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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

October 16, 2020

Council Update

COVID-19 Update



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On Wednesday, October 14 Dallas County raised the county's coronavirus perceived risk level back to red after lowering it six weeks ago to orange. According to the county, activities such as dining in restaurants and personal grooming services, among other activities, are not recommended as safe and permissible when the risk level is red. As of October 15, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reported 589 additional positive cases of COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 88,372 confirmed cases, including 1,059 confirmed deaths.

To date, Addison has a total of 372 confirmed COVID-19 cases and no deaths according to DCHHS. DCHHS releases new numbers every Tuesday and Friday and [reports can be found on their website here](#).

As a reminder, the [Executive Order](#) issued by Governor Greg Abbott on July 2 requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces remains in effect. Please continue to also follow these preventative measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).

For more Addison COVID-19 updates, please visit www.addisontexas.net/covid19.

Senior Living Facility Slated for Dallas Parkway and Excel Parkway



At its October 13 meeting, Council approved an ordinance changing the zoning on an 11.6-acre property located at the southwest corner of Dallas Parkway and Excel Parkway in order to allow the development of an 11-story, 295,000 square-foot, 217 dwelling-unit senior living facility, with the possibility to expand to 248 units, wrapping around a structured parking garage. The proposed unit breakdown is 148 units of independent living, 48 units of assisted living, and 21 units of memory care. The project will provide residents with onsite neighborhood-type services and amenities including a community market, fitness facilities, and more. The remainder of the lot area is proposed as future office development providing a minimum 550,000 square feet of office space (with a minimum height of six stories) with primarily structured parking. The project will take at least three years to complete.

You can [watch the Council's senior living development discussion here](#) and review the development plans [here](#) which shows different perspectives of the buildings.

Council Approves Grants to Non-Profit Organizations

Each fiscal year, the City Council allocates funding for non-profit organizations that provide services to the Addison community. Interested organizations are given an opportunity to submit a request for funds during the budget process that are evaluated by Town Staff and appointed Council Member Liaisons. Town Staff also reviews all applicable financials and verifies the organization is in good standing with both the IRS and Texas Secretary of State.

At its October 13 meeting, Council formally approved Fiscal Year 2021 funding for the following organizations:

Addison Arbor Foundation: \$65,000
 Metrocrest Services: \$66,120
 Dallas Cat Lady: \$5,000
 Metrocare Services: \$2,500
 Outcry Theatre: \$2,500
 Family Place: \$2,500
 Woven Health Clinic: \$5,000
 WaterTower Theatre: \$375,000

All the agreements, except Metrocare Services, were approved as part of the Consent Agenda and not discussed by Council. You can [watch Council's Metrocare Services discussion here](#).

Council Discusses Recognition Options for Fallen Public Safety Employees

On December 15, 1986, Addison Police Officer Ronnie Cox was killed in the line off duty serving a narcotics warrant in the City of Dallas. Currently, there is not any type of formal memorial or official recognition of Officer Cox's sacrifice within the Town.

At the October 13 meeting, Police Chief Paul Spencer provided Council with an overview of possible recognition options for Addison's public safety personnel and shared several examples of other cities recognition efforts for police officers killed in the line of duty. Council gave staff direction to move forward with creating a recognition for Officer Cox, but to also research ways to create a visible, artistic recognition for members of both the Addison Police and Fire Departments.

You can [watch the Council's line of duty recognition discussion here](#).

Council Adopts Investment Policy

The Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requires the Council to annually adopt the Town's Investment Policy. This policy applies to the investment and management of all funds of the Town. Direct management responsibility for the investment program is delegated by the City Council to the Chief Financial Officer. The investment policy has the following priorities:

- Preservation and safety of principal
- Understanding the suitability of the investment to the financial requirements of the Town
- Liquidity
- Marketability of the investment if the need arises to liquidate the investment prior to maturity
- Diversification of the investment portfolio
- Yield

At its October meeting, Council approved the investment policy which included changes recommended by the Finance staff and the Town's investment adviser, Hilltop Securities.

You can [watch the Council's Investment Policy discussion here](#) and read the Investment Policy presentation [here](#) and the red-lined changes to the policy [here](#).

Council Finance Committee Presents 3rd and 4th Quarter Reports

The Council Finance Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The Committee includes Council Members Tom Braun, Ivan Hughes, and Marlin Willesen and reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the following matters:

- Quarterly Financial Reports;

- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR);
- Long-term debt capacity of the Town;
- Engagement of independent accounting firms to audit the financial statements; and
- Review the adequacy and implementation of an internal audit function.

The Committee meets monthly and is required to provide quarterly reports to the Council. At its October 13 meeting, the City Council approved [Third Quarter](#) and [Fourth Quarter](#) reports for the Fiscal Year 2020.

Upcoming Public Hearing

The following public hearing will take place at the October 20 Planning and Zoning Meeting, which will be held virtually beginning at 6pm. The agenda will be posted [here](#) three days prior to the meeting. If you would like to comment during the public hearing, you can either email your statement to Wilson Kerr at wkerr@addisontx.gov by 3pm the day of the meeting or [follow the instructions listed here](#) to participate by audio conferencing.

Case 1809-Z/Baumann Building. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on a .57-acre property located at 4901 Arapaho Road, which is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinance O04-048, by approving a new PD district.

Case 1818-Z/3820 Belt Line Road. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property located at 3820 Belt Line Road, from PD, Planned Development, to a new PD district to allow a two-story retail and office building.

Around Addison

Addison Adds Recycling Container Option



Addison is now providing another option for recycling container size! Residents can choose between the current 65-gallon recycle cart OR an 18-gallon recycle bin. If you are interested in switching containers, or do not have a container and would like to request one, please [fill out this form](#) no later than November 2. Container swaps and deliveries will be made on November 9.

Oncor Tower Project Update

The week of October 12, Oncor crews began laying out structures through the trail area which includes hauling material and poles to the right-of-way (ROW). The full line crew and work is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 19.

Below is the current schedule:

October 5 – November 19: Line Construction

- A reduced portion of the Redding Trail Dog Park will open for use. Closures for construction required.
- The trail will be closed to the public.

November 19 – December 31: Clean-up and Restoration

- Oncor will clean-up and repair damage to the landscape and irrigation.
- Addison parks crews will install the pedestrian light poles and replacement vegetation.

Don't Miss the Spooktacular Candy Drive-Thru



The Addison Athletic Club invites Addison families to dress up in their Halloween costumes and join them for a Spooktacular Candy Drive-Thru on Friday, October 23 from 6:30pm - 8pm. Staff will distribute prepackaged treat bags (while supplies last!) to all the little ghosts and goblins during this family-friendly, socially distanced, drive-thru event in the pool parking lot. Sorry, but all participants must remain in their vehicles - no walk throughs are allowed.

Addison Athletic Club staff will be collecting canned goods to benefit Metrocrest Services during the event.

Early Voting Runs Through October 30



Early voting began October 13 and for the first time, Loos Field House at 3815 Spring Valley Road will be used as a vote center. Addison voters may vote there or at any Dallas County early voting location. [Find a complete list here](#), along with wait times for each location.

As part of the November 3 election, Addison voters will be asked to consider 26 amendments to Addison's Charter. Residents will be receiving a voters' information guide in the mail next week, but you can find the guide, a sample ballot, and more information about the special election on the Town's website at www.addisontexas.net/charter2020.

Addison to Host Sustainability Day on October 24



Addison is hosting a Sustainability Day on October 24 from 10am - 2pm at the Addison Service Center (16801 Westgrove Drive) so clean out your closet and mark your calendar for this contactless recycling event. The first 100 people receive a free t-shirt!

In addition to onsite shredding services, we will be collecting non-perishable and canned food items for donation to the Metrocrest Services Food Bank. Find a complete list of items being accepted for recycling [here](#).

Your donations help ensure proper recycling of e-waste and save valuable landfill space. A tax deduction slip will be provided for all donations.

This is a free event and open to Addison residents and non-Addison residents. Town employees will follow COVID-19 protocols for personal protective equipment and contactless collection.

How to Stay Informed

Addison shares information with the community in a number of different ways. Here are some ways you can stay updated on the latest news:

Website:

- www.addisontexas.net: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- www.addisontexas.net/covid19: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources

Social Media:

- [Addison Facebook](#)
- [Visit Addison Facebook](#)
- [Addison Twitter](#)
- [Visit Addison Twitter](#)
- [NextDoor](#)

Addison Newsletters: For a description of and to subscribe to all of Addison's newsletters, click [here](#).

If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at marketing@addisontx.gov.

Follow CDC Social Distancing Guidelines



The Town of Addison is taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We would like to encourage everyone to join us. The CDC has encouraged the community to practice social distancing, but also to follow these steps to minimize the spread of any disease:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).

Below are some symptoms to be aware of:

CORONAVIRUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEVER ● COUGH ● SHORTNESS OF BREATH ● SYMPTOMS APPEAR 2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE
FLU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEVER ● COUGH ● SORE THROAT ● HEADACHES ● FATIGUE (TIREDNESS) ● MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES ● RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
ALLERGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SNEEZING ● ITCHY, RUNNY OR BLOCKED NOSE ● ITCHY, RED, WATERING EYES

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Dallas County directly at 972-692-2780 (Hours: 9am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday).

For additional resources, visit the [Town's website here](#).

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300, Option 2

[Request Bulk Trash Pickup](#)

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

[Addison Website](#)

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[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

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(**channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,**
channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

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