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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

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COVID-19 Update

On December 3 after COVID-19 hospitalizations in the region exceeded 15% as a percentage of available hospital beds for seven straight days, the state ordered businesses to lower indoor occupancy rates from 75% to 50%. Governor Greg Abbott's [October 7 executive order](#) automatically triggered restrictions for restaurants, retail establishments, gyms, and more when this threshold was met. According to the order, the region will remain under the restrictions until it reports seven consecutive days under 15%. The Dallas Morning News reported on December 9 that hospitalizations dipped under 15% on Saturday and Sunday, but that the mark has hovered near 16% since.

On December 10, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reported 2,088 additional positive cases of COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 139,950 confirmed cases, including 1,299 confirmed deaths. To date, Addison has a total of 628 confirmed COVID-19 cases according to DCHHS. DCHHS releases new numbers every Tuesday and Friday and [reports can be found on their website here](#).

Council Awards Midway Road Revitalization Contracts

Midway Road Project Overview



In 2012, Addison voters approved \$16 Million in General Obligation bonds for the revitalization of Midway Road from Spring Valley Road to Keller Springs Road. In 2018, Council authorized staff to include the newly adopted Master Transportation Plan (includes wider medians and an off-street trail) in the project and authorized the City Manager to pursue the issuance of \$25M in Certificates of Obligation Bonds. In 2019, \$15M in Certificate of Obligation Bonds were issued for the project. On April 28, 2020, staff presented a Midway Road Revitalization Project update which informed Council on the revised project design, property acquisition, the selection process for a general contractor, and timeline.

At its December 8 meeting, the City Council approved an almost \$31 million contract with Tiseo Paving Company for Construction Services for the Midway Road Revitalization Project, which is approximately \$480,000 under the project budget for construction services.

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

Council also awarded Teague Nall Perkins (TNP) an approximately \$880,000 contract for Design Support During Construction Services. Design Support During Construction Services is an industry standard for construction projects to assure the construction contractor utilizes means and methods that comply with the contract requirements. TNP is the Engineer of Record for the Midway Road Revitalization Project design. They are, therefore, uniquely positioned to provide the design support services because the Engineer of Record is required to be notified of or approve any requested interpretations and deviations by the construction contractor during construction.

You can [watch the Council's TNP award discussion here](#).

Finally, Council awarded a roughly \$225,000 contract to Kleinfelder, Inc. to perform materials testing services as quality assurance for the materials. Material testing services are required to assure the quality and consistency of the materials and workmanship utilized by the construction contractor to complete the Midway Road Revitalization Project.

You can [watch the Council's Kleinfelder award discussion here](#).

The Midway Road Revitalization project is slated to begin in January 2021. You can receive project updates in several ways:

- Visit www.AddisonTexas.net/Midway
- Subscribe to emails [here](#).
- Text "**Midway**" to 888-777
- Follow @TownofAddison on Facebook and Twitter

The video above provides additional project information.

Council Discusses Residential Signs

At its December 8 meeting, the City Council discussed the Town's regulations for residential signs and flags. Council considered this issue in response to recent questions about whether some signs and flags were permitted. The current ordinance does not permit single-family homes to display school participation signs, religious signs, or celebration signs, among others. The current ordinance does allow the display of U.S., Texas, and Addison flags, but does not allow the display of corporate, college, or other flags.

Staff is in the process of reviewing and updating the Town's development regulations, which will include ordinances for zoning, subdivision of land, signs, and related issues. This review process is lengthy and has been paused until the Town hires a new Director of Development Services.

Council directed staff to bring forward an amendment to allow residential signs and flags in addition to the governmental flags allowed by the current ordinance. Council will consider the adoption of the amendment at a future meeting.

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

Council Makes Board and Commission Appointments

The City Council made appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment at its December 8 meeting.

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

The Planning and Zoning Commission members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms and has three members with terms expiring in December 2020. The next term of office begins in January of 2021 and expires in December of 2022. Nancy Craig (nominated by Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Quintanilla) and John Meleky (nominated by Council Member Walden) were reappointed. Denise Fansler (nominated by Council Member Willesen) was appointed to replace Kathryn Wheeler.

You can [watch the Council's Planning and Zoning Commission appointment discussion here](#).

Board of Zoning Adjustment Appointments

The Board of Zoning Adjustments has three members with terms expiring this year. Individuals appointed to the Board may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms and will begin the next term in January of 2021. Lary Brown (nominated by Council Member Willesen) was reappointed. Darren Gardner (nominated by Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Quintanilla) and Jimmy Niemann (nominated by Council Member Walden) were newly appointed.

You can [watch the Council's Board of Zoning Adjustment appointment discussion here](#).

Community Partners Bureau

The Community Partners Bureau is comprised of residents appointed by Council to represent the Town of Addison with its Community Partners (non-profit organizations). Council has postponed appointing members to the Community Partners Bureau until January. Applications will be available next week on the Town's website at www.addisontexas.net.

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

Upcoming Public Hearings

The following public hearings will take place at the December 15 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 1820-SUP/DART Transit Station. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing an existing Special Use Permit, through Ordinances O97-055 and O02-002, located at 4925 Arapaho Road, to include a rail station as an allowed use and amend development plans, in order to allow a rail station at the Addison Transit Center.

Case 1819-Z/4135-4145 Belt Line. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on properties located at 4135 and 4145 Belt Line Road, from LR, Local Retail, to a PD, Planned Development District, based on LR with modified uses, in order to allow medical office use.

Public Safety Update



The Addison Police Department is encouraging residents to register their home security alarms. If you use your alarm system, even if it is not monitored, you must register every year at [AddisonAlarmRegistration.com](#). The first three false alarms are free for registered users. However, residents or businesses who have not registered their alarm will be charged \$100 for the first false alarm (the fee will be waived if you register within 30 days). The alarm registration fee is free for residents and \$50 for businesses.

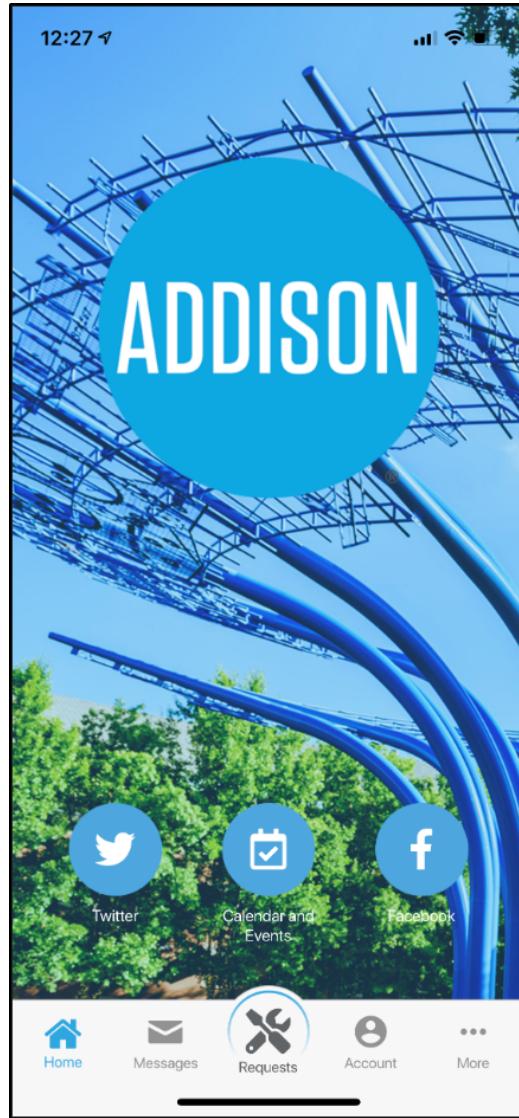
Around Addison

Resident Holiday in the Park a Big Hit

A huge thank you to all those who attended Holiday in the Park this past Sunday. The reimagined annual resident event attracted more than 750 people. Attendees enjoyed live performances of their favorite holiday tunes while seated in socially distanced circles, a balloon animal station, virtual visits with Santa from the North Pole, and a simulated snowfall that brought a great amount of family fun. Also, many residents captured memorable holiday moments with the festive photo areas and were treated to a catered box meal and commemorative Addison ornament.



FixIT App Update Now Available



An update to the Addison FixIT app is now available for iPhone and Android users. If your phone is not set for automatic update, please go into your settings to get the latest version of the app. The new update includes bug fixes to commonly used features but the most notable change is the location of the Requests button. It has been placed in the center of the bottom ribbon (see image above). From the Requests button, users will be able to "Create a Request" or see "My Requests". Out of concern for the privacy of all Addison residents, the "Nearby Request" function has been disabled. However, all code enforcement reports are available on the Town's website [here](#).

WaterTower Theatre Presents
Ella's Swinging Christmas: A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald



A one-woman show, streaming on-demand through January 3, 2021, WaterTower Theatre's (WTT) production of *Ella's Swinging Christmas: A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald* is a musical treat for all ages. Dallas singer and actress phenomenon, Feleceia Wilson (formerly Feleceia Benton) introduces the WTT audience to a uniquely reimagined experience of Ella Fitzgerald's incredible "Swinging Christmas" album, just in time for the holidays. Ella Fitzgerald recorded the epic holiday 18-tracks, with a studio orchestra arranged and conducted by Frank DeVol. It is her only complete album of Christmas tunes on Verve Records.

Patrons will be able to enjoy *Ella's Swinging Christmas* from the comfort and safety of their own homes. All season ticket holders will receive their digital tickets as part of their 25th season ticket subscription. Single tickets are on sale now. Purchase all tickets on WaterTowerTheater.org.

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.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.

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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[**Volunteer**](#)

[**List of Restaurants**](#)

[**Addison News**](#)

[**Community Crime Map**](#)

[**Watch City Council Meetings**](#)

[**Addison's PEG Channel**](#)
(channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,
channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

[**Register your Security Alarm**](#)

[**Report a Problem with Addison FixIT**](#)

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