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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

February 7, 2020

Council Update

Charter Review Commission Presents Final Report to Council

On Thursday, January 30, the Charter Review Commission presented Council with their [final report](#) which included 26 recommended amendments to Addison's Charter. The amendments ranged from eliminating unnecessary sections and making language consistent with current state laws to requiring candidates to file a petition to run for Council and clarifying language on when debt instruments can be issued. The 14-member Commission was appointed by Council on September 10, 2019 and has met six times over the past three months to review all sections of the Town's Charter.

All Charter amendments are required to be approved by voters. At its February 13 meeting, Council will decide whether or not to hold a Special Charter Election on May 2.

Council extended a special thank you to all of the members of the commission which was led by Chair Bruce Arfsten and Vice Chair Sue Halpern.

You can [watch the Council's Charter Review Commission discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#) and the [companion document here](#). All the documents related to the Charter Review Commission meetings can be [found on the website here](#).

February 11 City Council Meeting Moved to February 13

The City Council Meeting originally scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 11 has been moved to Thursday, February 13. The agenda will be [posted here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

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 Hearings

The following Public Hearings will take place at the February 13 Council Meeting which will take place at 7:30pm at Addison Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road. The [agenda will be posted here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Case 1810-SUP/Vidorra: Public hearing, discussion, and take action on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property located at 5100 Belt Line Road Suite 410, which is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinance 012-001, by approving a Special Use Permit for a new restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only.

Case 1808-SUP/Remington's: Public hearing, discussion, and take action on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property located at 4580 Belt Line Road, which is currently zoned Local Retail (LR), by approving a Special Use Permit for a restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only, in order to allow relocation and expansion of the bar area within an existing restaurant space.

Special Charter Election : Public Hearing, discussion, and take action on an ordinance calling and ordering a Special Election on May 2, 2020, to submit to the voters amendments to the Addison Home Rule Charter as recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

Business Pulse

2020 Japan Currents Symposium



The 2020 Japan Currents Symposium, which is sponsored in part by Addison's Economic Development Department, will take place on Thursday, February 13 from 11:30am - 3pm at the Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum (14901 Dallas Parkway). Join us for a conversation with two expert panels of executives, players, and historians on the economic and diplomatic importance of baseball within U.S.-Japan relations. For more information and to register, [click here](#) .

Addison Restaurant Meeting



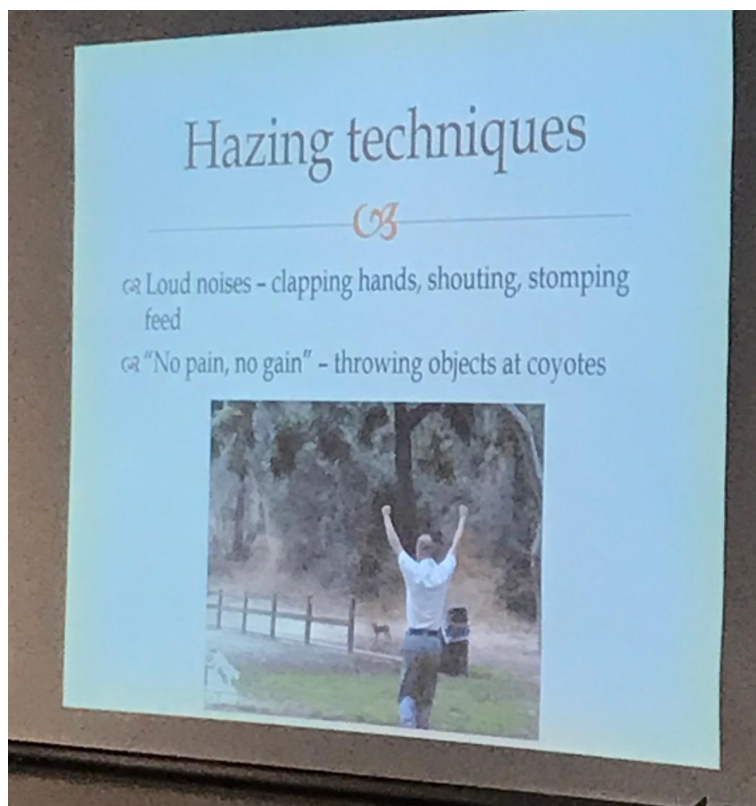


On Thursday, February 6, the Economic Development and Tourism Department (EDT) hosted a meeting for Addison restaurants. Mayor Joe Chow welcomed the more than 40 people in attendance. Members of the Special Events, Marketing, Parks and Recreation, and Development Services Department then shared updates. A big thank you to i Fratelli Pizza for catering lunch for all the attendees!

Public Safety

Urban Coyote Informational Session Draws Big Crowd





Sam Kieschnick, an Urban Biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, spoke to a room full of residents, including Council Members Ivan Hughes, Guillermo Quintanilla, Paul Walden, and Marlin Willesen, at the Addison TreeHouse on Thursday, February 6 about managing urban coyotes. Mr. Kieschnick emphasized to the group that **hazing** is the most effective deterrent for coyotes and shared these hazing techniques:

- Use loud noises - clapping, hands, shouting, stomping feet.
- "No Pain, no Gain" - throw objects at coyotes.

Animal Control has found that opening and closing an umbrella quickly is effective as well.

Mr. Kieschnick also emphasized how important it is not to feed wildlife, intentionally or unintentionally. Make sure all your trash is secure, but also keep animals inside.

Thank you to everyone who came out for this informative session.

Around Town

Addison Recognizes the Employee of the Quarter



At the Employee Meritorious Luncheon on Thursday, February 6, Senior Conference Centre Attendant Rodrigo Valles was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter. Rodrigo was nominated as a hard-working employee who goes above and beyond to treat everyone with courtesy and respect. He always looks for opportunities to serve other people, is a good role model to follow, and is always busy doing something to help someone with a big smile on his face. Congratulations, Rodrigo, and thank you for being a great employee to everybody!

Addison Announces New Director of Public Works and Engineering Services



This week, Addison City Manager Wes Pierson announced the appointment of Shannon Hicks to serve as Addison's new Director of Public Works and Engineering

Services. Shannon is currently the Director of Public Works/City Engineer for the City of Webster, Texas, and will assume his role in Addison on March 2. With help from Strategic Government Resources, Addison conducted a national search to fill the position.

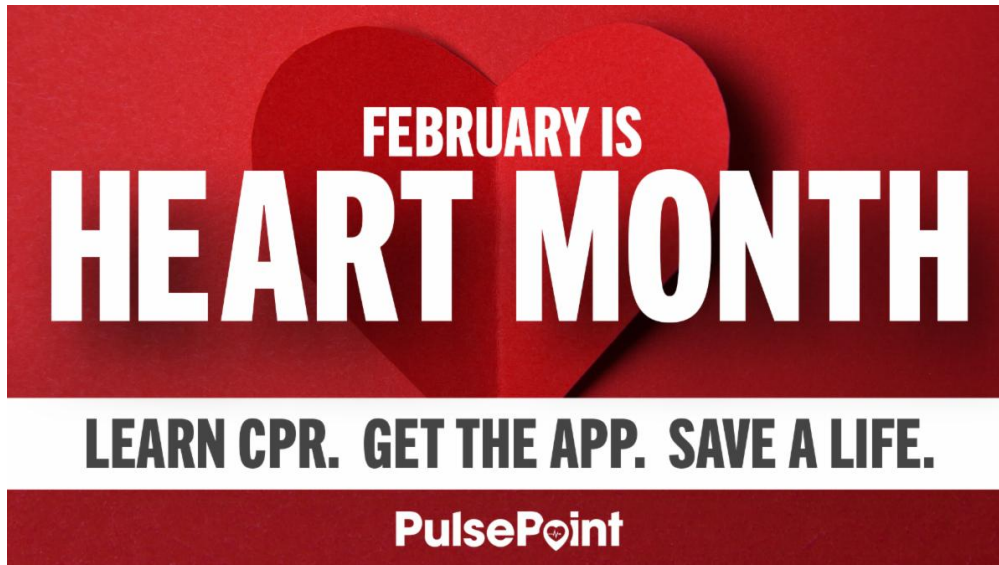
"We are pleased that Shannon will be joining our team," said Addison City Manager Wes Pierson. "His proven track record of providing quality services in both the public and private sector will be assets not only to our staff, but to the entire Addison community."

As the Director of Public Works/City Engineer in Webster, Shannon oversaw all design and capital projects for the city, developed and managed budgets, and worked closely with staff, outside governmental agencies, and private developers to create creative solutions to meet the needs of all parties. Prior to joining Webster, he served as the Assistant City Engineer for Deer Park. He also worked as an operations manager at Garver Construction in Houston, Texas; a site manager for Kellogg Brown & Root in Baghdad, Iraq; and a project manager for Jones Bros., Inc. in Nashville, Tennessee.

"I am deeply honored to have been selected," shared Shannon. "I look forward to supporting the amazing staff to continue to deliver outstanding service to the community."

Addison's current Director of Public Works and Engineering Lisa Pyles will be retiring in May.

February is Heart Month!

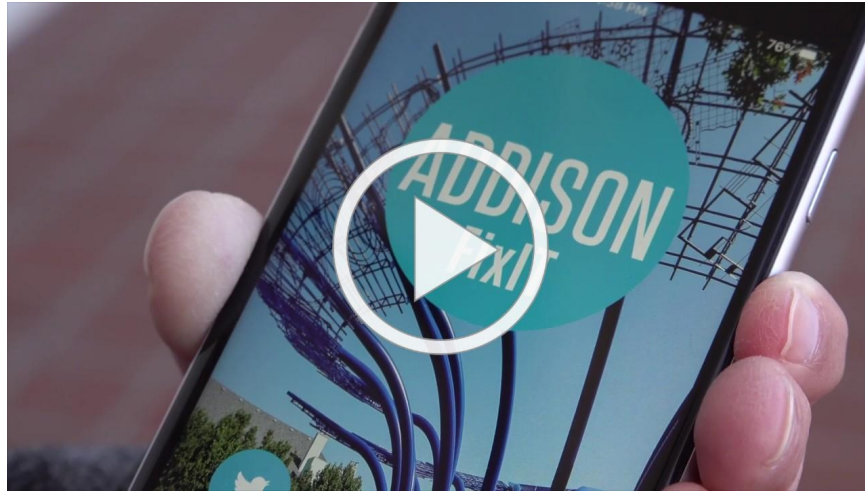


American Heart Month, a federally designated event, is an ideal time to remind Addison residents to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends, and communities involved.

This month, the Addison Fire Department is reminding the community to download the new PulsePoint app that will alert CPR-trained citizens of cardiac events in their vicinity so that they may administer necessary aid before emergency response teams arrive. You can find more information on the PulsePoint app and [download it today here](#) !

The Addison Athletic Club is also celebrating heart month with special classes, events, and giveaways all month. You can [view the schedule on their Facebook page here](#) .

Have You Downloaded the Addison FixIT App?



Addison has officially transitioned to a new Addison FixIT app to better serve you. The new app still allows you to report problems around Town, but also offers a more intuitive user experience. The administration features of the app will help streamline the Town's response to requests and allow staff to send progress updates on multi-phase requests.

The new app also offers quick links to Addison's Twitter and Facebook feeds as well as a link to the Town's calendar so you can easily access Addison news in one location!

Click on the photo above to view a helpful tutorial on all the features of the new app.

You can also submit service requests online at www.AddisonFixit.com . If you have already registered on the website to report problems, you will need to re-register now that the new program has launched.

Thank you for your patience as we work to deliver outstanding service to our community

WaterTower Theatre Presents: *Harvey*



Catch WaterTower Theatre's new production, *Harvey* , from February 6 through 23 at the Addison Theatre Centre. This Pulitzer Prize-winning play follows Elwood P. Dowd, a polite man with a very strange best friend. Elwood's sister, Veta, is concerned her brother's friend will interfere with her life as a socialite. Elwood's friend is a six-foot, three-and-one-half-inch invisible rabbit named Harvey. To avoid future embarrassment, Veta attempts to have Elwood committed, but after her frantic recount of her brother's condition she finds herself mistakenly committed instead. The truth quickly reveals itself, and the search is on

for Elwood and his invisible companion. But Elwood and Harvey's influence on more than one of the doctors leads Veta to realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all. [Click here for showtimes and tickets!](#)

Spring Active Addison Guide Now Available



Want to get a jump on Spring planning? Get a sneak peak at the [new Spring Active Addison here](#). Registration begins February 24, so don't miss your chance to stay fit while having fun with friends at the Addison Athletic Club.



**Thursday, February 6 -
Saturday, February 23**

WTT presents: Harvey
Addison Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road

[Tickets and showtimes available here.](#)

Wednesday, February 12
DART Silver Line Community Meeting
Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel

Thursday, February 13

City Council Meeting

Rescheduled from 2/11

Addison Town Hall

5300 Belt Line Road

7:30pm

*Agenda will be posted [here](#) three days
prior to the meeting.*

15201 Dallas Parkway

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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