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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

March 15, 2019

Council Updates

Council Adopts Pilot Program to Establish Regulations for Short-Term Rentals

At its March 12 meeting, the City Council amended Addison's Code of Ordinances in order to establish regulations for short-term rentals. Given the popularity of apps such as Airbnb, the use of short-term rentals in residential areas, including Addison, has increased.

The new ordinance requires property owners offering short-term rentals to register with the Town. Registration would be good for a period of one year and costs \$25. Additionally, the ordinance would impose certain operational standards including prohibiting the renting of a home as a party venue. The property owner would be required to provide renters with their contact information, as well as pertinent information regarding local rules and requirements for things such as parking, noise, and trash collection.

The Town would be required to send notice to properties within 200 feet of the short-term rental property. This notice would provide adjacent property owners with information about the ordinance requirements, as well as a 24-hour complaint line, which would be the Town's non-emergency dispatch number.

Lastly, the ordinance amends the definition of a hotel to include short-term rentals. This change allows the Town to collect hotel taxes from short-term rentals.

The ordinance, which will go into effect on May 1, includes a sunset provision after one year, requiring the City Council to review and adjust or extend these requirements by April 30, 2020. The Town will be sending out additional information about how to register a property as a short-term rental in the near future.

You can [watch the Council discussion on short-term rentals here](#) and [read the Council presentation here](#).

Council Discusses Permitting Personal Transportation Vehicles

During a [Work Session on November 27, 2018](#), the City Council discussed potential regulations for bike-sharing and scooter-sharing companies operating in the Right-of-Way and on Town properties such as parks and trails. Based on the discussion, Council directed staff to develop a pilot program with similar requirements to those currently being utilized by the City of Plano.

Staff presented a draft [ordinance](#) to Council during the March 12 Council Work Session that would group bicycles, scooters and similar vehicles under a new term called "Personal Transport Vehicles" (PTVs). The ordinance would require that any company who wants to offer PTVs for rent in Addison obtain a [permit](#). The permit would require the PTV rental company to agree to a number of requirements regarding the maintenance and upkeep of PTVs, as well as the placement and parking of PTVs.

Council provided feedback on the pilot program that would end on December 31, 2019. Staff will incorporate those changes and bring the item back for discussion and possible action at a future meeting.

You can [watch Council discussion on PTVs here](#) and [read the PTV presentation here](#).

Council Accepts Fiscal Year 2018 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 [Fiscal Year 2018 CAFR](#). On March 12, Addison's auditors BDK, LLP, an independent firm of licensed certified public accountants, shared with Council that it has issued an unmodified opinion, 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.

As part of their presentation, the auditors highlighted that Addison's pension plan is 100% funded. [You can watch the Council discussion on the CAFR here](#).

Around Town

Addison Announces the Appointment of a New Deputy City Manager



Addison City Manager Wes Pierson announced on Tuesday, March 12 the appointment of John Crawford to serve as Addison's new Deputy City Manager. John is currently the Director of Public Works for the City of Carrollton and will assume his role in Addison on March 25. With help from Strategic Government Resources (SGR), Addison conducted a national search to fill the position. John will be joining Deputy City Manager Ashley Mitchell to complete the executive management team.

As the Director of Public Works in Carrollton, John operates a competitive business unit, benchmarked with public and private operations, comprised of 126 employees, and manages a \$44 million operating budget and a \$71 million capital budget. He is accountable for streets, water distribution, wastewater, drainage, and meter services divided between two divisions and eight sections. Prior to his role as Director of Public Works, John served as the Intelligence Division Commander for the Carrollton Police Department where he was responsible for the Covert and Street Intelligence Units, School Resource Officers, and the Crime Analysis Section.

Congratulations, John, and welcome to Addison!

[Find Out More About the Cotton Belt Rail Line](#)



DART is holding a series of community meetings to review the progress of the Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail Project. Members of the Design-Pre-Construction Management Team will be on hand to outline the latest developments and answer your questions.

Presentations during these meetings will include:

- Updated alignment drawings showing track configurations, final grade separations (bridges) and station locations per the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS);
- An overview of the Design-Builder's early design and construction schedule;
- A description of pre-construction equipment and processes to be used along the alignment;
- A general summary of project information;
- Identification of contacts for FAQs and community concerns.

The meeting in Addison will be held at **6:30pm on Wednesday, April 3 at the Addison Conference Centre** , but you can see a full list of meetings on [DART's website](#) .

Don't Miss This Animal Adoption Opportunity



National Puppy Day is March 23 and to celebrate Addison's Animal Control Department will have its adoptable animals at the Neighborhood Medical Center Block Party at 5917 Belt Line Road on March 23 from 10am - 4pm. During the event, adoption fees will be waived, so come out and find your forever friend!

March 23
10am - 4pm
5917 Belt Line Road

We Need Your Input on Updating Addison's Unified Development Code



Addison is in the process of a comprehensive review of the Town's development regulations. Many of the Town's rules for development were crafted in the 1980s and may not be keeping up with current development trends, shifting demographics, and evolving consumer preferences or current and future community needs. To accomplish this review, the Town is working with consulting firm, Clarion Associates. Clarion has completed an assessment of the Town's current development regulations and identified opportunities for enhancement and areas where input is needed from the public.

You can review [Clarion's assessment here](#) and provide us with feedback via email at udc@addisontx.gov. You can also join us for a public input meeting and discussion on the future of Addison's development regulations:

**Public Input Meeting
Wednesday, March 27
Addison Treehouse
6:30pm**

**Denise Lee OnStage and Addison Theatre Centre Present:
*Close To You: Denise Sings Bacharach***



Denise Lee OnStage and the Addison Theatre Centre present: *Close to You: Denise Sings Bacharach*. Join Denise Lee on Tuesday, March 19 as she brings Cabaret to Addison. The show will be held in The Karol Omlor Studio Theatre at the Addison Theatre Centre. Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:30pm. Chair seating, table seating, or reserved cabaret-style table seating are available online. [Get your tickets now!](#)

March 19

7:30pm
Addison Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road
[GET YOUR TICKETS](#)

Addison Announces 2019 Taste Addison Music Lineup



We are excited to announce the Taste Addison music lineup and we can guarantee that Addison will be rocking the weekend of May 31 - June 2.

Rising country music star Walker Hayes kicks things off Friday evening, followed by Texas' own Josh Abbott Band, a country act that started in Lubbock and is now a player on the national country music scene.

Saturday brings a full day of the best pop-rock music from the 1990's and 2000's with Deep Blue Something, Spin Doctors, Plain White T's, Smash Mouth, and The All-American Rejects.

Enjoy covers of your favorite hits on Sunday with The Windbreakers (1970's-1980's soft rock), Straight Tequila Night (1990's country), GYPSY – a tribute to Stevie Nicks & Fleetwood Mac, and Memphis Soul (Motown).

Purchase your VIP tickets (limited quantity) and general admission tickets now on TasteAddisonTexas.com!



Tuesday, March 19
Denise Lee OnStage and Addison
Theatre Centre Present: *Close To You*

Tuesday, March 26
Addison City Council Meeting
Addison Town Hall

Addison Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road
7:30pm

[Get Your Tickets Here](#)

5300 Belt Line Road
7:30pm

Agendas are posted [here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Important Numbers and Websites

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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