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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

April 26, 2019

Council Updates

Early Voting Ends Tuesday, April 30

Early voting for the May 4 Election will take place at Addison Fire Station #1 at 4798 Airport Parkway on the following days and times:

- Monday, April 22 - Saturday, April 27: 8am - 5pm
- Sunday, April 28 - 1pm - 6pm
- Monday, April 29 - Tuesday, April 30: 7am - 7pm

Please note that Dallas County voters can vote at any early voting location. [Get the complete list here.](#)

Council Adopts Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

You can [watch the Council discussion on the new Economic Development Strategic Plan here](#) and [read the plan here](#).

Council Appoints Members to the DART Cotton Belt Art and Design Committee

In December 2018, DART awarded a contract to Archer Western Herzog Joint Venture for the design and construction of the Cotton Belt Regional Rail Project. While some station design elements will be consistent in each station, other features, such as a public art, will be selected so that each station reflects its community. DART has proposed using an Art and Design Committee to provide input on these unique design elements. At its April 25 meeting, Council appointed the following residents to serve on this committee:

Patricia Adkins
Judy Barrett
Jon Birney
Kim Boyle
Barbara Daseke
Margie Gunther
Jay Ihrig
Yasue Kulhanek
Harriet Mellow
Robin Moss
Barbara Papas
Derek Underwood
Allen Weatherford
Ron Whitehead

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

Council Amends Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

Each year, Finance staff reviews the budget to determine which items should be recognized with formal budget amendments. When budget variances occur that are outside of the authority of the City Manager, these adjustments are presented to the Council in the form of a budget amendment. In most instances, the Town's budget was approved before contracts were signed and the amendments reflect the difference between the budgeted estimate and actual cost. Some of the expenses reflected in the amendment approved by Council at its April 25 meeting include:

- Athletic Club HVAC repairs
- New Website design
- Vehicle Purchases
- Addison Circle Fountain
- Electronic signage traffic safety study

You can [watch the Council's discussion on the mid-year budget here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Special Events Team Shares Updates on Taste Addison and Addison After Dark



Special Events Director Jasmine Lee and Special Events Manager Shelbi Stofer gave Council an update on Taste Addison and the new Addison After Dark entertainment series at the April 25 Council meeting.

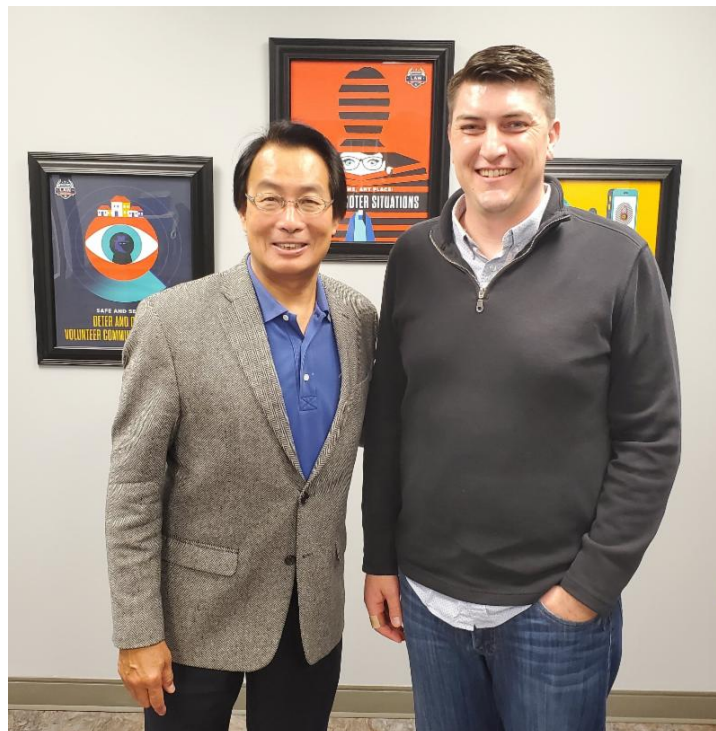
Taste Addison will take place May 31 - June 2 at Addison Circle Park. The legendary food and music festival will feature food from more than two dozen Addison restaurants and music from headliners Josh Abbott and The All-American Rejects. One-day ticket prices have been reduced from \$20 to \$15 and children 6 -12 are only \$5. Sunday is a free day for all guests. A big change this year is that all restaurants will be accepting cash and credit cards, so you no longer need to purchase Tasty Bucks. However, if you still have Tasty Bucks saved from past events, you can still use them. You can purchase admission tickets and get more information at www.TasteAddisonTexas.com.

This year, Summer Series is being replaced by a new entertainment series called Addison After Dark. Every third Saturday from May – November, Addison will host monthly, themed events in Addison Circle Park from 7pm to 11pm. The events, which range from a Patriotic Party featuring a viewing of the movie *Top Gun* to a Luau on the Lawn with fire dancers, offer fun for all ages. You can get more information at www.AddisonAfterDark.com.

You can [watch the Council's discussion on Taste Addison and Addison After Dark here](#) or [read the presentation here](#).

Business Pulse

Economic Development Team Visits Addison-based Law Publications



Mayor Joe Chow and Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos paid a visit to Addison-based Law Publications on Thursday, April 14 and met with Vice President of Operations Ray Fike III. The company was founded in 1974 in Addison and develops educational materials on various topics for law enforcement agencies throughout the country. It ships an average of two million publications from Addison. They are very happy to be in our community and commented on how the location has helped them be successful in recruiting top notch talent for their operations. You can find more information on the company at www.lawpublications.net . They look forward to growing their presence in Addison.

Come Out and Work in the Park!



Coworking Day in the Park is back on Wednesday, May 15 from 8am - 5pm on the lawn between the Addison Conference Centre and Stone Cottage at 15650 Addison Road. Get out of the office and work in the park with other business professionals! Enjoy free Wi-Fi, complimentary coffee*, lunch*, and happy hour*, plus free admission into the Metrocrest Chamber Business Expo.

**Available while supplies last.*

Newman Smith High School Students Learn About Entrepreneurship



On Tuesday, April 23, approximately 50 juniors from Newman Smith High School in Carrollton visited the Addison TreeHouse to hear from entrepreneurs about how they started their business. Mayor Joe Chow gave a warm welcome and current TreeHouse members shared their experiences and knowledge to inspire students on starting a business. The students are part of a group who will be enrolling in a new entrepreneur program that will be offered at their high school in the fall.

Economic Development Team Visits Nexus PMG

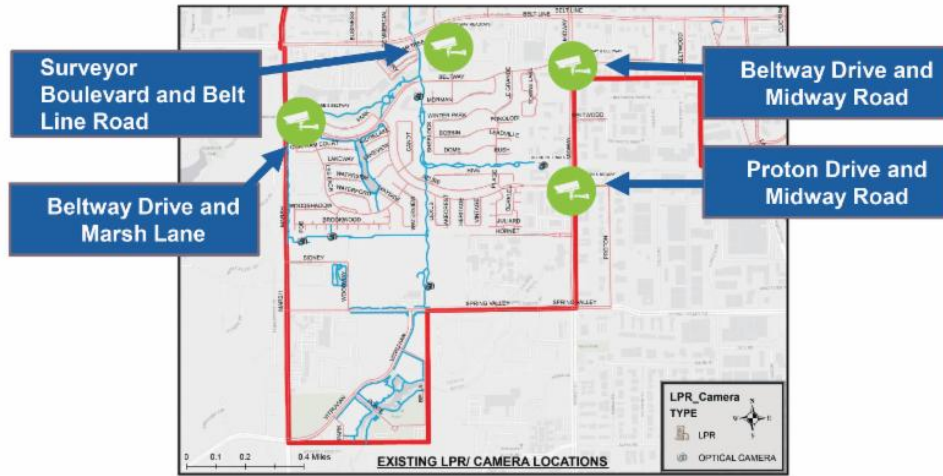


Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr visited Nexus PMG's headquarters in Addison on Tuesday, April 23. They met with the Nexus PMG CEO Ben Hubbard and Raj Daniels who handles Business Development and Strategic Partnerships. [Nexus PMG](#) is a management consulting firm which focuses on guiding their clients through each phase of capital infrastructure projects. The company provides top quality services to their clients, with experience in sectors such as waste-to-energy, mining and metals, power generation, and biofuels. They recently expanded their Addison headquarters and are looking forward to future growth in town.

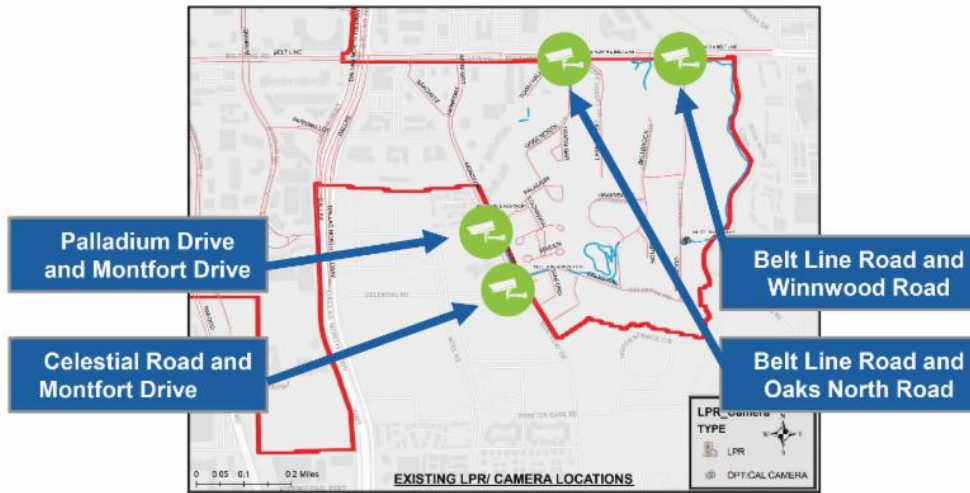
Public Safety Update

Addison Police Department Launches License Plate Reader Pilot Program on April 12

Addison LPR Locations - West



Addison LPR Locations - East



On Friday April 12, the Addison Police Department (APD) launched the License Plate Reader (LPR) and Optical Camera Pilot Program that Council approved in the summer of 2018. The intent of the project is to use cutting-edge technology to enhance APD's crime and mitigation strategies. Funds approved by voters during the 2012 bond election for city-wide wireless applications and secure network infrastructure for video, data, and voice applications for Addison's first responders was used to fund the the pilot program.

The license plate readers have been installed at key neighborhood entry points and optical cameras located at both entrances of the White Rock Creek and along Easement Trails. In order to protect the privacy of Addison's community, the [Council approved guiding principles](#) for the LPR program that were derived from the American Civil Liberties Union's recommendations surrounding the use of LPR technology and best practices of other area cities.

Council will reevaluate the program in 9 - 12 months and then determine its value and options for future expansion.

Join us for a Traditional "Push-In Ceremony" for our New Fire Apparatus



The Addison Fire Department is hosting a "Push-In Ceremony" at 4pm on May 7 at Fire Station 1 to commemorate the arrival of a new engine and a new squad truck. Back in the horse-drawn carriage days, firefighters had to wash their trucks and actually push them into the station. This time-honored tradition is still recognized today as a way to debut new vehicles.

Around Town

Chamberlain's Steakhouse Wins Taste the Competition Event





Wednesday, April 25, Addison hosted a "Taste the Competition" event to kick off Taste Addison. Ten participating Taste Addison restaurants presented the "Taste Bite" item they will be selling at Taste Addison, May 31 - June 1. Taste Bites are bite-sized portions available at all Taste Addison restaurants for only \$3. Mayor Joe Chow and Council Members Ivan Hughes and Lori Ward joined local food and entertainment influencers to judge the event. After an extremely close vote, Chamberlain's Steakhouse took home the golden spatula as the Taste the Competition winner! Congrats, Chamberlain's Steakhouse.

For more information on participating Taste Addison restaurants and to purchase tickets to this legendary food and music festival, visit www.TasteAddisonTexas.com.

Sherlock Drainage Project Update

Approximately 95% of underground storm drainage lines on the Sherlock Drainage Project have been successfully tied into the Town's storm drainage system. In the next week, FNH Construction, the Town's contractor for the project, will begin pouring concrete for the new pavement and finish installing and repairing the remaining storm drain inlets at the intersection of Sherlock Drive and Winter Park Lane. As part of this finish work, they will need to replace prior concrete work that didn't meet Town standards. FNH will also begin restoring the damaged concrete along the trail between Beltway Drive and Belt Line Road.

FNH is currently behind schedule. Town staff will continue to work with them to expedite the project and we anticipate work will be substantially completed by the end of May, weather permitting. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our community.

May 4 Community Garage Sale Vendor Applications Now Available



Join us on Saturday, May 4 from 8am - 2pm for Addison's semi-annual Community Garage Sale at 3800 Belt Line Road. Document shredding and e-recycling will also be available on-site. [Vendor applications are available here!](#)

WaterTower Theatre Announces the 2019-2020 Season Featuring Two Musicals, Two Pulitzer Prize Winners, and A Holiday Co-Production with Lone Star Circus



WaterTower Theatre's Producing Artistic Director Shane Peterman announced the details of the Company's 2019 - 2020 Season on Tuesday, April 23. This season marks the 24th for WaterTower Theatre and the first full season programmed by Shane Peterman. The five-show subscription season includes Jason Robert Brown's Tony Award-winning musical adaptation, *The Bridges of Madison County*, Doug Wright's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *I Am My Own Wife*, a holiday celebration co-produced with Lone State Circus, *Cirque Holidays*, and a host of exciting additional programming. Get more details and purchase tickets at www.WatertowerTheatre.org.

Addison Planning Earth Day Festivities for Saturday, April 27



The Town of Addison , in conjunction with the Addison Arbor Foundation , is hosting Addison's first Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27 from 9am - 11:30am on the lawn in front of the Addison Conference and Theatre Centre . There will be arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, demonstrations and great prizes. Mark your calendar to join us!

Addison Arbor Foundation Presents: *Trialed and Trusted Plants*



Want your gardens to look like the pages of Southern Living®? On Saturday, April 27 from 9:30am - 11am, Laura Campbell will introduce the newest plant innovations from the Southern Living Plant Collection, proper placement, and planting and care tips, to ensure your gardening success! [Register for the free seminar here](#) .

Thanks to the Addison Arbor Foundation for organizing this event as a part of Addison's Earth Day Festivities.

Saturday is Addison Day at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum



On Saturday, April 27 from 10am - 5pm, Cavanaugh Flight Museum will host Addison Day, an event where all residents and business owners in Addison are encouraged to bring their families for a free day of aviation fun. Enjoy discounted rides, games and activities for the kids, demonstrations with the Sherman tank, aircraft tours, unique photo opportunities with aircraft that are not normally open for viewing, and more!

Admission:

Town Hall:
972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300, Option

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

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