's presentation here](#).

Police Chief Gives Overview of the License Plate Recognition and Optical Camera Pilot Program

Council recently directed staff to move forward with a pilot program to use the latest technology, including License Plate Recognition (LPR), video capture, and other applications, to enhance the Addison Police Department's crime prevention efforts. During July and August, Police Chief Paul Spencer held two community meetings to discuss the department's use of LPR at key neighborhood entry points and optical video along the White Rock Creek and Easement Trails. He shared [a similar presentation](#) with Council at the September 11 meeting. Staff plans to present a contract to Council in October to install the infrastructure necessary to implement the pilot program.

You can watch the Council discussion [here](#).

Addison Establishes Fire Plan Review Fee

With development on an upswing, Addison's Fire Marshal devotes a significant amount of time reviewing building plans related to fire protection systems to ensure that development complies with the applicable Fire Codes. At the September 11 meeting, Council approved a new fire plan review fee that will be based on the square footage of a project. Addison is one of the only cities in the area that has not charged a fire plan review fee. The new fee structure will be effective October 1, 2018.

The fire plan review fee is estimated to produce approximately \$60,000 in additional revenue each year. The FY2019 budget allocates \$20,000 of that revenue towards a third-party plans examiner to help relieve the Fire Marshal from a portion of their plan review responsibilities to focus more on proactive fire prevention inspections. The additional revenue will be used to fund administrative efforts related to development plan processing and records management.

You can watch the Council discussion [here](#).

Council Approves Arbor Foundation Request to Apply North Texas Giving Day Donations to FY2019 Matching Grant

At the Council budget retreat on August 16, 2018, Council discussed grant funding allocations for multiple non-profits to be included in the FY2019 budget, which begins on October 1, 2018. During the discussion, Council directed staff to allocate a \$50,000 grant to the Arbor Foundation, with a match of up to \$15,000. Council designated this dollar-for-dollar match for any donations made during FY2019.

North Texas Giving Day will be held on September 20, 2018, which falls during FY2018, and is the primary fundraising event for the Arbor Foundation. At the September 11 meeting, the City Council approved the Arbor Foundation's request that the funds raised this day count towards the grant match for FY2019. Funds from North Texas Giving Day are not distributed to participating organizations until after October 1.

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

Upcoming Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING Case 1784-SUP/Greenhill Batting Cages. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property located at 4141 Spring Valley Road, currently zoned Residential-1 (R-1) with a Special Use Permit for a private school, to amend the existing master site plan to allow for indoor batting cages.

Public Safety

9/11 Ceremony



Tuesday, September 11 marked the 17th anniversary of the the tragic events that took place during a terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001. The Addison Fire Department hosted a memorial at Fire Station 1, as it has for the past 16 years, to recognize the anniversary and honor the sacrifices made by our civilians and first responders that day. Many thanks to the AFD for helping us all to never forget.

Addison is Officially StormReady®



At the September 11 Council Meeting, Tom Bradshaw, Meteorologist-in-Charge with the National Weather Service in Dallas/Fort Worth, presented Addison Fire Chief David Jones and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Thomson with a certificate recognizing Addison's re-designation as a StormReady® Community by the National Weather Service. StormReady® is a National Weather Service program designed to recognize communities, counties, universities, and military bases that have reached a high level of severe weather preparedness. Addison first earned this distinction in 2015 and this was our second three-year renewal.

You can watch the presentation, which took place at the end of the announcements, [here](#).

Jeremy Hill and Chris Maxwell Sworn In as Firefighter/Paramedics



Congratulations to the newest official members of the Addison Fire Department - Jeremy Hill and Chris Maxwell. Both firefighters were sworn in on Monday, September 10 in front of their family, peers, and Council Members Ivan Hughes, Guillermo Quintanilla, and Marlin Willesen. After training with the department for a year, they were presented with a department challenge coin, badge, and helmet shield. Congratulations!

Need Your Smoke Detector Batteries Changed?



Sign up for Addison Fire Department's annual smoke detector battery replacement program* is underway! During the month of October, our firefighters will replace your old smoke detector batteries with new ones.

We supply the batteries and the ladder! Crews will also conduct a Home Fire Safety Survey during the visit to check for any fire hazards. These free services are available Monday through Saturday during October between the hours of 9am - 11am and 1pm - 5pm.

You can register at www.AddisonBatteryReplacement.com or call 972.450.7228 on or before September 21. **This program is only offered for Addison single-family dwelling residents.*

Around Town

Join Us for the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony of *Aerial Ballet - Monarch*



Please join us for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Addison Arbor Foundation's recent art piece, *Aerial Ballet - Monarch* by David B. Hickman, on Saturday, September 15 at 11:30am. The kinetic butterfly sculpture is located across the street from George Bush Elementary School at the southeast corner of Spring Valley and Vitruvian Way.

Woven Health Clinic Expands Offices



On Friday, September 7, Woven Health Clinic held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the clinic's expansion at the Dallas Medical Center at 1 Medical Pkwy, Suite 149. The expansion essentially doubles the size of this community clinic for the uninsured and/or underinsured. Woven, which serves Addison, Farmers Branch, Coppell, Carrollton and Dallas, focuses on integrated health care. Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Walden, and Council Members Guillermo Quintanilla, Ivan Hughes, Lori Ward, and Marlin Willesen joined Addison's community liaison for Woven, Linda Berthold, to show Addison's support. Addison residents Linda Berthold and Suzie Oliver serve on Woven's board of directors.

Great Oktoberfest Ticket Packages Available until September 19



An authentic re-creation of the Munich Oktoberfest, Addison Oktoberfest features hours of family-oriented entertainment over four days. Serving special "Oktoberfest" bier along with incredible German culinary fare, the festival also includes a marketplace, music, and kid-friendly options like carnival rides, midway games, and much more. For more information, visit AddisonOktoberfest.com.

Make sure to check out the ticket packages that are available for Oktoberfest until noon on September 19 (or until they sell out). You can see all the [ticket package options here](#). Looking for a VIP Oktoberfest

option? Don't miss the upscale Bavarian dining experience at the Brau House featuring a three-course tasting menu paired with Paulaner bier prepared Chef Richard Chamberlain of Chamberlain's Restaurants. Click [here](#) to make reservations.

**Expect Street Closures for the Wipe Out Kids' Cancer Run
September 22**



Expect delays and road closures between 7am - 10am on Saturday, September 22 during the Wipe Out Kids Cancer (WOKC) 5K and fun run. The 5K will begin at 8am and most streets will re-open again by 10am. During this time, Addison Police Officers will be present at major intersections to intermittently hold 5K participants and allow traffic to turn. Because of road closures for Oktoberfest, Quorum will be closed from Arapaho to Morris from Thursday, September 20 through Sunday, September 23.

The following will describe the race day road closures:

- Addison Circle Drive - from Addison Road to Beckert Park
- Arapaho Road - from Addison Road to Business Avenue
- Addison Road - from Morris Avenue to Arapaho Road
- Surveyor Boulevard - Just south of Arapaho Road to Lindbergh Drive

Thank you for your patience as we host this event in Addison. You can view the road closures for Addison Oktoberfest and alternative routes on AddisonOktoberfest.com.

We Need Your Help!