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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

August 23, 2019

Council Update

Council Gets Refresher on Texas Election Code and Political Advertising in Preparation for the November 5 Bond Election

During a work session on August 13, Director of Public Works Lisa Pyles gave Council an update on the Texas Election Code as it relates to Political Advertising. The Texas Election Code regulates the Council's ability to advocate for an election outcome - including a bond election.

Mrs. Pyles reminded Council what qualifies as public funds expenditures, permitted and prohibited communication, prohibited activities, and communications rules. She also reminded Council about the communications channels and tools that could be used to inform the public about the November 5 bond election.

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

Council Discusses Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget

On Thursday, August 15 and Friday, August 16, the City Council held budget work sessions at the Addison Conference Centre to review the [City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2020 Budget](#) in detail and discuss the FY2020 proposed tax rate. Council will consider action on the FY2020 budget and tax rate at its September 10 meeting. You can [watch the Council's Thursday Budget Work Session discussion here](#) , [Friday's discussion](#)

[here](#) and [read the presentation here](#) . The audio issues from the live streamed work sessions have been resolved. View the [FY2020 Budget Calendar here](#) .

WaterTower Theatre's Shane Peterman Updates Council



WaterTower Theatre's Producing Artistic Director Shane Peterman updated Council about the theatre's new artistic vision, initiatives, and business strategy at the August 13 work session. Mr. Peterman shared that WaterTower Theatre's 24th season artistically focuses on building community while shoring up the company financially. Their recent production of *Godspell* almost completely sold out and was produced at half the cost of what was previously programmed. [Next season](#) kicks off with the musical comedy *Sister Act* in November 2019.

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

Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Rate Public Hearing

The first Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020 tax rate will take place during the August 27 City Council Meeting. Meetings begin at 7:30pm and take place at Addison Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road. [Agendas are available here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

A second public hearing on the tax rate, as well as a public hearing on the budget, will take place at a Special Council Meeting on September 3 at 5pm at Addison Town Hall.

Public Safety

NCTCOG and EPPC Award Regional Service Excellence Award to Farmers Branch's Emergency Management Specialist



On behalf of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC), Addison Fire Chief David Jones and Council Member Ivan Hughes presented the Regional Service Excellence Award to the City of Farmers Branch's Emergency Management Specialist Lauren Sanchez at their August 15 EPPC meeting. Shortly after the plane crash at Addison Airport on July 30, Lauren offered her time and expertise to help set up a Family Assistance Center and coordinate efforts among multiple agencies to provide support and updates for the families of the victims. Thank you, Lauren, for your service during this tragic event.

Business Pulse

Meet and Greet at The Princeton Office Building



On Tuesday, August 20, Council Member Ivan Hughes, Deputy City Manager John Crawford, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr spent the morning handing out breakfast and thanking the tenants of The Princeton office building for working in Addison. The 377,000 square foot office building is located along Landmark Boulevard. Its tenants include the State Bar of Texas, Crown Sterling Properties, and the Texas Society of CPAs,

just to name a few. Employees were given bananas, granola bars, and Addison restaurant guides. This monthly event is the Town's way of demonstrating to local companies and their employees how much Addison appreciates them.

Genghis Grill Celebrates Renovation with a Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



On Thursday, August 22, the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand reopening of Genghis Grill. Not only has the Addison location at Belt Line Road and Midway Road been in business for more than 20 years, but it is also the longest operating location in the country. Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, Council Member Paul Walden, and Addison staff were on hand to congratulate Genghis Grill on the new look of the restaurant.

Around Town

Addison Wins Awards at TACVB Conference



At the Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau (TACVB) annual conference on August 15, Addison received three first place People's Choice awards for its new tourism advertising campaign, the new www.visitaddison.com website, and a video created as part of the tourism campaign. Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, Tourism Coordinator Alisha Holmberg, and Director of Public Communications Mary Rosenbleeth were on hand to accept the awards.

Vitruvian Salsa Festival



Bring your dancing shoes to Vitruvian Park for the last Vitruvian Salsa Festival of the year on Saturday, August 24 from 6pm - 10pm. Enjoy live music from Havana NRG, DJs, salsa lessons, food trucks, and more. Salsa lessons will take place from 6:30pm - 7pm. For event parking information, visit the [Facebook event page](#).

Pints and Pups was a Big Hit!



Approximately 700 people showed up with their furry friends to Addison After Dark's Pints and Pups on Saturday, August 17. Thanks to all of our vendors who helped make this event happen and if you were able to join us, thanks for coming out!

There will not be an Addison After Dark event in September due to Addison Oktoberfest from September 19 through September 22. The next event, Let's Do the Time Warp, will take place on Saturday, October 19 from 7pm - 11pm at Addison Circle Park. All of the Rocky Horror Picture Show fans will enjoy this outdoor viewing of the cult favorite movie featuring Brad, Janet and Dr. Frank N. Furter but everyone will enjoy the Glow Dance Party with DJ Stephen Kurtz following the flick! For more information, visit AddisonAfterDark.com.

Doggie Splash Day on September 7



It's the end of summer, so give your furry friend a turn at some summer fun in the pool! Bring your dog to the Addison Athletic Club outdoor pool for a dip from 9:30am - 12pm on Saturday, September 7:

Small dogs - 9:30am - 10:30am
Big dogs - 10:45am - 12pm

All dogs must have a 2019-2020 rabies tag or proof of vaccination to attend. Only dogs will be allowed in the water due to health department standards. The cost is \$5 per pet and the event is open to Addison residents only.

Vitruvian Nights Live



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Rescheduled from August 8, Infinite Journey (a Journey tribute band) will take the stage at the beautiful Amphitheater at Vitruvian Nights Live at 7pm on Thursday, August 29. Free event parking is available onsite at Vitruvian Park. For more information, visit VitruvianPark.com.



Saturday, August 24
Vitruvian Salsa Festival
 6pm - 10pm
 Vitruvian Park
 3966 Vitruvian Way

Tuesday, August 27
City Council Meeting
 7:30pm - 9:30pm
 Addison Town Hall
 5300 Belt Line Road

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

Thursday, August 29
Vitruvian Nights Live
 7pm - 9:30pm
 Vitruvian Park
 3966 Vitruvian Way

Monday, September 1
Labor Day
 Addison Offices (including the Athletic Club) will be closed.
 Athletic Club Outdoor Pool will be open from 12pm - 8pm.
Trash and recycling will be collected.

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
 972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
 972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
 972-392-9300 , Option 2

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