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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

January 10, 2020

Council Update

Interested in Running for Council?

Packets to file for the May 2020 City Council election are now available in the City Secretary's office at Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm. Wednesday, January 15 is the first official day to file for the election. The last day to file is on Friday, February 14 at 5pm.

Upcoming Public Hearing

The Charter Review Commission will be holding a Public Hearing at its meeting on Monday, January 13 at 5:30pm at the Addison TreeHouse. Charter Review Commission meeting documents can be found on the Town's website [here](#) .

Public Safety

Have You Registered for Addison Alert?



If we can't reach you, we can't alert you! Get alerted about severe weather and other emergencies in Addison by signing up for Addison Alert, our Emergency Alert Program. This program enables the Town to provide citizens with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages where you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email addresses, text messages, and more. [Click here to sign up!](#)

Business Pulse

Penn Mutual Wealth Strategies Celebrates New Name and New Home



On Wednesday, January 8, Mayor Joe Chow and Council Member Ivan Hughes joined Penn Mutual Wealth Strategies President Nancy Dinh and her team at a Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the company's relocation and new name. Formerly Armor Wealth Management, the new name reflects the Addison-

based company's dedication to the 4,700 policyholders the agency insures and serves, and their desire to align with the strength and stability of its parent company The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, a 172-year-old institution. The firm's rebrand is also accompanied by a move to a new office space, located at 15851 Dallas Parkway. Congratulations, Penn Mutual Wealth Strategies, and thank you for being in Addison.

Around Town

Expect Road Closures Around Addison Circle Park During Hotcake Hustle on January 11



Please make note of the road closures and alternate entrances in the Addison Circle area during the Hotcake Hustle this Saturday, January 11. Road closures will begin at 6:30am and will re-open by 11am. You can find the [full list here](#) and [view the map here](#) . If you would like to subscribe to Addison's road closures notices, please [register here](#) .

Adopt-a-Park Clean-Up Event January 18



Join us on Saturday, January 18 for a community Adopt-A-Park cleanup day in Winnwood Park and along the White Rock Creek Trail. The trail cleanup will take place from 9am - 11am. Volunteers will park and then sign in at the Town of Addison Finance Building parking lot located at 5350 Belt Line Road. This volunteer opportunity will require a lot of walking and trash pick-up. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a pair of gloves. The Town will have a limited supply of gloves available for use.

The Addison Adopt-A-Park Program is a joint effort between the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and everyday citizens just like you. Its purpose is to reduce litter

and remove debris that could end up in our waterways, while saving operational costs by partnering with community groups to clean up Town Parks, trails, and planting beds.

Please complete and return [this form](#) to Stacy Love at slove@addisontx.gov or bring the completed form to the event. [Please RSVP by Friday, January 17](#) if you plan to join in the fun. Donuts and refreshments will be provided.

Preparing for Inclement Weather



Although we haven't experienced much cold weather yet, we know it's coming. Our Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments have a few housekeeping requests for residents and businesses while the weather is still relatively mild:

Sprinklers: Please make sure that your freeze sensors on your sprinklers are functioning or turn your sprinklers off when temperatures are forecasted to slip below freezing. Overspray from sprinkler systems can cause significant traffic issues when the water freezes on roads.

Tree Trimming: The low hanging branches of the trees on your property impede the Town's emergency vehicles, especially when ice weighs them down. Fire apparatus require a clearance of 14 feet which is why Addison's code requires all residential and commercial trees to be trimmed at least 14 feet above the roadways. Please help the Addison Fire Department improve access to your neighborhood by making sure your trees along the street are trimmed.

Road Closures: In the event of inclement weather, remember to check our website at [addisontexas.net](https://www.addisontexas.net) for any street or office closures.

Winter Family Dance



Save the date for Friday, January 24 for the Winter Family Dance at the Addison Athletic Club! If you have any questions, please contact Erin Seifert at 972-450-7048 or eseifert@addisontx.gov . We hope you can join us!

Coyote Sightings Around Addison

The Town of Addison Animal Control Department has recently received several calls about coyote sightings along the Redding Trail and in the Vitruvian Park area. While coyotes can seem foreign in an urban environment, they are in fact not new or unique to Addison. Coyotes are in the Addison area year round and it is not uncommon to see an increase in coyote sightings during the winter months. The Town relies on the practices and advice of the Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife regarding how to address coyotes and other urban wildlife.

According to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, the behavior of healthy coyotes is very predictable. They avoid and evade people. For coyotes to attack a human is inordinately rare. It is very, very uncommon.

Unless there is an unhealthy coyote, the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife does not recommend trapping and relocating of coyotes. They recommend public education to inform and empower people to take steps to coexist with coyotes and other urban wildlife.

If there is an unhealthy coyote present (one that is not acting in conformance with its predictable behavior) then the Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife will work with the Town to remove them. Should our Animal Control Department receive confirmed reports of dangerous behavior of any animal, they will take immediate steps to mitigate the public risk. The presence of a coyote (or other wild animal) alone is not sufficient to consider the animal dangerous, especially if it is behaving in conformance with its predictable behavior.

The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife provides the following common sense precautions people can take to manage coyotes:

- Do not feed coyotes (either intentionally or unintentionally)!
- Keep pet food and water inside.
- Keep garbage securely stored, especially if it has to be put on the curb for collection; use tight-locking or bungee-cord-wrapped trashcans that are not easily opened. Feeding urban wildlife unintentionally means leaving out trash, tossing out food scraps, leaving out pet food.
- Keep compost piles securely covered; correct composting never includes animal matter like bones or fat, which can draw coyotes even more quickly than decomposing vegetable matter.
- Keep pets inside, confined securely in a kennel or covered exercise yard, or within the close presence of an adult.
- Walk pets on a leash and accompany them outside, especially at night.
- Do not feed wildlife on the ground; keep wild bird seed in feeders designed for birds elevated or hanging above ground, and clean up spilled seed from the ground; coyotes can either be drawn directly to the seed, or to the rodents drawn to the seed.
- Keep fruit trees fenced or pick up fruit that falls to the ground.
- Do not feed feral cats (domestics gone wild); this can encourage coyotes to prey on cats, as well as feed on cat food left out for them.
- Minimize clusters of shrubs, trees and other cover and food plants near buildings and children's play areas to avoid attracting rodents and small mammals that will in turn attract coyotes
- Use noise making and other scaring or hazing devices/tactics when coyotes are seen to scare them away. Portable air horns, motor vehicle horns, propane cannons, low-powered pellet guns, slingshots, raising your arms and yelling, and thrown rocks can all be effective.

Animal Control staff continue to consult the experts at the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to ensure that we are following best practices and sharing the latest information.

If you have any questions, please contact Addison's Animal Control Department at addisonanimalcontrol@addisontx.gov or 972-450-2845. They can be reached on nights and weekends by calling the non-emergency public safety number at 972-450-7156.



Saturday, January 11

Hotcake Hustle

8am - 11am

Addison Conference Centre
15650 Addison Road

Monday, January 13

Charter Review Commission

5:30pm

Addison TreeHouse
14681 Midway Road

[Agenda will be posted here](#) .

Tuesday, January 14

City Council Meeting

7:30pm

Addison Town Hall
5300 Belt Line Road

[Agenda 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 , Option 2

Athletic Club:

972-450-7048

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