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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

April 10, 2020

Council Update

[Town of Addison COVID-19 Update](#)



Dallas County amended the [Stay at Home Order](#) again on April 8 to include the following changes:

- Places restrictions on short-term rentals
- Prohibits door-to-door solicitation

Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services provides regular updates on the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases [on its website](#) .

April 14 City Council Meeting To Be Virtual

The Addison City Council will hold its April 14 Council Meetings by video conferencing. The meeting will still be live streamed on the Town's website and its PEG channels (channel 99 for AT&T subscribers, channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers). The meeting agenda can be found [here](#) .

The city was able to forego the requirement that public meetings be held in a physical space because of a recent order from Governor Greg Abbott that suspended a portion of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Opportunities for public comment will still take place at the beginning of meeting. Members of the public who would like to participate remotely can :

- Call this toll-free dial-in number: 877-853-5247;
- Enter Meeting ID: 409 327 0683#, and
- Select # when prompted to enter a participant ID.

Once in the meeting, visitors will be recognized by Council during the public comment time. Please remember that normal rules for public comment apply so please state your name and address before beginning your comments. You will be allowed three minutes to speak and Council isn't permitted to respond during this time.

You can also email comments to the City Secretary at jparker@addisontx.gov by 3pm on the day of the meeting.

Please note that if you are viewing a meeting via a live streaming process, there will be a delay in the video since video takes time to transmit over the Internet to your device.

Business Pulse

COVID-19 Business Resources

Addison understands that many local businesses are being affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Addison Economic Development and Tourism Department has put together web pages that list important Federal, State, and other resources, as well as temporary employment opportunities that can help our business community through this difficult time. These pages are updated regularly with new information:

- [Business Resources](#)
- [Hospitality-Specific Resources](#)

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](#) .

Around Addison

May Event Updates

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, Taste Addison will not take place on the scheduled dates of May 29-31. Addison is considering alternative dates for the event, and will make another announcement when a final decision has been reached. Taste Addison tickets will be automatically refunded to the credit card used to make the purchase; no action from the ticket buyer is required.

The May Addison After Dark event - Boots, Brews & BBQ and the Annual Economic Development Luncheon have been canceled and will not be rescheduled.

How the Addison Community Can Give Back



During a time of crisis in our community, many organizations are stepping up to help those who are impacted the most. The Town has created a list of some of those organizations on [its website](#) . Together we are stronger.

Please Practice Social Distancing in Addison Parks

Please Practice #SocialDistancing in Parks
NO EGG HUNTS NO SOCIAL GATHERINGS NO PARTIES

STAY HOME, BE SAFE
IT'S THE ADDISON WAY

For a list of parks & trails, visit AddisonTexas.net

The Easter holiday is normally a busy day in Addison Parks. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Addison Parks and Recreation Department is asking residents to limit park visits to short walks or bike rides. Please do not gather in or crowd park areas. While physical activities like exercise are considered essential, social gatherings like egg hunts, picnic, parties, and other group activities are not allowed. We encourage residents to egg hunt at home and stay safe.

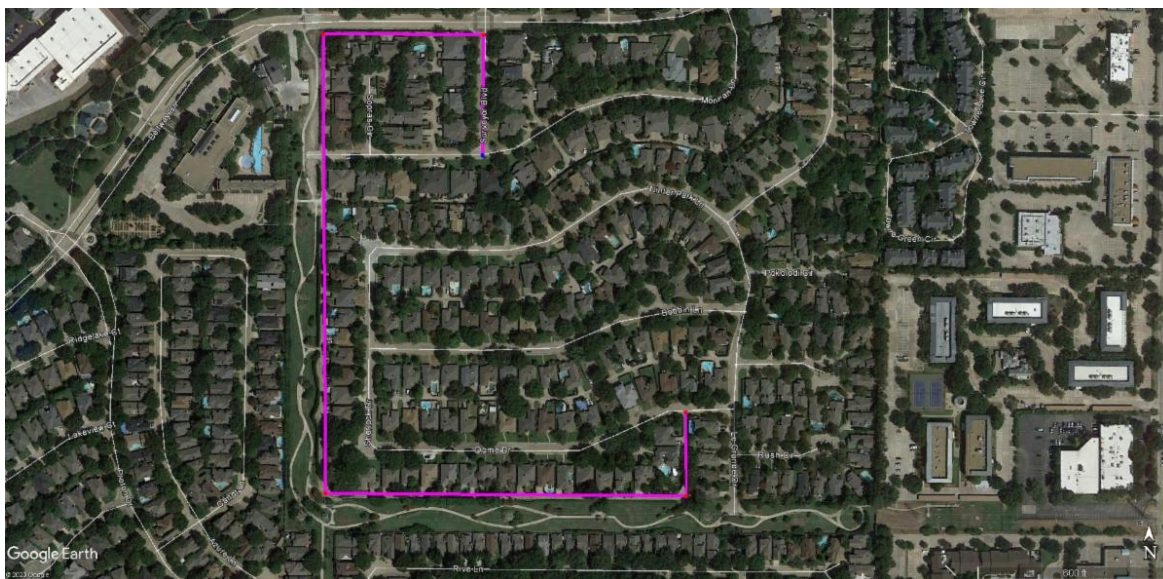
We also ask that if there is signage designating that a facility is closed and/or the facility is locked, please do not use it.

Join in the Easter Fun



Even though the Athletic Club can't host its annual Easter Egg Hunt, the staff is asking the community to participate in a different type of Easter Egg Hunt that can be done while practicing social distancing. Just decorate an egg and put it in the window of your home. Then the community can go on a virtual egg hunt. If you don't have supplies, email Erin Seifert at eseifert@addisontx.gov and the Athletic Club staff can drop off a supply kit to your doorstep. This Easter Egg Hunt is not just for kids - anyone can play!

Oncor to Begin Prep Work for New Transmission Towers Along Redding Trail



Addison Director of Parks and Recreation Janna Tidwell [briefed Council at its January 28 work session](#) about Oncor's 1.3 mile transmission tower replacement project that will impact the cities of Carrollton, Farmers Branch, and Addison. In Addison, the land upon which the Redding Trail and the Redding Trail Dog Park are constructed is owned by Oncor and included within the construction area.

Vegetation removal, which will begin in July, is anticipated to take one month. Installation of the new towers is scheduled to begin in August and complete by the end of November.

The week of April 13 Oncor will be doing some prep work for the transmission tower replacement project. Crews will be boring in the areas of the new towers to locate utilities. They will open up 5 foot by 5 foot by 5 foot trenches and then cover them up the same day.

Residents who back up to the trail can expect to see Oncor crews working in the alleys next week. The alleyways will remain open to residents, but traffic will be one way.

However, the work will make it difficult for CWD to pick up trash and recycling in the alley. We are asking those residents to place trash and recycling on the street in front of your house on Monday, April 13 (trash and recycling) and Thursday, April 16 (trash only). Letters from the Parks and Recreation Department have been distributed to those impacted.

The Parks Department Needs Your Help with Egret and Heron Control



Hérons left to right: Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Little Blue Heron, and Black-crowned Night Heron



Egrets left to right: Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, Great Egret

The Parks and Recreation Department is asking residents to help deter egrets and herons from forming nesting colonies (rookeries) in Addison. Urban rookeries can cause noise, odor, public health hazards, and damage to property. The Town is already aware of Herons' nests in one neighborhood and is working with U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife to proactively address and prevent further nesting.

Residents can help by following these three simple steps:

1. Egrets and Herons like dense tree canopies and nest in trees that are 20' tall or greater. They like areas with contiguous canopy where large trees have grown together. You can be a big part of the solution by heavily thinning out the interior branches of your trees so they have 75% density or less. If possible, prune trees so they do not touch other trees.
2. Familiarize yourself with what Egret and Herons native to our area look like.
3. If you think you have seen an Egret or Heron in Addison, email Matt Ansted at mansted@addisontx.gov and provide the location, a description of the bird, and a photo if possible. You can also report sightings on [Addison's FixIt app](#).

In some cases, we may be able to use hazing tactics to encourage them to leave.

Hérons and egrets are protected under the Migratory Bird Act, so please do not harm them, their nests, eggs, or hatchlings.

Thank you for your help.

Current Addison Census Response Jumps to 40%



While you are practicing social distancing at home, please take a few minutes to fill out your Census. Once you receive your invitation, you can respond by mail, telephone, or online at my2020census.gov.

Now more than ever, it is important that every person participates. The count is used to allocate important funding throughout the state. For additional information, you can visit our website at www.AddisonTexas.net.

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.

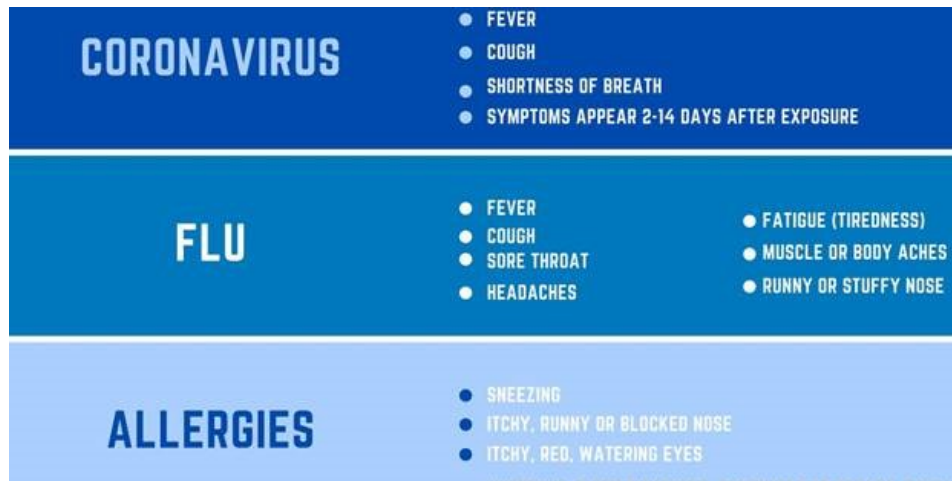
Follow CDC Social Distancing Guidelines

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:



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

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

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