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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

March 27, 2020

Council Update

The Addison City Council held its Tuesday, March 24 Council Meeting by video conferencing. When possible, Council currently plans to hold meetings in the parlor at Town Hall where they can conform to the CDC social distancing guidelines, however wanted to test this virtual option. Staff experienced some technical issues with live streaming the meeting that have since been addressed. We appreciate your patience as we work to improve our capabilities in these unprecedented times. You can find [a complete video](#) of the March 24 meeting on the Town's website.

Town of Addison COVID-19 Update



At the March 24 City Council meeting, Addison City Manager Wes Pierson updated the Council on the Town's COVID-19 efforts. Dallas County issued an amended [Public Health Emergency Order](#) effective at 11:59pm on Monday, March 23 until Friday, April 3 that requires all individuals anywhere in Dallas County to shelter in place – that is, stay at home – except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services or perform essential public infrastructure construction, including housing. Restaurants are still allowed to offer drive thru, takeout, and delivery. Dallas County has created an [FAQs page](#) that is a helpful resource. Addison Mayor Joe Chow [signed a Town order](#) incorporating the County's shelter-in-place changes on March 23.

Mr. Pierson shared that Dallas County planned to issue another [amended order](#) effective at 9pm on March 24 that would add enforcement provisions. The Dallas County Sheriff's Office, the Dallas County Fire Marshal's Office, and other peace officers are authorized to enforce Dallas County's order. A violation may be punishable through criminal or civil enforcement and is considered a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

Mayor Chow [revised the Town's order](#) on March 25 to include Dallas County's enforcement provisions. Addison's orders will continue until terminated by law or further action by the Mayor or City Council. Addison residents can call the public safety non-emergency phone number at 972-450-7156 to report violations.

Dallas County has reported that there are two cases of COVID-19 in Addison. Dallas County does not share where these residents live, but this reinforces the need for the community to follow the shelter in place order. More details of the local coronavirus cases can be found on the [Dallas County Health and Human Services website](#).

Mr. Pierson also indicated that the Town will not be cutting off water service for lack of payment during this crisis. Town staff has also relaxed the signage restrictions for restaurants to allow them to promote their takeout and delivery business. The Town has also closed dog parks to encourage social distancing. Town facilities, including the dog parks, are currently scheduled to reopen on April 6, but this is subject to change.

You can find more information on the Town's COVID-19 efforts at [addisontexas.net/COVID19](#) and [watch the Council's discussion COVID-19 efforts here](#) .

Addison Closes Town Offices to the Public;

Staff Continues to Serve the Community Virtually

In a continuing effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, all Town of Addison facilities, including Town Hall, the Finance Department, Municipal Court, the Service Center, and the Addison TreeHouse are closed to the public until at least Monday, April 6. [Residents should call facilities/departments directly to conduct business.](#)

Since the Town is committed to providing continuity of government services for Addison residents, Town staff is still working to serve the community. Important emails and phone numbers are [available on the Town's website](#) to help us serve you virtually.

Emergency services will not be interrupted. The Addison Police, Animal Control, Fire, and Public Works Departments are fully staffed and have protocols in place to protect first responders so they can continue to serve the Addison community. Addison's Parks crews will also be out in the community maintaining Addison's green spaces and parks.

All Town events and programs have been canceled through April. You can [find a complete list of cancellations](#) on the Town's website. The Town asks residents to continue to use CDC-recommended guidelines for social distancing in public places such as trails, parks, and open spaces.

Follow addisontexas.net/covid19 or the Town's [social media channels](#) for additional announcements and updates.

Council Accepts Fiscal Year 2019 CAFR Report

The Addison Town Charter requires that the Town staff prepare a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which shows the status of the Town's finances. The charter also requires that the Town's financial statements be audited annually by an independent external auditing firm. The results of the independent external audit are included in the [Fiscal Year 2019 CAFR](#). On March 24, Addison's auditors BDK, LLP, an independent firm of licensed certified public accountants, shared with Council that it has issued an unmodified opinion, which means that the financial statements are presented, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable financial reporting framework. Simply stated, an unmodified opinion is a clean opinion.

You can [watch the Council discussion on the CAFR here](#).

Council Adopts Asset Management Policy

On May, 23, 2017, the Addison City Council approved a contract with Kayuga Solution, Inc., for the development of a comprehensive Asset Management Plan for Addison. The purpose of the plan is to manage the Town's assets to minimize the total cost of owning, operating, and maintaining those assets, while delivering the desired service level at an acceptable level of risk.

To date, an asset inventory, condition assessment, and planning database have been developed. Town staff is in the process of implementing a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) which was approved by Council in November 2019. To facilitate strategy development, decision making, and prioritization efforts on Asset Management, Staff has developed a policy.

On March 24, Council approved an Asset Management Policy that:

- Establishes the scope and framework for the Asset Management Plan.
- Establishes key definitions regarding Asset Management.
- Establishes principles regarding sustainability, resiliency, transparency, communication and fiscal responsibility.
- Defines roles and responsibilities for Council, the City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, and Department Directors regarding Asset Management.

You can [watch the March 10 Council work session Asset Management discussion here](#) and the [March 24 discussion here](#) .

Public Safety Update

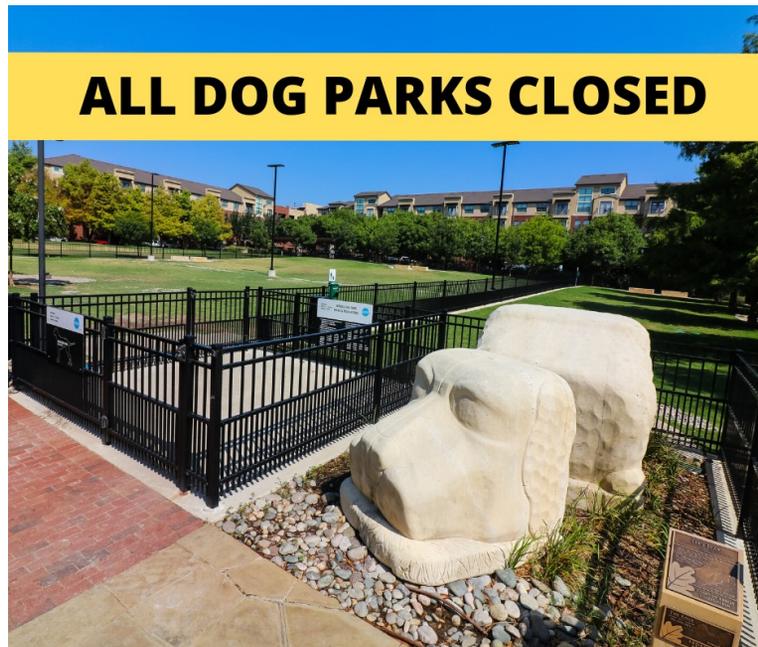
Animal Control Efforts

Animal Control is one of the few departments within the Town of Addison that cannot operate virtually. However, staff has made some temporary adjustments in order to protect the Town's Animal Control Officers. For instance, the Town will not be accepting surrenders or offering adoptions. Staff is working with local organizations who are more specialized to handle these current situations. Animal Control is still responding to stray dog reports, dead animals, dog bites, wildlife posing a danger to residents, and other important calls.

The Town appreciates your patience as we work to provide a safe community, but also ensure the safety of our employees.

Parks and Recreation Update

Dog Parks Closed Until April 6



In response to Dallas County's orders to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Town has temporarily closed all dog parks. They will open back when Addison reopens Town buildings on April 6. We appreciate your support as we work to protect our community.

Playground Safety



COVID-19 Please be aware, it is impossible for the town to disinfect park equipment and furnishings in a manner to totally eradicate the potential spread of COVID-19.

Park facilities remain open at this time because social distancing opportunities are much greater at these facilities.

We strongly encourage you to wipe down high touch surfaces prior to use or avoid all together the use of high touch equipment and surfaces.

Even though playgrounds are open, the Addison Parks and Recreation staff recommends residents refrain from using them until after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. While staff does periodically disinfect them, it is not feasible to clean them between each child's use. We know your children want to play together, but it is vital to the health of our entire community that even children practice social distancing. [This video](#) might help parents share this important information with their children.

Notice Yellow Granules at Our Parks?



The Addison Parks and Recreation Department has been receiving questions about the yellow granules people are seeing in the turf at our parks lately. These are corn gluten that the Parks Department uses around all playgrounds, lawn areas where kids play, and in dog parks. Corn gluten is non-toxic and is often used as a filler in some pet foods. It is also an organic pre-emergent herbicide which helps prevent weed seed germination.

Join AAC Staff on Facebook Each Day at Noon and Stay Active



The Addison Athletic Club staff invites you to visit the [Addison Athletic Club Facebook page](#) where you can find ways to help keep you active while you are at home. This week, staff rolled out *Active at Noon* , where they post different videos and challenges each day at noon. We look forward to connecting to you!

Application for Trails Master Plan Advisory Committee Extended to April 2



At its February 13 meeting, City Council approved a contract to create a Trails Master Plan. This project, which is slated to 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 areas 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](#). The deadline to apply has been extended to April 2. If necessary, meetings will be held via video conferencing until the COVID-19 situation resolves.

Around Town

CWD Requests All Trash Be Bagged

To help keep the potential spread of contamination to a minimum, CWD is requesting that residents ensure all trash is bagged and tied before it gets thrown into your cart. By doing this, you are helping ensure you, your family, and your neighbors, but also your trash collectors to not come in contact with potentially contaminated items.

CWD will not pick up trash in boxes, buckets, or anything similar - it must be bagged and tied. Recycling can still be loose in the cart, do not bag recycling!

Oaks North Temporary Water Shut Off Scheduled for Monday, March 30



The Town of Addison is scheduling a water main shutdown that will affect 31 homes as a part of the Oaks North Drainage Project. The repairs will begin on **March 30, 2020 at 10am**. The shutdown is anticipated to take four hours, but could last as long as 8 hours. You can [find a full-sized map of the impacted homes here](#). For questions, please contact Streets and Stormwater Manager Todd Weinheimer at 972-450-2841.

Please Support the Addison Restaurant Community

180+ TAKE-OUT AND DELIVERY OPTIONS

Leave the Cooking to Us!

Our restaurants are always there when we need them. Now they need us. Please support your local businesses in Addison by ordering takeout and delivery or consider purchasing gift cards. You can find a [full list of the offers here](#) .

Metrocrest Services Remains Open During COVID-19



Metrocrest Services has seen a significant increase in demand at the food pantry, as many families and seniors rely on the pantry for healthy food. As Metrocrest Services remains open and serves the community at this time, here's how you can help.

[Make a monetary donation](#) : Metrocrest Services will use the funds to ensure the pantry remains stocked and our neighbors stay housed.

[Volunteer](#) : They are currently seeking additional volunteer support for the food pantry. If you would like to assist in the pantry, and are not in an at-risk category, please set up your profile and [sign up online here](#) .

For more information, visit their website at www.metrocrestservices.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.addisontexas.net/covid19: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources

Social Media:

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

- [NextDoor](#)

Addison Weekly Digital Newsletter: Emails are sent weekly, or more frequently as needed.

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](#) .

We Filled Out the Census, Have You?

ADDISON COUNTS

2020 CENSUS



While you are practicing social distancing at home, please take a few minutes to fill out your Census.

U.S. Census Bureau invitations to respond to the 2020 Census questionnaire have been delivered. Once you receive the invitation, you can respond by mail, telephone, or online at my2020census.gov.

Completing the Census is easy, safe, and important. We strongly encourage you to join us and respond to the census. For additional information, you can visit our website at www.AddisonTexas.net.

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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[Community Crime Map](#)

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