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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

February 28, 2020

Council Update

J.B. & Co Awarded Contract for Belt Line 1.5 Enhancements

At its February 25 meeting, the City Council awarded a not-to-exceed contract in the amount of \$1,798,287.95 to J.B. & Co. for the construction of enhancements on Belt Line Road between Marsh Lane and Midway Road, commonly referred to as Belt Line 1.5, and set a total project budget of \$2,378,000. Council adopted the Belt Line Road 1.5 Master Plan in February 2019.

Following adoption of the Master Plan last year, staff informed Council that approximately \$2,127,022 was available for the design, Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition, and construction of the project and requested direction. The available funds included an anticipated \$135,022 from DART Street Repair Funds, but did not include the DART Local Assistance Program (LAP).

Council directed staff to develop a total project budget based on the design consultant's recommended scope with the addition of two bus shelters, reduction of landscape repair items, and an update of the design services fee to reflect the actual contracted amount. From this direction, staff projected a total budget of \$2,378,000.

The DART Board voted last month to fund \$441,519 to assist Belt Line 1.5, including completing sidewalk gaps and adding additional bus shelters at select DART stops along the corridor. This additional funding above the \$135,022 that was anticipated in the preliminary budget not only helps fund the gap between available funds and the project budget, it also allows the Town to include a \$195K alternate bid item related to implementing Master Transportation Plan elements on Belt Line Road. This part of the project is contingent on the property owner sharing the cost.

You can [watch the Council's Belt Line 1.5 discussion here](#).

Addison Police Chief Presents 2019 APD Annual Report

Addison Police Chief Paul Spencer presented the 2019 Addison Police Department (APD) Annual Report to the City Council at its February 25 meeting. The report includes a statistical review of the year, notable events from the patrol and criminal investigation divisions, community outreach events, and goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2020.

The report also includes the results of an audit of the Town's License Plate Recognition and Optical Camera system. This annual audit is an assurance to the public that the department's License Plate Recognition and Optical Camera System has operated according to Council's policy direction. The audit found that all internal activities surrounding its use were in line with Council policy and departmental procedures.

You can [watch Council's discussion of the 2019 APD Annual Report here](#) and [read the report here](#) .

APD Delivers Results of Annual Racial Profiling Report

The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure requires the Addison Police Department to share the data collected on the race or ethnicity of individuals stopped and issued citations or arrested for traffic violations with the City Council each year. To be proactive, the APD submits its data to Del Carmen Consulting, LLC, on a quarterly basis for analysis, review, and feedback. Del Carmen Consulting also analyzes and prepares APD's annual racial profiling and search analysis report for the State of Texas.

On February 25, Chief presented The Racial Profiling Report to City Council that provides information related to data collected from motor vehicles stops in which a citation or warning was issued, and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information such as:

- The race or ethnicity of the individual detained;
- Whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the detained individual consented to the search; and
- Whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual before detaining them.

The 2019 report verifies that APD is in full compliance with the state racial profiling statute regarding prevention policies, data collection, vehicle search analysis, and reporting.

You can [watch Council's discussion on APD's Racial Profiling Report here](#) and [read the report here](#).

Council Cancels May 2 General Election and Declares Unopposed Candidates Elected to Office

On February 20, the City Secretary submitted to the City Council a Certification of Unopposed Candidates certifying that all the following candidates are unopposed:

- Guillermo "GQ" Quintanilla
- Paul Walden
- Marlin Willesen

At its February 25 meeting, the Council declared the unopposed candidates elected to office and canceled the May 2 General Election. The ordinance declaring the unopposed candidates elected will be posted at each polling place on Election Day used.

Since the City Council has called for a Special Charter Election on May 2, the ballots used in that election, must include:

1. A list of the offices and names of the candidates that have been declared elected;
2. Listed separately after the measures or contested races in the separate election;
3. Under the heading "Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected";
4. With the candidates grouped in the same relative order prescribed for the ballot generally; and
5. Listed in a way that prevents voters from casting votes in connection with these candidates [Election Code 2.053(c)].

The statute provides that a certificate of election is issued to each candidate who is declared elected, in the same manner and at the same time as provided for a candidate elected at the election.

[You can watch the Council's May 2 General Election discussion here.](#)

Interested in Serving on the Trails Master Plan Advisory Committee?

At its February 13 meeting, City Council approved a contract to create a Trails Master Plan. This project, which is slated to begin in March and take approximately a year to complete, will include an extensive public input gathering process, including the creation of an advisory committee. Council will be considering appointments to the advisory committee at a future meeting.

MIG, the company selected to create the Trails Master Plan, has shared that the ideal composition of the committee would include representatives from all sides of Addison and include at least one representative from the business community. The committee ideally should be made up of active Addison trail users who are consistent walkers, runners, cyclists, and also include a mobility advocate and commuter cyclist.

If you are interested in being considered, please [fill out this application](#).

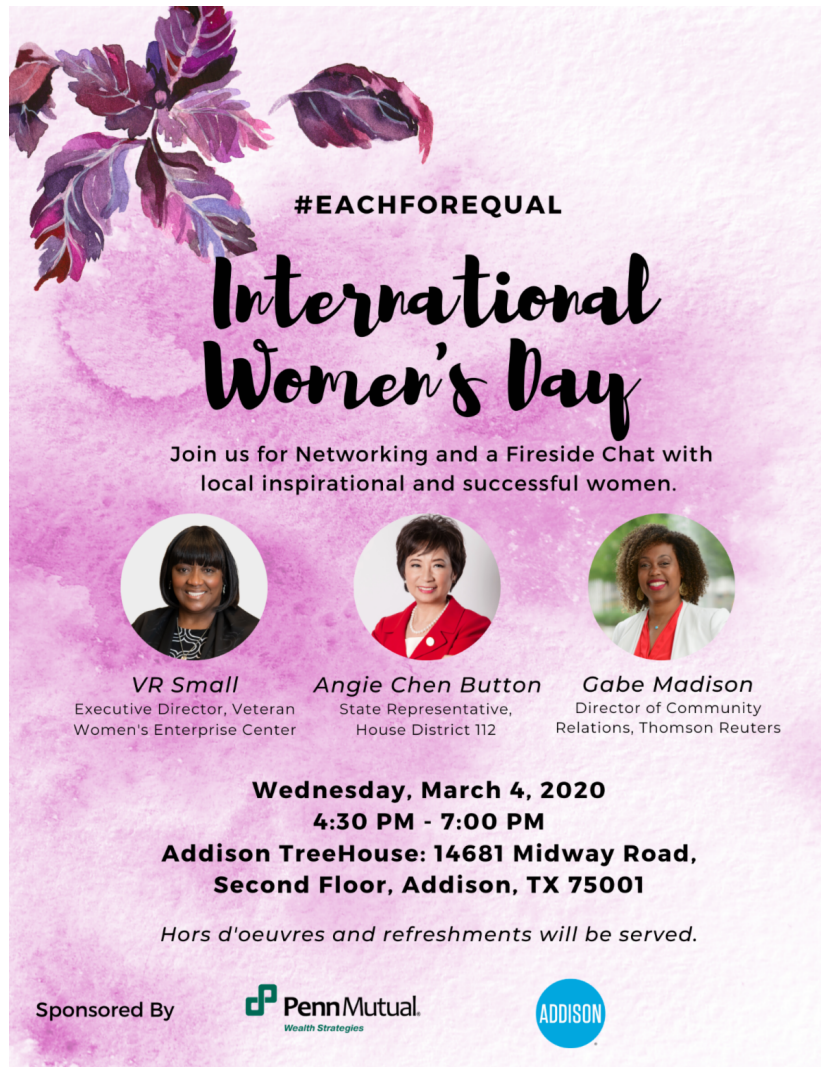
Business Pulse

Addison Welcomes Headstorm to Town



IT software company Headstorm hosted a ribbon cutting of their new office at Millennium Tower on Monday, February 24. Mayor Joe Chow, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr joined the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce in the celebration. The company first began operations at Liberty Plaza. Since then, they have tripled in size, and anticipate growing even more. Company President Lawrence King welcomed everyone to the event and attributed their success to the location, their corporate culture, and the great talent they have recruited over the last few years. We are very proud to have Headstorm in Addison and look forward to their continued success in our community.


International Women's Day




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Join us for Networking and a Fireside Chat with local inspirational and successful women.



VR Small
Executive Director, Veteran Women's Enterprise Center





Angie Chen Button
State Representative, House District 112



Gabe Madison
Director of Community Relations, Thomson Reuters

Wednesday, March 4, 2020
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Addison TreeHouse: 14681 Midway Road, Second Floor, Addison, TX 75001

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

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Join the Addison Economic Development and Tourism Department and PennMutual Wealth Strategies in celebrating International Women's Day on Wednesday, March 4 at the Addison TreeHouse! You can get more information and [register here](#) .

Around Town

Yelibelly Chocolates Celebrates New Addison Location



On Wednesday, February 26, [Yelibelly Chocolates](#) cut the ribbon at their new location at 4500 Ratliff Lane, Suite 102. Yelibelly Chocolates is an award-winning, artisan chocolate company that has been making flavor-infused truffles since 2009. Council Member Ivan Hughes and Town staff were there to congratulate owner Yeli Marshall on her success. Yelibelly Chocolates can be ordered online and picked up at the Addison store, and offers an array of classes for both kids and adults. Congratulations, Yelibelly Chocolates, on your new Addison location.

Bottle Rocket Hosts Metrocrest Chamber's Leadership Class



Now in its 30th year, Leadership Metrocrest is a program of the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce designed to increase the community knowledge and leadership skills of individuals seeking civic leadership positions in the community. This week, Addison-based Bottle Rocket hosted the Leadership Metrocrest class for their Economic Development Day. Bottle Rocket CEO Calvin Carter was able to share some great insights on building a successful company.

Sign up for Addison's Next Citizens Academy



The application process is now open for Citizens Academy 2020! The Citizens Academy is a three-day instructional program designed to provide residents of Addison with a strong working knowledge of municipal operations for the Town. The program consists of three Saturday sessions covering a variety of civic and local government topics, including City Council Roles and Responsibilities, Finance, Economic Development & Tourism, Development, and Public Safety. This year's academy will be held on the following dates:

- Friday, June 5: Kick-Off Dinner (6:30pm-8pm)
- Saturday, June 6: Session I (8am-5pm)
- Saturday, June 13: Session II (8am-5pm)
- Saturday, June 20: Session III (8am-5pm)
- Tuesday, June 23: Graduation (6pm-8pm)

For more information and to download the application, [click here](#).

March 3 Primary Elections Information



Addison Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 2 will both be open on March 3 for Primary Elections. You can get more information on [Election Day polling locations here](#) .



Wednesday, March 4
International Women's Day
 4:30pm - 7pm
 Addison TreeHouse, Second Floor

Tuesday, March 10
City Council Meeting
 7:30pm
 Addison Town Hall

14681 Midway Road
[Register here.](#)

Coffee with the Mayor
10am - 11:30am
Dunn Brothers Coffee
3725 Belt Line Road

5300 Belt Line Road
[Agendas will be 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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