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## **A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!**

**May 29, 2020**

**Council Update**

**COVID-19 Update**



Governor Greg Abbott [issued a proclamation](#) on May 26 expanding additional services and activities that can open under [Phase II](#) of the state's plan to safely and strategically open. With this proclamation, water parks, recreational sport programs for adults, driver education programs, and food-court dining areas within shopping malls can begin operations with limited occupancy or regulations to protect the health and safety of Texans.

Beginning Friday, May 29, water parks can open but must limit their occupancy to 25% of normal operating limits. Components of these water parks that have video arcades must remain closed. Starting Sunday, May 31, recreational sports programs for adults can resume, but games and similar competitions may not begin until June 15. Driver education programs can resume operations immediately.

Food-court dining areas within shopping malls can also resume operations, but malls are encouraged to designate one or more individuals who are responsible for ensuring health and safety practices are followed, including: limiting tables to six individuals; maintaining a six-foot distance between individuals sitting at different tables; cleaning and disinfecting tables between uses; and ensuring no condiments or other items are left on tables between customer uses.

Find information related to other businesses allowed to open as part of Governor Abbott's [Phase II opening plan](#) here. Minimum standard health protocols outlined by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are recommended and located on the [Open Texas webpage](#) .

### **Council Receives Update on LPR/Optical Camera Pilot Project**

In April of 2019, the Addison Police Department (APD) launched the License Plate Reader (LPR) and Optical Camera Pilot Program that Council approved in the summer of 2018. The intent of the project is to use cutting-edge technology to enhance APD's crime and mitigation strategies. Funds approved by voters during the 2012 bond election for citywide wireless applications and secure network infrastructure for video, data, and voice applications for Addison's first responders was used to fund the the pilot program.

At the May 26 City Council Meeting, Police Chief Paul Spencer shared the findings of the LPR program with Council. Chief Spencer shared that APD patrol officers and detectives use the new tool daily and it has been directly responsible for solving over two dozen crimes. The equipment is alerting officers in the field when a criminal enters Addison neighborhoods, providing valuable forensic evidence after a crime does occur, and providing officers real time video footage from the optical cameras that is accessible in the office or the squad car.

The Optical Camera Pilot Program has seen similar success. APD detectives have been able to manually use facial recognition (FR) software to solve eight cases where a victim was targeted by a partially known or completely unknown person. Investigators discovered FR software was extremely helpful for identifying suspects on social media if they posted high quality pictures of themselves despite using false or incomplete profile names. Using this method arrest warrants were written for the suspects of two residential burglaries, a commercial burglary, an aggravated robbery, and a case of credit card abuse.

Council asked Chief Spencer to develop a plan to expand the programs into other locations in Addison.

You can [watch the Council's LPR/Optical Camera discussion here](#) , [review the presentation here](#) , and [read the report here](#) .

## Council Approves Contract for Advanced Traffic Management System

Voters approved \$600,000 in funding for an Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) as part of 2019 Bond Election. The purpose of the ATMS project is to replace the core components of the existing, outdated traffic management system, communication systems, and preemption system for public safety purposes.

At its May 26 meeting, the City Council approved a contract with Paradigm Traffic Systems, Inc for \$598,600 to upgrade/replace the core infrastructure, cellular units, communication equipment, and traffic signal preemption units.

The new system's advantages include:

- On demand wireless real-time traffic monitoring for 37 intersections;
- Integrated battery backup for power fail reporting;
- Remote monitoring for 37 intersections;
- Minimizes communication outages at the intersections;
- Maximizes the efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians throughout the Town;
- A new preemption system that allows for the preemption to take effect when the emergency vehicle is within the set radius for that intersection, which allows for traffic to clear in front of the first responder's vehicles and drastically cut down emergency response times;
- Preemption capable of working through tunnels, overpasses, and between buildings;
- Allows the Fire Department to monitor travel times and check effectiveness of system for fine tuning; and
- Under this agreement, Paradigm will be fully responsible for the maintenance, support, upgrade, and replacement of any components of the proposed system, including any third party hardware, software, and services and pay for any monthly and/or annually charges for the third parties services that are included in their proposed system (e.g. 5g air card, TravelSafety mobile APP, etc.).

You can [watch Council's ATMS discussion here](#) .

## Finance Department Delivers Second Quarter Financial Report

The Town of Addison's financial policies requires the publication of a financial report 60 days subsequent to the end of each fiscal quarter. At the May 26 Council meeting, Chief Financial Officer Steven Glickman delivered the second quarter report for Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020) to Council. Economic impacts on the COVID-19 pandemic are expected to be reflected in the next quarterly report.

Key highlights for the second quarter include:

- General Fund revenue totaled \$30.6 million, which is 78.3 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- General Fund expenditures totaled \$19.0 million, which is 44.1 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- Sales tax collections totaled \$7.6 million, which is 55.4 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- The Hotel Fund had revenue of \$2.7 million and expenditures of \$2.5 million, which are in line with historical averages.
- Performing Arts expenditures are at 89.0 percent due to the first payment of the Water Tower Theatre grant.
- Special Events revenues totaled 9.9 percent, and expenses totaled 13.7 percent of the fiscal year budget. This is in line with historical averages because of the timing of events.
- Airport Fund operating revenue totaled \$2.9 million or 50.6 percent, and operating expenditures totaled \$2.8 million or 50.4 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- Utility Fund operating revenue totaled \$5.2 million or 39.9 percent, and expenditures totaled \$6.7 million or 51.1 percent of the fiscal year budget. This is in line with historical averages (seasonally low water usage).
- Stormwater Fund revenue and expenditures are in line with historical averages.

The [Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2020](#) , which is prepared in accordance with state law and the Town's Financial Policies, was also provided for informational purposes.

You can [watch the Council's Quarterly Financial Report here](#) , [review the presentation here](#) and [read the Financial Report here](#) .

## Council Adopts Standards of Care Ordinance for Addison Athletic Club Youth Camps

At its May 26 meeting, the City Council held a public hearing before adopting this year's ordinance that defines standards of care for all youth programs for children ages 5 through 13 at the Addison Athletic Club.

The Texas Human Resources Code requires that each year Addison adopt an ordinance establishing minimum standards for operating youth programs which include program staff hiring guidelines, enrollment guidelines, discipline, health, safety, and more. The ordinance also addresses programming and providing activities that promote emotional, social, and mental growth.

The Addison Athletic Club not only complies with the minimum standards required in the state's ordinance, but exceeds some of the established standards. Some examples include:

- Video monitoring throughout the facility and in all child care areas.

- Day Camp Restroom Policy which requires campers to use the single use child care restroom or upstairs single use restrooms. This prevents campers from utilizing the locker rooms. This policy also requires campers changing into swim suits to use the outdoor pool restroom prior to the pool being open to the general public.

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

## Gary Slagel Reappointed as Addison's DART Representative

The towns of Addison and Highland Park and cities of University Park and Richardson share a representative on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board of Directors. Gary Slagel is currently serving in this role and his term is set to expire on June 30, 2020. All four municipalities have agreed to reappoint Mr. Slagel for another two-year term that will expire July 1, 2022. You can [watch Council's DART Representative discussion here](#) .

## Business Pulse

### RSVP for This Webinar!



**Town of Addison  
+  
Shields Legal Group**

How to Stay in Business  
in the New Normal

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020  
12:00 TO 1:30 P.M. ON ZOOM  
RSVP: WKERR@ADDISONTX.GOV**

**3 THINGS YOU  
NEED TO KNOW**

Join the North Texas Business Community as Jim Shields of Shields Legal Group shares timely information to help your business survive.

- Insurance Claims/Risk Management
- Negotiating with Creditors
- Post-Covid Planning

The Town of Addison Economic Development and Tourism Department have teamed up with Addison-based Shields Legal Group to present a free webinar on "How to Stay in

Business in the New Normal," from 12pm - 1:30pm on Tuesday, June 9. Please RSVP to Wilson Kerr at [wkerr@addisontx.gov](mailto:wkerr@addisontx.gov) .

## Around Addison

### Addison Athletic Club Expands Hours



Starting the week of June 1, the Addison Athletic Club will open at 5:30am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and the indoor pool will reopen for lap lane use only (one person per lane). Swimmers will not have access to the locker rooms and must arrive showered and dressed for swimming. As a reminder, we ask all members to wear a face covering as they enter and exit the building.

#### **Schedule**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7am - 7pm (closed from 2pm – 3pm for deep cleaning)

Tuesday and Thursday: 5:30am - 7pm (closed from 2pm – 3pm for deep cleaning)

Saturday: 8am - 5pm (closed from 1pm – 2pm for deep cleaning)

Sunday: Closed

### Spruill Dog Park Reopens



Spruill Dog Park reopened to the public on Friday, May 29.

Just a reminder that beginning in June, the Parks Department will begin closing the dog parks one day a week for maintenance. This will allow staff to do additional cleaning and maintenance and allow the turf to recover. Spruill Dog Park will be closed on Tuesdays and Redding Trail Dog Park and the Loos Field dog run will be closed on Wednesdays.

Please continue practicing social distancing when using any of the Town's parks, including the dog parks. We appreciate your continued patience as we work to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.


### North Texas Mobile Food Pantry Coming to Addison on June 5



In partnership with the North Texas Food Bank, Metrocrest Services will be hosting a mobile food distribution event from 9am - 12pm on Friday, June 5 at the Loos Field.

Distribution will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. To receive food, visitors must be in a vehicle. No proof of identification is necessary.

### Carter BloodCare to Host Blood Drive at Addison Circle Park on June 1

**BRAVE THE MOMENT** 

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**  
*While appointments aren't required, it helps to manage over-crowding. Walk-ins are still welcome*

**DONORS WILL BE ABLE TO OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING**  
*We ask that you maintain at least 6 feet between yourself & other donors.*

**DONORS AND STAFF WILL BE WEARING MASKS**  
*We require masks for the health and safety of our donors and staff.*  
*Please bring your own mask when you #GiveForLife.*

**JOIN US TO #BRAVETHEMOMENT!**  
**ADDISON CIRCLE PAVILLION IN ADDISON**  
**JUNE 1**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**  
*Call or text 800-366-2834 or visit [CarterBloodCare.org](http://CarterBloodCare.org) for an appointment.*

Carter Bloodcare is hosting a Mobile Blood Drive on Monday, June 1 from 10am - 2pm at the pavilion in Addison Circle Park. Donors must wear masks and practice social distancing. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. You can text or call 800-366-2834 or visit [www.CarterBloodCare.org](http://www.CarterBloodCare.org) to reserve your time!

### Citizens Academy Postponed

The June 2020 Citizens Academy has been postponed until the fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As soon as the new dates have been finalized, the application process will be reopened. Many thanks to our residents who have expressed an interest in learning more about the inner workings of the Town. You can find out more about the [Citizens Academy program here.](#)

### Last Chance to Complete Trails Master Plan Survey





The Town of Addison needs your input! We are building upon previous community planning efforts to establish a City-Wide Trails Master Plan. We know that trails are important to our health and play a vital role in our community. Please share your thoughts on how to make them better! If you live, work, or just visit our trails and parks, please answer a few quick questions about the trail system. Help staff identify what is needed, what trail connections need to be made and what types of connections are most important to you.

Please [complete the survey here](#) by May 31 and one lucky person will receive a \$100 gift card to the Addison restaurant of their choice!

### Addison Census Response Rate Breaks 50%



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](https://my2020census.gov). Addison's current [response rate is 53.8%](#), which is slightly below the Texas average rate of 54.9%, and lower than our neighboring cities.

Now more than ever, it is important that every person participates. The count is used to allocate important federal funding and congressional representation. For additional information, you can visit our website at [www.AddisonTexas.net](http://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](http://www.addisontexas.net): Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- [www.addisontexas.net/covid19](http://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](mailto: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:

<b>CORONAVIRUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FEVER</li> <li>● COUGH</li> <li>● SHORTNESS OF BREATH</li> <li>● SYMPTOMS APPEAR 2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE</li> </ul>
<b>FLU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FEVER</li> <li>● COUGH</li> <li>● SORE THROAT</li> <li>● HEADACHES</li> <li>● FATIGUE (TIREDNESS)</li> <li>● MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES</li> <li>● RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE</li> </ul>
<b>ALLERGIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SNEEZING</li> <li>● ITCHY, RUNNY OR BLOCKED NOSE</li> <li>● ITCHY, RED, WATERING EYES</li> </ul>

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

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channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)**

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