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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

May 8, 2020

Council Update

Town of Addison COVID-19 Update



On Tuesday, May 5, Gov. Abbott issued <u>Executive Order GA-21</u> that expanded the reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. People over the age of 65 are still strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation per CDC recommendations.

All individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering.

<u>Dallas County Health and Human Services</u> is currently reporting a total of 19 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Addison since March 27.

You can find more on Addison's COVID-19 efforts on the Town's website at <u>www.addisontexas.net/covid19</u>.

May 12 City Council Meeting To Be Virtual

The Addison City Council will hold its May 12 Council Meeting by video conferencing. The meeting, which will begin at 6:30pm, 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.

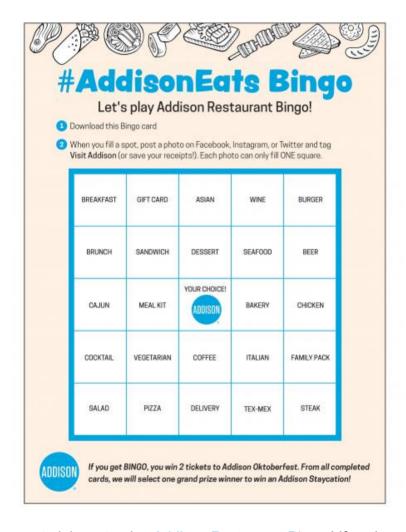
Once in the meeting, visitors will be recognized by Council during the public comment time. Please remember that normal rules for public comment apply so please state your name and address before beginning your comments. You will be allowed three minutes to speak and Council isn't permitted to respond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

You can also email comments to the City Secretary at iparker@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

Let's Play Addison Restaurant Bingo



We invite everyone to join us to play <u>Addison Restaurant Bingo</u>! If you're an Addison restaurant foodie, you may have a head start!

When you fill a spot, post a photo on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter and tag @VisitAddison or save your receipts (Note: Each photo can only fill ONE square). If you get BINGO, you win 2 tickets to Addison Oktoberfest and from all completed cards, we will select one grand prize winner to win an Addison Staycation on May 31!

Around Addison

Creek Clean-Up Efforts Almost Complete

On Thursday, April 30, Town staff noticed a discoloration of the water in the creek behind Town Hall. Staff determined that material being used for soil stabilization related to the construction project at Prestonwood Shopping Center permeated a storm drain and migrated into the creek. The construction company, Dallas-based Beck Group, contracted Cotton Remediation to manage the clean-up efforts.

The remediation company has been using an onsite, multi-stage filtration system to filter out the pollutants, as well as discharging it into the sanitary sewer system for additional filtration. The clean-up activities in the portion of the creek behind Town Hall have been completed and the work behind the Finance building should be complete this weekend. We are awaiting the results of the final water tests to ensure that the work is satisfactorily complete. There have been no signs of any adverse environmental impacts to date.

A representative from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has been involved at every stage of the process to ensure appropriate measures have been taken. The chemicals involved in the soil stabilization effort were Ligno-10 and potash mixed and diluted with water. The chemicals, especially in the concentration that was used in the project, do not pose a health risk to the public.

Thank you for your patience during this process.

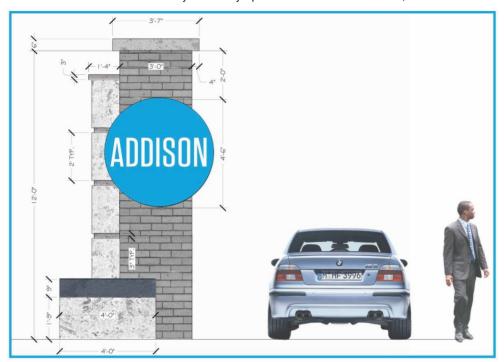
Trails Master Plan Survey



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 us identify what is needed, what trail connections need to be made and what types of connections are most important to you.

Please <u>complete the survey here</u> by May 31 and one lucky person will receive a \$100 gift card to the Addison restaurant of their choice!

Construction Begins on Belt Line Road 1.5 Beautification Project



Construction of the Belt Line 1.5 enhancements recently got underway. When completed, Addison residents, business owners, and guests will enjoy a unified design that includes shaded bus shelters, improved sidewalk connectivity, additional seating, site furnishings, paving enhancements and landscape enhancements. The contractor is currently pouring the foundation for a gateway sign that will welcome visitors as they enter Addison near the intersection of Marsh Lane and Belt Line Road. Once the concrete has cured, masonry work will begin on the sign.

As a part of this project, you may notice that DART is removing bus shelters along the corridor. This is to make way for larger shelters and seating that will be installed. The stops have been relocated adjacent to their original location, but this will not impact DART service.

The project is scheduled to be complete in early July, but the bus shelters may be delayed due COVID-19-related issues.

Work Begins on New Sewer Line Along Beltway Drive



Last week, Addison began a sewer relocation project, Sanitary Sewer Basin I, along Beltway Drive east of Midway Road. Currently, Addison contracts with Farmers Branch to dispose of the sewage for the business district west of Inwood Road and south of Belt Line Road. In the Fiscal Year 2020 budget, Addison City Council has allocated funds to extend the Town's sewer system so that we can provide the necessary capacity in our own system.

The project will involve redirecting sewage from Farmer's Branch's sewer system into a new sewer gravity line, as well as updating aging deteriorating utility infrastructure. The Town awarded the construction contract to Flowline Construction who anticipates the work to be completed by the end of January 2021. During construction, there will be various lane closures and detours in the area. There will be night construction (8pm – 6am) within the parking lot/drive portion of the project and the rest of the work will take place during the day.

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact the Town of Addison Capital/Development Projects Manager Wilson Kakembo at wkakembo@addisontx.gov. You can also register to receive regular email updates at: bit.ly/AddisonSewerUpdate (website address is case sensitive).

We apologize for any inconvenience the construction will cause and appreciate your patience as we work to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

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. Addison's current response rate is 51.3%, which is slightly below the Texas average rate of 52%, 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.

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:

- <u>www.addisontexas.net</u>: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- www.addistontexas.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.

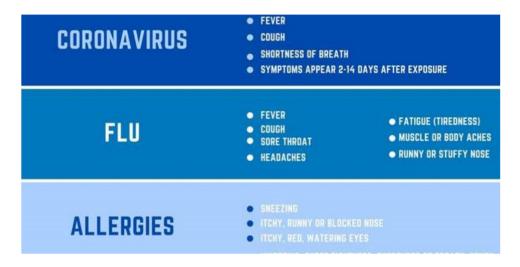
If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at marketing@addisontx.gov.

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

Sign up for Addison Alerts

Volunteer

List of Restaurants

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Community Crime Map

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Register your Security Alarm

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