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## A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

**October 30, 2020**

**Council Update**

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## COVID-19 Update

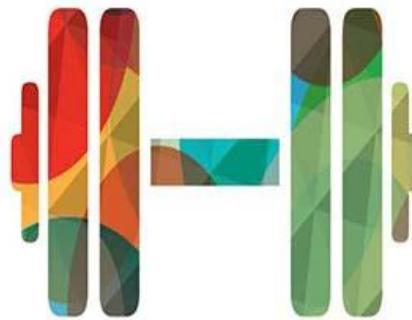
On October 29, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reported 565 new additional positive cases of COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 95,402 confirmed cases, including 1,108 confirmed deaths. To date, Addison has a total of 399 confirmed COVID-19 cases and no deaths according to DCHHS. DCHHS 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](http://www.addisontexas.net/covid19).

## Athletic Club Renovation Survey Results Shared with Council



Between September 22 and October 13, Addison staff solicited in-person and on-line input from the community on the renovations planned for the Athletic Club including preferred design styles, locker room configurations, and preferences related to sauna and steam elements. At the October 22 Council meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell shared the results of the survey with Council. The community was split on the design style, so staff recommended proceeding with the traditional design, but blending in preferred transitional elements including lightening the design and using small accents of color. There was overwhelming support for [Option A](#) for changing rooms, and requests to look at ways to add a door from the Men's room to the outdoor pool, add swimsuit dryers to both locker rooms, and increase privacy. There was also support for a traditional sauna and a traditional steam room.

These recommendations will be shared with the design consultant and those that can be incorporated into the renovation designs and budget will be considered.

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

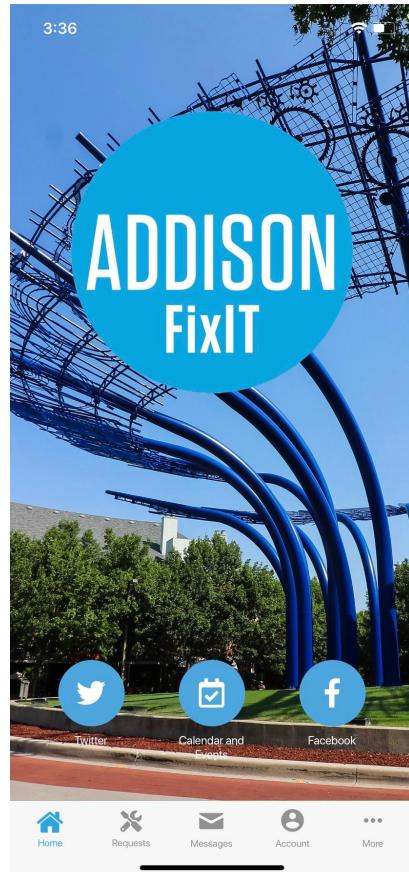
### Council Discusses Possible Options to Replace This Year's Annual Holiday Open House



Due to the closure of the Addison Conference Centre and current limitations on large social gatherings, the annual Holiday Brunch and Open House is unable to take place in its usual format. At its October 27 meeting, Council discussed several options to replace this year's event. Council directed staff to move forward with planning a socially distanced outdoor holiday gathering in Addison Circle Park, with boxed meals and crafts, plus virtual visits with Santa. Look for more information in the mail soon.

You can [watch the Holiday Open House discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

## Council Gets Update on Addison FixIT App



In December 2019, Addison transitioned to a new Addison FixIT app to better serve the community. The FixIT app, which is available for Android and IOS users, allows posters to report problems around Town, and also offers opportunities for citizen engagement. At the October 27 Council meeting, staff shared that the app has been downloaded 386 times and has been used to report more than 600 requests. Nearly 50% of all service requests are parks related, 21% are code enforcement related, and 10% are streets related. They also gave a live demonstration of how to use the app.

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

## Hotel Fund Sustainability Discussion

Addison's Hotel Fund revenue has been negatively impacted by the economic effects of COVID-19. At the October 27 Council meeting, staff from the Finance, Special Events, Economic Development and Tourism, and Marketing Departments presented Council with an overview of the fund, the Hotel Occupancy Tax, and a projection of the Hotel Fund's financial sustainability over the next five years.

The team shared details on the individual programs (events and activities) budgeted in the Hotel Fund, including a description, financial information, and a staff-developed rating. Recent financial analysis indicates that the fund is unable to maintain the minimum 25%

reserve requirement beyond Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, so the team wanted to proactively begin conversations on possible recommendations that can be developed to address this issue after FY2021. Staff will share recommendations for cost-saving strategies at a future meeting.

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

## Judge Dwight, Judge Callaway, and Judge Dulaney Reappointed



At its October 27 meeting, the City Council reappointed Judge Larry Dwight as the Presiding Municipal Judge and Judge Cass Callaway and Judge Danielle Dulaney as Alternate Municipal Judges. Addison judges are appointed to two-year terms and the current term for all three judges expires on December 31, 2020. The judges received their evaluation by the City Council during an executive session at the October 13 Council meeting

Judge Larry Dwight has served as a Municipal Court Judge for the past thirty-four years, specifically serving as a Presiding Judge for the last 15 terms. Judge Cass Callaway and Judge Danielle Dulaney are finishing their first two-year term. Thank you to Judge Dwight, Judge Callaway, and Judge Dulaney for their continued service to the Addison community.

You can [watch the Council's Judge appointment discussion here](#).

## Council Amends Ambulance Fees

During an October 13 work session, Deputy Fire Chief CJ Alexander presented a proposed amendment to the Town's Emergency Ambulance Service fee schedule to bring it in line with key comparison cities and rates deemed reasonable and customary in the industry. The Town's current Emergency Medical Services billing provider, Emergicon, helped in the research and creation of a proposed fee schedule amendment.

At its October 27 meeting, the City Council approved the proposed fee schedule. While the amended ordinance does raise rates for Emergency Ambulance Services, it also retains the Addison Resident Zero Billing provision. This provision ensures that while residents will be charged for ambulance services through their insurance company or through Medicare or Medicaid, they will not be billed by Addison for deductibles, out-of-pocket charges, or cash fees.

You can [watch the Council's October 13 work session discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

## Council Approves Service Agreement with Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce

At its October 27 meeting, the City Council approved a service agreement with the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce for \$35,000. For the last few years, Addison has provided grant funding to the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce. This year, the agreement has transitioned to a service agreement which will be managed by the Economic Development & Tourism Department and includes the following criteria:

1. Economic Development Marketing
2. Entrepreneur Development Support
3. Addison Business Profile Support
4. Develop Strategies to Connect the Addison Airport community and the Addison business community
5. Tourism Support

You can [watch the Council's Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce discussion here](#).

## Council Appoints Members to Council Subcommittee for the Addison Circle/Silver Line Station Transit-oriented Development Project

Cushman and Wakefield, the Town's real estate advisor/broker for the properties located adjacent to the DART Silver Line Transit Station, is beginning the process to select a master developer and development proposal. The appointment of a Selection Committee composed of Council members is part of this effort. This Council subcommittee will work with Town staff and Cushman & Wakefield to develop the parameters to be used in the selection of a master developer through an RFP process and select the developers that will advance to the second phase of the selection process.

At its October 27 meeting, the Council selected Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Guillermo Quintanilla and Council Members Tom Braun and Paul Walden to serve on this committee.

You can [watch the Council's Selection Committee discussion here](#).

## Now Accepting Applications for Boards and Commissions

If you are interested in applying for a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment, please [fill out this application](#). The application deadline is November 20 and the Council will discuss appointments at its December 8 meeting. Please direct any questions to City Secretary Irma Parker at 972-450-7017 or [iparker@addisontx.gov](mailto:iparker@addisontx.gov).

## Around Addison

### Time To Turn Clocks Back



Don't forget to "fall" back this weekend by turning your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

### Halloween Safety Tips



Halloween during COVID-19 requires extra safety measures for trick or treaters and treat givers. Addison's Environmental Health Division recommends the following tips to be safe while having fun:

#### Trick or Treaters

- Wear a mask, even if the costume doesn't call for one.
- Stay 6 feet away from those not in your household.
- Bring hand sanitizer and use it often.

- Keep interactions brief and outside of anyone's home.
- Avoid going out in large groups.

**Treat Givers**

- Stand outside to dispense treats in candy bowl or grab-and-go baggies .
- Wear a mask and gloves.
- Keep interactions brief and outside the house.
- If not outside, disinfect doorbell and door knob throughout the evening.

You can find more tips on the [CDC website here.](#)

**Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3 and Dallas County residents can vote at any Dallas County Vote Center. There will be three polling places in Addison:

- Loos Field House: 3815 Spring Valley Road
- Addison Conference Centre: 15650 Addison Road
- Addison Central Fire Station: 4798 Airport Parkway

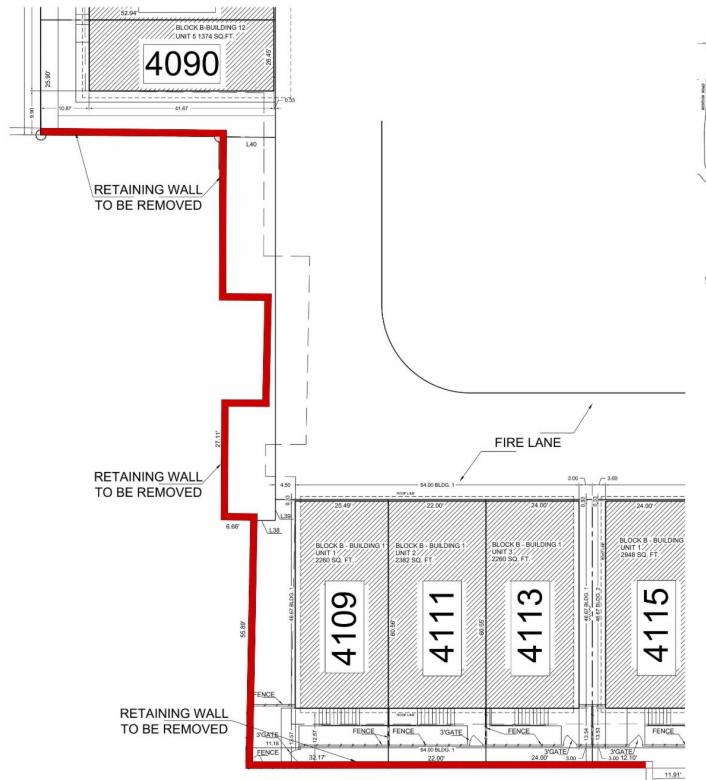
Fire Station 2 on Beltway Drive will not be used as a voting location for this election. You can find a full list of Dallas County locations at [www.DallasCountyVotes.org](http://www.DallasCountyVotes.org)

As part of the November 3 election, Addison voters are being asked to consider 26 amendments to Addison's Charter. Residents can find a voters' information guide, a sample ballot, and more information about the special election on the Town's website at [www.addisontexas.net/charter2020](http://www.addisontexas.net/charter2020).

**Addison Grove Wall Demolition Pushed to November 9**



The Addison Grove townhome developer has received their wall demolition permit and adjacent building permit. Residents can expect to see permanent fencing around the project installed the week of November 2, with wall demolition now slated to begin on Monday, November 9. The demolition will take approximately one week to complete and home construction on building 1 is expected to start the week of November 16. As a reminder, the wall will not be removed all at once, but will come down progressively as construction on townhomes is started.



## DART Hosts Silver Line Quarterly Community Meeting on November 12



You are invited to attend a virtual quarterly community meeting to review the progress of the DART Silver Line Regional Rail Project on Thursday, November 12 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. DART and the Design-Build Contractor will be on hand to outline the latest developments and answer your questions.

The project will provide regional rail service along the 26-mile long Silver Line Corridor from DFW International Airport to Plano.

Presentations during this meeting will include:

- Updated project drawings showing track configurations and station layout.
- Status of track grade separations (bridges).
- Betterments Program Progress.
- Station Design Progress.
- Design-Builder's early design and construction schedule.
- A general summary of project information.
- Identification of contacts for FAQs and community concerns.

Here are the meeting details:

- Phone #: 469-391-0632
- Conference ID: 311 726 831
- To find your virtual meeting link, go to [DART.org/SilverLine](http://DART.org/SilverLine)

### **Addison Athletic Club to Host Senior Thanksgiving Dinner Drive-Thru**



Reserve your Prepackaged Dinner from Boston Market  
(Seniors 50+ Only)

By Calling 972-450-7048 or Stop by the Front Desk

*A violinist will be playing for your entertainment  
while you pick up your meal.*

### Oncor Tower Replacement Update

Oncor has informed Addison that there are additional delays in the tower replacement schedule due to mutual assistance hurricane storm work. This schedule below is a more accurate timeframe:

#### **October 5 – December 12: 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.

#### **December 13 – January 15: 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.

As a reminder, while the trail is closed please do not walk around, damage, or move the barriers. They are there to ensure the safety of our residents. We really appreciate your patience on this project.

## Addison Sustainability Day A Big Success



More than 170 residents took advantage of the Sustainability Day contactless recycling event on October 24. Staff and volunteers directed cars around the Addison Service Center parking lot where participants could drop off items to be shredded as well as donated items to be recycled. We shredded more than 3.5 tons of paper during the four-hour event. Many thanks to our volunteers, staff, and residents for making this event successful.

## Please Respond by November 2: 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.

## 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](http://www.addisontexas.net): Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- [www.addistontexas.net/covid19](http://www.addistontexas.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](mailto:marketing@addisontx.gov).

## Follow CDC Social Distancing Guidelines

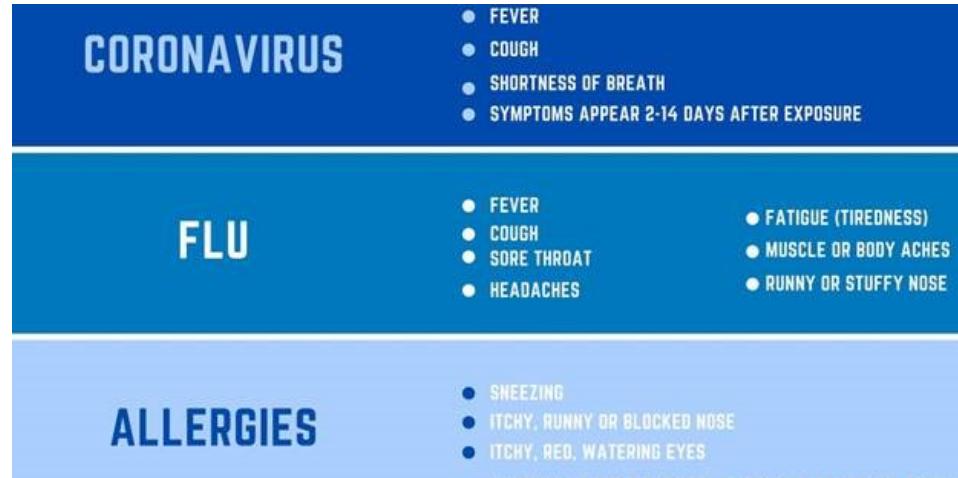


The Town of Addison is taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We would like to encourage everyone to join us. The CDC has encouraged the community to practice social distancing, but also to follow these steps to minimize the spread of any disease:

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- 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:



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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