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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

January 24, 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. The last day to file is on Friday, February 14 at 5pm.

Upcoming Public Hearing

There will be a Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, January 30 at 5pm at Addison Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road, to receive and discuss the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission. A public hearing will be held at the beginning of this meeting for the community to share their feedback with Council. Charter Review Commission meeting documents can be found on the Town's website [here](#). The [agenda will be posted here three days prior to the meeting.](#)

Business Pulse

Addison Executive Happy Hour



Pictured above from left to right: Addison Mayor Joe Chow, JLL Executive Vice President Connor McCarthy, Addison City Manager Wes Pierson, Shields Legal Group Principal Attorney James Shields, and Penn Mutual Wealth Strategies President Nancy Dinh.

On Wednesday, January 23, the Addison Economic Development Department and Shields Legal Group hosted the inaugural Addison Executive Happy Hour at the Addison TreeHouse. This event provided local business leaders an opportunity to meet with one another to discuss their organizations, as well as a chance to visit with Mayor Joe Chow and other Addison officials. Additionally, Connor McCarthy from JLL was on hand to present real estate trends and the bright future of Addison and the North Texas region. The Town of Addison is excited to partner with Shields Legal Group for more events like this in future.

Public Safety

Police Records Office Has New Hours

Effective January 27, the Police Records Office will be launching updated hours to better serve our citizens. The new hours will be 7am – 6pm, Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed to the public on Fridays. We hope these hours will allow you to stop by before or after work, school, or whatever you have going on!

Addison Police Department Partners with Ring

If you are one of the many Ring customers who uses this popular system to help secure your home, you are probably familiar with Ring's free Neighbors app that is designed to help community members connect and stay informed about what's going on around them.

What you may not know is that you can use the Neighbors app even if you do not own a Ring device.

Ring partners with law enforcement agencies throughout the country to help open the lines of communication between police and the communities they serve. This week, Ring announced they have added the Addison Police Department (APD) to its growing list of partners.

Through clearly identified posts denoting their role, APD officers can view and comment on public Neighbors app posts within their jurisdiction to connect with and help members of the community. Users also have the option to provide helpful information if APD asks for assistance with an investigation. They can choose whether to share videos, or opt out of future requests. The process has been designed to ensure that no user information is shared with police unless the user chooses to do so, including whether or not they received the request.

Police are never given access to users' cameras or devices through the Neighbors app or Ring. The police department's Neighbors app portal does not provide them with the addresses at which any devices are located without a user's express consent. Users are identified in the Neighbors app post/comments only as "Neighbor #." Police see the same information on their Neighbors app portal as regular users and do not receive additional information about the post or the user posting or commenting.

Please be aware that APD will not be continuously monitoring the comments and posts on the Neighbors app. Residents should always call 911 if they see something suspicious in their neighborhood.

APD is pleased to have yet another tool to aid them in preventing and solving crimes in our community. You can [read more about the Neighbors App by Ring here](#).

Officer Gallegos Receives Merit Award



At the January 14 City Council Meeting, Police Chief Paul Spencer awarded Officer Gallegos a Certificate of Merit for going out of her way to assist an elderly Addison resident with multiple sclerosis who lived alone. In addition to helping the resident around

the house, Officer Gallegos took time during her vacation to help arrange the resident's move to an assisted living center out of town. Not only did Officer Gallegos go above and beyond her call for duty, but she also showed incredible compassion and kindness to a resident in a time of need. Officer Gallegos was recognized as Addison's Employee of the Quarter at the last Employee Meritorious luncheon in November. Congratulations, Officer Gallegos, and thank you for your noble actions!

Around Town

Adopt-a-Park Clean-Up Big Success



There was a great turnout on Saturday, January 18 at the Adopt-A-Park Cleanup Day in Winnwood Park and along the White Rock Creek Trail. Council Members Ivan Hughes, Paul Walden, Guillermo Quintanilla, and Marlin Willesen also joined the effort to pick up litter and remove debris. The Addison Adopt-A-Park Program is a joint effort between the Addison Parks Department and everyday citizens to clean up Town parks, trails, and planting beds. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

DART to Hold Silver Line Community Meetings



The DART Silver Line Project has officially begun, and DART is inviting the community to learn more about this important project with updates on the following subjects:

- Design-Build
- Project Schedule
- Betterments Program
- Station Art and Design Programs
- Vehicles
- Construction

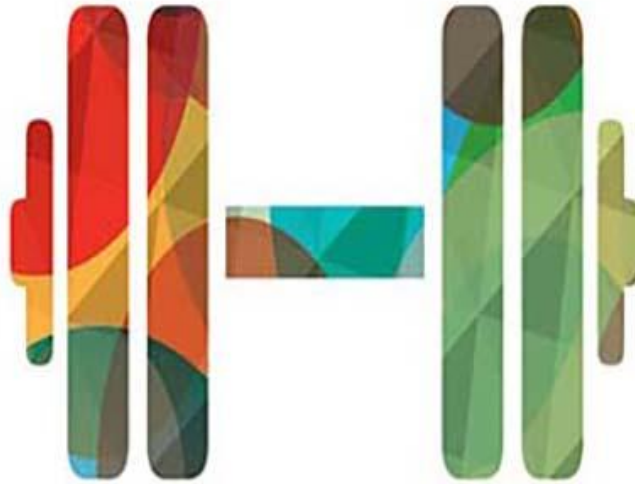
The Addison meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 30 at the Addison Conference Centre. DART and project staff will be on hand to answer your questions. You can find a list of other upcoming Silver Line meetings on [DART's website here.](#)

Parks Employee of the Year



Congratulations to Groundskeeper II Francisco Garcia for being voted Parks Employee of the Year 2019! He joined the Addison Parks Department in 2017 and has quickly become a valued member of the team. Thank you, Francisco, for all you do!

Athletic Club Celebrates Member Appreciation Week



The Addison Athletic Club will be hosting a Member Appreciation Week from Sunday, January 26 through Saturday, February 1. Make sure to stop by the front desk to check out the weekly schedule complete with giveaways, free fitness classes, and more!

DART Approves Funding for Belt Line Road 1.5 Beautification Project



The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board of Directors approved interlocal agreements to fund street repair projects for four service area cities at their Tuesday, January 14 meeting, including one in Addison.

Board members voted unanimously to fund \$441,519 to assist with street repair improvements on Belt Line Road between Marsh Lane and Midway Road, including completing sidewalk gaps and adding additional bus shelters at select DART stops along the corridor. When complete, all bus stops will include seating, accessible paving, and trash receptacles.

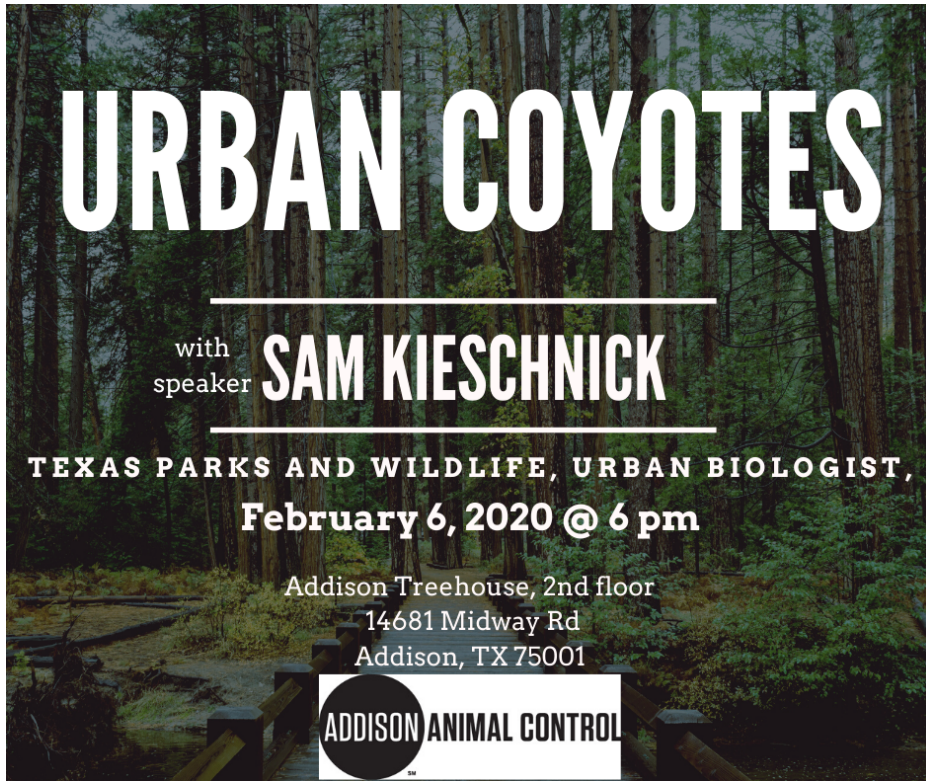
DART's Street Repair Policy was approved in 1994 to assist service area cities with needed repairs. That policy was amended in 1997 to develop a street repair process to select projects for consideration based on budgets and DART's Twenty-Year Financial Plan.

Sneak Peek of WaterTower Theatre's New Season



The WaterTower Theatre hosted a reveal party on Thursday, January 16 to unveil their 25th Anniversary Season. Council Members Guillermo Quintanilla and Paul Walden, joined Producing Artistic Director Shane Peterman, Associate Producer Elizabeth Kensek and members of the community for the exciting event. The 2020-2021 lineup, which kicks off with the musical adaptation of the hit 1974 film *Young Frankenstein* in October, includes a 25th Anniversary Concert featuring musical highlights from the 173 plays and musicals WaterTower has produced since 1996. You can [see the full season here](#) and get your season subscriptions at WaterTowerTheatre.org . Bravo to WaterTower Theatre on another stellar season!

[Learn More About Urban Coyotes](#)



The Addison Animal Control Department is hosting a presentation on Thursday, February 6 at 6pm at the Addison TreeHouse on Urban Coyotes. Texas Parks and Wildlife Urban Biologist Sam Kieschnick will be on hand to educate the community about the behaviors of urban coyotes and what residents can do to protect themselves and their pets. Grab your neighbors and join us for this informative community outreach program.



Tuesday, January 28
City Council Meeting
 7:30pm
 Addison Town Hall
 5300 Belt Line Road

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 5pm
 Addison Town Hall
 5300 Belt Line Road

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DART Silver Line Community Meeting
 6:30pm
 Addison Conference and Theatre Centre
 15650 Addison Road

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972-450-7000

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972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300 , Option 2

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

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