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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

June 28, 2019

Council Update

Town Offices Closed on July 4

Addison offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The Athletic Club will also be closed, but the outside pool will be open from noon - 8pm. If you need to reach someone at the Town during the holiday, you can call the non-emergency Dispatch number at 972-450-7156. Trash and recycling will be collected as usual.

Mayor's Coffee Moved to July 10

The Mayor's Coffee has been rescheduled from Wednesday, July 3 to Wednesday, July 10 at 10am - 11:30am at Dunn Brothers Coffee.

Council Discusses Community Bond Advisory Committee's Recommendations

On November 27, 2018, the Council appointed 28 community members to the Community Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) to determine whether there was a need for a bond election and, if so, which projects should be included. During the June 11 Council Work Session, BAC Chairman Ralph Doherty presented the group's report that recommended

Addison City Council consider an \$85.6 million bond election to address projects that included streets, buildings, recreation and lifestyle, and investment in the future.

The propositions the committee proposed were:

Proposition One – Roads (East/West): \$22,900,000

- Advanced Traffic Management System (\$600,000)
- Keller Springs Road (\$12,900,000)
- Airport Parkway (\$9,400,000)

Proposition Two – Roads (North/South): \$33,602,000

- Quorum Drive (\$26,302,000)
- Montfort Drive (\$7,300,000)

Proposition Three – Buildings: \$7,395,000

- ADA Compliance (\$1,500,000)
- Roof Replacements (\$4,000,000)
- HVAC Replacements (\$1,895,000)

Proposition Four – Recreation and Lifestyle: \$6,723,002

- Athletic Club (\$3,028,000)
- Les Lacs Pond (\$3,282,000)
- Trail Improvements (\$413,000)

Proposition Five – Investment in the Future: \$15,000,000

- Land Acquisition (\$15,000,000)

At the June 24 Council Meeting, Public Works and Engineering Director Lisa Pyles provided Council with additional background information to explain how the recommended bond propositions were identified, how their associated projects were selected and prioritized, and how the cost estimates for the various projects were developed.

The BAC's agendas, meeting notes, survey results, final report, and costs estimates for the street bond projects can be found on the [Town's website here](#) .

Council plans to continue its discussion of a potential bond election at its July 9 meeting. Future presentations will focus on the financial impact of the recommended bond program, the bond election process and timing, and how bond information will be communicated to residents, as well as additional discussion on the propositions and projects.

You can [watch the Council's bond discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#) .

Signal Timing Optimization Project Reduces Commute Times

Addison recently completed a Town-wide [Traffic Signal Optimization Study](#) that has reduced travel times along major corridors throughout Addison. The goal of the study was to reduce delays, stops, and travel time along five major corridors:

- Belt Line Road
- Midway Road
- Addison Road
- Arapaho Road
- Spring Valley Road

Public Works and Engineering Director Lisa Pyles shared with Council at the June 24 Work Session that since Addison last performed a signal timing optimization study in 2009-2010, traffic has increased by 7%, Interstate Highway 635 was reconstructed, the Dallas North Tollway expanded to four lanes, and State and Federal standards changed .

Based on their evaluation of current traffic patterns, consultant Kimberly Horn recommended adding six flashing yellow turn lights, re-striping Edwin Lewis to provide a dedicated right turn lane, and allowing more time for north and south bound Quorum Drive traffic movements.

While some of the improvements are still in progress, the ones that have already been made have had a significant impact on travel times. On Belt Line Road, travel time has been reduced by 32% and stops reduced by 59%. Speed has increased by 56% (nearly to the posted speed) and delays improved by more than 62%. The morning peak delay was reduced by more than 70 seconds and the afternoon peak delay was reduced by more than 3 minutes.

On Midway Road, travel time has been reduced by 18%, stops have been reduced by 39%, and speed has increased by 22% (nearly to the posted speed).

Changes made to Belt Line Road and Midway Road will result in delay savings of more than 673,000 vehicle hours per year and more than 76 years of vehicle delay annually, resulting in \$19 million annually in driver delay savings. There is also an increase in air quality and gas savings. Staff recommended repeating the study following the opening of the new DART commuter rail line.

You can [watch the Council discussion on the signal timing optimization project here](#) and [read the presentation here](#) .

Council Discusses Amendments to Political Signage Ordinance

At its June 24 meeting, Council held a public hearing to give residents an opportunity to provide feedback on possible changes to Addison's political signage regulations that include:

- Prohibiting political signs within the public right-of-way (ROW)
- Formally prohibiting political signs on Town-owned property, such as parks and Town facilities
- Establishing limitations on political signs near polling places

None of the cities surrounding Addison allows political signs in the ROW or on public property.

Council indicated their interest in making these changes so Staff will bring the revised Ordinance back to Council at the July 9 meeting for consideration.

You can [watch Council's political signage discussion here](#) .

Les Lacs Pond Update

On April 4, 2019, staff provided Council with an update regarding the Schematic Design and public input gathered for the Les Lacs Pond Liner Replacement Project. During this discussion, Council had questions related to liner material, proposed landscape enhancements, opportunities for potential grant funding, and water quality. At the June 24 meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell provided additional information on each topic.

You can [watch the Les Lacs Pond Council discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Appoints Danielle Dulaney as an Alternate Municipal Judge of the Addison Municipal Court



At its June 24 meeting, Council appointed Danielle Dulaney to the Alternate Judge position of the Addison Municipal Court. She will be fulfilling the term of Judge Thaddeus Iwuji who resigned in November 2018 to accept a full-time judge position with the City of Fort Worth. Judge Dulaney's term will expire on December 31, 2020. She will be joining longtime presiding judge Judge Larry Dwight.

You can [watch the Council appointment and Judge Dulaney's swearing in here.](#)

Public Safety



We invite you to the second annual Kids and Cops event from 10am - 2pm on Saturday, June 29 at the Addison Athletic Club. Don't miss out on a chance to meet Addison Police Officers while enjoying music, inflatables, free food sponsored by Cantina Laredo, games, photo opportunities, and giveaways! Many thanks to the Addison Rotary Club and Addison Middy Rotary Club for making this great event possible.

Addison Fire Department Earns Texas Best Practices Recognition from Texas Fire Chiefs Association



At the June 24 Council Meeting, Red Oak Fire Chief and Texas Fire Chiefs Association (TFCA) Board Member Eric Thompson recognized the Addison Fire Department for successfully completing the TFCA Best Practice Program.

The TFCA Best Practices program is a voluntary process where fire departments prove their compliance with the TFCA's current best practices. Being "recognized" means the department meets or exceeds all of the identified best practices including: administration and organization, emergency medical service, training, special operations, records and information management, fire operations, fire prevention/risk reduction/community outreach, response analysis, communications, safety and health, resources management, professional standards, and conduct.

The Addison Fire Department is proud to be the 20th department in the state to achieve this recognition. Addison is one of only eight of those cities who also has an ISO 1 rating!

You can [watch the June 24 Council presentation here](#) .

Addison Police Chief Recognizes Two Officers



During the June 24 Council meeting, Police Chief Paul Spencer awarded certificates of merit to two officers for outstanding service.

The first, Officer Gandy, was involved in a foot pursuit on May 24 in Addison Circle Park which escalated into a critical incident when the suspect pulled two knives and threatened suicide. Officer Gandy spent four hours calming the suspect and negotiating with him and was able to help bring the incident to a peaceful conclusion.

Sergeant Helton was the second officer Chief Spencer recognized. Sergeant Helton was flying home from vacation with his family and noticed an irate, intoxicated passenger shouting at and pushing a flight attendant. The flight attendant's attempts to calm the passenger were met with more shoving and screaming. Sergeant Helton and a retired Fort Worth officer who was also on the flight attempted to intervene and calm the passenger. Ultimately, they had to use physical force to restrain him. The flight had to make an emergency landing so that the unruly passenger could be removed.

Many thanks to these Addison Police Officers for their outstanding service!

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

Business Pulse

Economic Team Visits Trez Capital



On Wednesday, June 26, Mayor Joe Chow, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr visited with the executive team at Trez Capital's Central and Southern U.S. office located in Addison. The executive team included President John D. Hutchinson, Senior Vice President Tim Litinas, Senior Vice President Alec Barry, and Vice President Steve Fluker. [Trez Capital](#) is a real estate investment firm and provider of real estate debt financing for commercial building projects. Over the course of the company's existence, they have funded more than 1300 transactions for commercial real estate projects totaling more than \$8.6 billion dollars.

Around Town

Storm Recovery Continues

Town Staff continues its clean up efforts from the June 9 storm that left considerable tree damage in its wake. We anticipate transitioning back to normal operations after Kaboom Town! Thank you to the community for your continued patience.

DART Renames Cotton Belt to Silver Line



The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board of Directors approved a resolution on Tuesday, June 18, to name the future service running on the Cotton Belt Commuter Rail as the Silver Line.

The 26-mile Silver Line, extending between DFW Airport and Shiloh Road in Plano, will traverse seven cities: Grapevine, Coppell, Dallas, Carrollton, Addison, Richardson and Plano. At DFW Airport, the project will connect to the TEXRail Regional Rail Line to Fort Worth and provide access to the DFW Airport Skylink. The Silver Line will also interface with three DART light rail lines: The Red/Orange Lines in Richardson/Plano, the Green Line in Carrollton, and the Orange Line at DFW Airport.

Customers will see the Silver Line in operation after completion in 2022.

Kaboom Town! Road Closures and FAQs



See you on July 3 at Addison Circle Park for Addison Kaboom Town!, the nationally recognized fireworks show that will be simulcasted on Star 102.1!

Please note that Addison Circle Park will be closed for Kaboom Town! set up and tear down from Thursday, June 27 through Friday, July 5. Street closures will take place starting Tuesday, July 2 until Friday, July 5. Get a detailed [list of road closures here](#).

Have a question about the event? For information on free parking, re-entry, what you can bring, pet policy, and more, visit our [FAQs page](#) at AddisonKaboomTown.com.

You're Invited to the Splash Bash - Friday, June 28!



Join us at the Addison Athletic Club outdoor pool for the Splash Bash on Friday, June 28 from 6pm - 7:45pm. There will be a water slide, games, bites provided by Chick-Fil-A*, and a photo opportunity with mermaids! Addison Athletic Club members may bring guests with them (four guests per member or eight guests per family, \$3 guest fee for all ages).

*While supplies last.

Council Members Get a Glimpse at the New Vitruvian Mural



Mayor Joe Chow, Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Lori Ward, and Council Members Ivan Hughes and Guillermo Quintanilla stopped by Vitruvian West on Wednesday, June 25 to see the new 57 foot tall, 39 foot wide mural that was painted on the side of the parking garage. Council approved a meritorious sign exception for this new artwork at its April 25 meeting.

Addison After Dark



Wednesday, July 3
Addison Kaboom Town!
 4pm - 11pm
 Addison Circle Park
 4970 Addison Circle

[For more info, visit AddisonKaboomTown.com.](http://www.addisonkaboomtown.com)

Coffee with the Mayor
Rescheduled to July 10
 10am
 Dunn Brothers Coffee
 3725 Belt Line Road

Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 30
WTT Presents: *The Ballad of Little Jo*
 Addison Theatre Centre
 15650 Addison Road
[Click here for tickets and showtimes.](#)

Wednesday, June 12 - Sunday, June 30
WTT Presents: *Unveiled - A One Woman Play*
 Addison Theatre Centre
 15650 Addison Road
[Get your tickets here.](#)

Important Numbers and Websites

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972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300 , Option 2

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972-450-7048

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