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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

December 20, 2019

Council Update

Town Offices Closed for the Holidays

Town offices will be closed on December 24 and 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. If you need assistance when offices are closed, please contact the nonemergency public safety number at 972-450-7156. Trash collection will not be impacted. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Council Authorizes Project Specific Agreement with Dallas County for **Eligible Midway Road Funding**

At the December 10 Council Meeting, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Project Specific Agreement (PSA) with Dallas County for the use of \$2,7121,872.50 of Dallas County funds and \$60,000 in in-kind services for eligible improvements to Midway Road. The project elements eligible for this matching grant program are those associated with the ten foot side path on the west side of Midway Road from Spring Valley Road, north to Wheeler Bridge at Arapaho Road. One of Dallas County's goals is to add the necessary bicycle and pedestrian facilities to close a critical gap in the overall regional trail network. The Midway Road side path helps accomplish this goal.

Under the terms of the PSA, the County will provide funding on a 50/50 match basis in an amount not to exceed \$2,781,873.50 to be used for eligible construction costs of the total side path portion of the project cost. The amount committed by the County, however, is reduced by \$60,000 to cover the County's in-house project delivery costs that include preliminary research, design services, inspections, and construction. The Town in turn will provide at least \$2,781,873.50, which is within the funds already available, to fully match the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Project funding commitment.

A portion of these funds from Dallas County were originally allocated to planned improvements to the intersection of Belt Line Road and the Dallas North Tollway and improvements to the intersection of Keller Springs Road and Addison Road. On Council's direction, staff requested these be reallocated to the Midway Road project.

You can read the PSA resolution here.

Addison Oktoberfest Financial and Operations Reconciliation Report



Addison Oktoberfest is a major festival produced by the Town annually to promote tourism. This four-day event was held September 19-22, 2019 at Addison Circle Park and featured food, music, and entertainment focused on German culture.

The Special Events and Finance Departments presented a report on the marketing, operational, and financial outcomes of Addison Oktoberfest 2019 at the December 10 City Council Meeting. This was the first year a point-of-sale software was used at this festival in place of the previous Tasty Bucks ticket system. The new software provided detailed information on the sales of food and beverage throughout the event, allowing the Finance team to quickly and accurately compile the necessary information at the end of each day and the end of the event.

Attendance at this year's event topped 43,000 people. Of the more than 500 people surveyed at the event, 91% rated it as above average or excellent. Event marketing generated more than one billion impressions and resulted in 474 hotel room night bookings. Expenses exceeded revenues by just over \$100,000, which was anticipated in the budget.

You can watch the Council's Oktoberfest discussion here and read the Oktoberfest presentation here.

Public Safety

It's Time to Re-register Alarm Permits

Residents and businesses with an operating alarm must register your alarm system at www.AddisonAlarmRegistration.com each January. If you currently have a registered alarm, you should have received a letter or email reminder.

The first three false alarms are free for registered users, but non-registered users will be charged \$100 for the first false alarm. The fee will be waived if you register within 30 days. The alarm registration fee is free for residents and \$50 for businesses.

You can find more information on the Town's alarm permit process on the Town's website.

Volunteers Wrap Presents for Santa's Heroes







Members of the Addison Midday Rotary joined the Addison Addvocates this week to wrap over 100 boxes filled with toys donated by the Addison community for Santa's Heroes. Even the wrapping paper was donated. A special shout out to Chuy's restaurant for not only providing snacks for the volunteers, but also for pitching in to wrap presents. What an amazing community effort! We can't thank everyone enough for their help to ensure every child in Addison receives a present this year.

Santa's Heroes Deliver Toys Throughout Addison



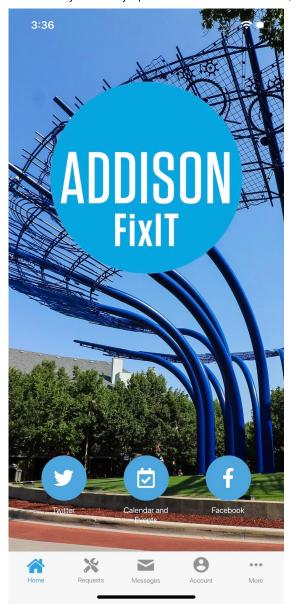




On Thursday, December 19, Addison first responders transformed into Santa's Heroes and hit the streets to deliver toys throughout Addison. Santa's sleigh was accompanied by police cars, a fire engine, and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to everyone in our community who helped donate their toys and their time to make this event special. We saw lots of smiles from the boys and girls in Addison on Thursday when the packages were delivered.

Around Town

Addison Launches New Addison FixIT App on December 23



Beginning on Monday, December 23, Addison will be transitioning to a new *Addison FixIT* app to better serve you. The new app still allows you to report problems around Town, but also offers a more intuitive user experience. The administration features of the app will help streamline the Town's responses to requests and allow staff to send progress updates on multi-phase requests.

Your current app will work until December 22. After that date, you will need to download the new app from the app store. *Addison FixIT* will be available for Android and iOS.

You can also submit service requests online at www.AddisonFixlt.com. If you have already registered on the website to report problems, you will need to re-register after December 23 when the new program is launched.

Thank you for your patience as we work to deliver outstanding service to our community.

Final Weekend for WaterTower Theatre's Cirque Holidays



WaterTower Theatre, in partnership with Lone Star Circus, will celebrate the diversity of holidays from around the world through a magical collaboration of theatre and circus with *Cirque Holidays*! You can see *Cirque Holidays* at the Addison Theatre Centre through December 22. Featuring international stars alongside Dallas' amazing and entertaining circus talent, audiences of all ages will be treated to incredible acts, ranging from hulahoops to death-defying aerialist stunts all tied together by a charismatic host and hilarious clowns. Get your tickets here!

See You at the Vitruvian Lights!



The most dazzling and spectacular time of the year is here! Vitruvian Park transforms into a magical holiday wonderland during Vitruvian Lights through January 1, 2020.

Follow Vitruvian Park's Facebook page for inclement weather and related updates.

Town Hall Bridge Replaced





Construction of the bridge behind Town Hall that began last week is nearly complete. The original bridge was designed by Newman, Jackson, Bieberstein, Inc. and installed around 1988. Crews have moved to Winnwood Park where they have already removed the gazebo and bridges. The new bridges should be reopened just after the holidays. The total project should be completed by the end of February.

Thank you for your patience as we work to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

Coyote Sightings Around Addison

The Town of Addison Animal Control Department has received several calls about coyotes near our Parks, especially Vitruvian Park and the green space at the corner of Bella Lane and Vitruvian Way. Coyotes and other urban wildlife are not new or unique to Addison. Here are a few ways to keep you and your family pets safe!

- · Do not feed wildlife.
- All pets should remain on a leash when being walked. This is for the safety of your pets and is an Addison ordinance. Many of the encounters reported to Animal Control involve off-leash pets.
- Supervise small pets and children and keep cats indoors when unsupervised.
- · Secure garbage, compost, and pet foods.
- Be BIG and LOUD when you see coyotes near homes and community spaces.
- Talk to your neighbors if you see a possible attractant and ask them to remove it.

If you have any questions, please contact Addison's Animal Control Department at addisontx.gov or 972-450-2845. They can be reached on nights and weekends by calling 972-450-7156.



Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25

Town Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 1
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Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall: 972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch: 972-450-7156

Missed Trash:

972-392-9300, Option 2

Athletic Club: 972-450-7048

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