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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

February 8, 2019

Council Updates

**Interested in Running for Council?
Only One Week Left to File**

There is only one week left to file for the May 4 City Council election. Packets are available in the City Secretary's office at Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm. Filing closes on Friday, February 15 at 5pm.

Council Rejects Construction Bids for Airport Customs Facility

On December 11 2018, Council approved the issuance of \$7 million in Certificates of Obligation for the construction of new Customs and Airport offices at 4545 Jimmy Doolittle Drive on Addison Airport. The bid for the construction of the two-story building that will also house the Airport Administration offices was posted on December 3, 2018 and closed on January 10, 2019. Even though 27 contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, the Town only received three bids.

One of the bidders was disqualified because their pricing proposal was incomplete. The bids from the remaining qualified bidders far exceeded the architect's cost estimate for the items that were included in this bid. At the February 7 Council Meeting, the Town rejected those bids and will rebid the project later this month.

Staff has contacted several contractors who did not bid and they shared that the timing of the bid, which fell during the holidays, prevented them for participating.

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

Taste Addison 2019 It's Kind of a Big Meal!



Special Events Director Jasmine Lee gave Council a sneak preview of Taste Addison during the February 7 Council Meeting. The legendary food and music festival that began in 1993 features food from local restaurants, regional and national musical acts, and family fun!

This year's event has been moved to the weekend after Memorial Day (May 31 through June 2), so it will not compete with other popular local festivals. Adult ticket prices have been reduced from \$20 to \$15. Tickets for children 6-12 will be \$5, but those 5 and under will be free. Sunday will be free for all ages. Friday's entertainment will feature country music acts and Saturday will feature pop/rock bands. Entertainers will be announced later this month.

For more information on Taste Addison and to purchase tickets, you can visit TasteAddisonTexas.com.

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



Check out these highlights from Taste Addison 2018.

Business Pulse

Economic Development Hosts Broker Breakfast



On Tuesday, February 4, the Addison Economic Development and Tourism Department hosted their annual Broker Breakfast at the Addison Treehouse. More than 30 brokers representing properties throughout the community came to hear about growth in Addison. Mayor Joe Chow, City Manager Wes Pierson, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, and Assistant Director of Development Services Charles Goff provided an update on things happening in the community, including new development projects, redevelopment opportunities, capital improvement projects, and Addison's work on a new economic development strategic plan. The commercial real estate community is a vital part of Addison's success and we look forward to a continued partnership with these brokers in the future.

Public Safety Updates

Addison Firefighters Participate in Fitness Pilot Study

Last fall, Addison-based REACT Neuro-Rehab invited the Addison Fire Department to participate in a pilot study designed to increase fitness and on-the-job readiness while preventing injuries. Two days a week, firefighters head over to the REACT gym on Beltway Drive after their shift ends to participate in a training program specially designed for them.

REACT is an adaptive fitness and recovery center where certified strength coaches, therapists, and researchers work together to apply advances in neuroscience and strength training. Many of the center's members suffer from spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, or other neurological impairments.

Tactical Strength and Conditioning Facilitator Ryan Bachik has applied the principles his team uses to train the nervous system in his spinal cord patients to train first responders. The ultimate goal of the project is to create a tactical conditioning program that can be replicated in police and fire departments across the country.

You can learn more in this recent [Dallas Morning News story](#).

New Sutphen HS-6200 Pumper Arrives



On Monday, January 28, the new 2018 Sutphen HS-6200 Pumper arrived from Ohio. This new truck will be Addison Fire Department's new Engine 101. Before putting the apparatus into service, AFD staff has been training on it to confirm all the specifications have been met. There will be a formal push-in ceremony soon so stay tuned for more details.

Around Town

Addison Art: Borders of Israel, Korea, and US-Mexico



From February 4 through March 22 at the Addison Conference Centre, St. Mark's student Ekansh Tambe will showcase 66 photographs that display international borders in three major areas of the world. Call 972-450-6241 for availability and viewing times, or you can visit this [Facebook page](#) for more information.

February 4 - March 22
Addison Conference and Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road
Call 972-450-6241 for viewing times and availability

Addison Participates in Briefing with British Ambassador to the United States



On Tuesday, February 5, Addison City Council Member Ivan Hughes participated in a private briefing with His Excellency Sir Kim Darroch, British Ambassador to the United States. Community leaders gathered in the World Affairs Council office to learn first-hand about recent Brexit negotiations and other important topics related to trade and investment between the U.S. and the U.K. Addison is a Strategic Partner of the World Affairs Council and supports high level international visits to the region.

Additional Opportunity to Give Input on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan



There is still time to give your feedback on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell will be available on Wednesday, February 13 from 3pm - 6pm at the Addison Athletic Club to hear your comments and answer questions.

You can view the [plan here](#) and the [appendix here](#). Comments can also be provided by e-mailing or calling Janna Tidwell at jtidwell@addisontx.gov or 972-450-2869.



Wednesday, February 13
Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Master Plan Q & A Session
 3pm - 6pm
 Addison Athletic Club
 3900 Beltway Road

Wednesday, February 20
City Council Meeting
Rescheduled from February 26
 7:30pm
 Addison Town Hall
 5300 Belt Line Road

Important Links and Numbers

Town Hall:
 972-450-7000

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 972-450-7156

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 972-392-9300

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 972-450-7048

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