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## A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

June 26, 2020

### Council Update

#### Addison City Offices Closed on July 6

While most area businesses are closing offices on July 3 in observance of Independence Day, Addison offices will be open on July 3 but closed on Monday, July 6. The Athletic Club will be closed on July 4 and on July 6. The outdoor pool will be open on July 4 from 12-5pm.

Trash and recycling will be collected as usual on July 6. If you need assistance during the holiday, please call the non-emergency public safety number at 972-450-7156.

#### COVID-19 Update



On June 23, Governor Abbott [issued a proclamation](#) expanding the ability of mayors and county judges to impose restrictions on outdoor gatherings of over 100 people. Previously, this applied only to outdoor gatherings over 500 people. The Governor also directed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to enact emergency rules that provide strict health and safety standards and procedures related to COVID-19 for child care centers in Texas. These two actions are based on data showing an increase in COVID-19 transmission stemming from large gatherings and child care centers.

On June 25, Governor Greg Abbott issued [an Executive Order](#) to ensure hospital bed availability for COVID-19 patients as Texas faces an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. The Governor's order suspends elective surgeries at hospitals in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Travis counties. Under this order, the Governor directed all hospitals in these counties to postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not immediately, medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition or to preserve the life of a patient who without immediate performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death, as determined by the patient's physician.

He also announced that the State of Texas will pause any further phases to open Texas as the state responds to the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Businesses that are permitted to open under the previous phases can continue to operate at the designated occupancy levels and under the minimum standard health protocols provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Finally, on June 26 Governor Abbott issued a [new Executive Order](#) limiting certain businesses and services as part of the state's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. This order closes bars at noon on Friday, June 26 and reduces restaurant capacity to 50% beginning Monday, June 29.

For more information visit [www.addisontexas.net/covid19](http://www.addisontexas.net/covid19) .

### Kaboom Town Update

At its June 23 meeting, the City Council discussed concerns and legal options related to the public health and security of Kaboom Town! in consultation with the City Attorney

during an Executive Session. Following the Executive Session, Council directed staff to move forward with a modified 2020 Addison Kaboom Town! show. The Town announced on June 24 that Kaboom Town! will be a stream-only event. The actual fireworks show will be moved to a secure, out-of-town location that will be closed to the public. There will be no fireworks in Addison, and no in-person viewing. The show will be shared on [Addison's YouTube Channel](#) on July 3 at 9:30pm and on CW33 on July 4 at 10pm.

The Town announced on June 10 the cancellation of the Addison Kaboom Town! Watch Party at Addison Circle Park, along with the air show that historically has preceded the fireworks display. At that time, the Town's intention was to once again stage one of the nation's largest Independence Day fireworks shows on July 3 in Addison.

The decision to only stream the event is due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Dallas County, as well as difficulty in securing public safety support for traffic control and event security from Addison's law enforcement partners because of an increase in demand on public safety resources across North Texas.

The health and safety of our residents, businesses, and visitors will always be the Town's top priority and is a commitment on which Addison will not compromise.

The Addison Kaboom Town! event is paid for by restricted funds generated by hotel guests, not Addison taxpayers, to promote Addison tourism, and their use is limited by law. Unfortunately, the fireworks contract date for a refund had passed so the decision was made to move forward with this modified plan. The broadcast of the show by CW33 in multiple markets around Texas will help increase Addison's visibility to potential visitors.

While the Town of Addison staff and its Council Members are disappointed that for the first time in more than 30 years, the skies over Addison will be dark over the Independence Day holiday, North Texans will be able to safely watch our biggest show ever on a television, mobile device, or computer.

You can [watch the Council's direction on Kaboom Town here](#) . Find more information at [www.AddisonKaboomTown.com](http://www.AddisonKaboomTown.com).

## **Council Discusses Impact of Senate Bill 2 on Addison's Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Rate**

At the June 23 Council Meeting, CFO Steven Glickman gave Council an update on Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) and its impact on Addison's Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate. SB 2 is also known as the Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019 and was passed by the Texas Legislature in 2019. This bill is effective for tax rates adopted after January 1, 2020, and lowers the tax increase a taxing unit can adopt without requiring voter approval from 8% to 3.5%. If a city chooses to exceed the Voter Approval Tax Rate of 3.5%, that decision triggers a mandatory election to vote on the tax increase.

SB 2 also includes a disaster exemption that allows cities to calculate the Voter Approval Tax Rate at 8% instead of 3.5%. Since President Trump declared a national emergency and Governor Abbott declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19, these actions triggered the disaster exemption in SB 2. This allows a City Council to direct the designated officer or employee to calculate the Voter Approval Tax Rate at 8% instead of 3.5%.

Council directed staff to be prepared to discuss the option to calculate the tax rate at 8% during the July 14 meeting.

You can [watch the Council's SB 2 discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

## Council Conveys Harris Radio Contract to NTECC

In June 2013, the Town of Addison and the cities of Carrollton, Coppell, and Farmers Branch entered into the Metrocrest Quad Cities Radio System Interlocal Agreement with Harris Corporation for the operation, maintenance, and management of a radio system for the Quad Cities Public Safety Departments and the North Texas Emergency Communications Center (NTECC). NTECC is the public safety dispatch and communications center shared by the four cities.

At its June 23 meeting, the City Council voted to assign and convey Addison's ownership interest in the shared components of the system to NTECC to provide for efficient operation of the system and the Communications Center. The City Council's of the other three participating cities are considering similar resolutions.

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

## Council Considers Amended Oncor Franchise Agreement

The Town's current franchise with Oncor, which was set to expire on July 31, 2019, was extended on June 24, 2019 because of possible regulatory and statutory changes that were taking place that could have impacted details of the franchise. The new franchise currently being proposed for consideration accounts for the regulatory and statutory changes that were enacted.

Town Charter Section 6.02 requires all Ordinances granting, renewing, amending, or extending franchises for public utilities to be read at two separate regular meetings of the City Council. The first required reading took place at the June 23 Council meeting and the second, which must be held at least 30 days after the first, will take place during the Council Meeting on August 11. The Charter also requires the full text of the Ordinance be published for four consecutive weeks in the *Dallas Morning News*, the Town's official newspaper.

Below is a summary of the changes in the Ordinance:

- Any references to TXU were changed to Oncor.
- Language was updated to comply with statutory and regulatory changes.
- Indemnification language was updated.
- Language was incorporated to protect the Town's ability to regulate ancillary uses on Oncor's system (in accordance with applicable laws and regulations).
- Payment schedules were updated.
- Language was added to match Addison's Charter requirements.

You can [watch the Council's Oncor franchise discussion here](#).

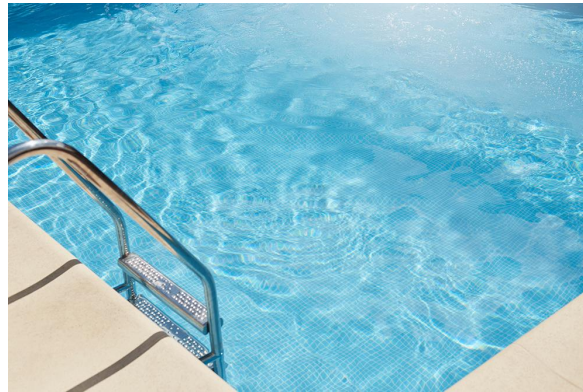
## Public Safety



Car thieves target cars that are unlocked and have valuables in plain sight. The Addison Police Department encourages residents not to leave valuables in your car. If you have to, hide them away under a seat or in a glove box. Also, always lock your car, even in your driveway. Remember, if you see something, say something!

## Around Addison

### Outdoor Pool Scheduled to Open June 30



Beginning Tuesday, June 30, the Addison Athletic Club outdoor pool will be open on Tuesday-Friday from 12pm-7pm and on Saturday from 12pm-5pm. The pool will be closed on Sunday and Monday. The limited hours are related to staffing, but the Club plans to add hours on Mondays as more lifeguards are hired.

The pool will open at 25% capacity, which reduces the number of users to 78. This number can be increased to 50% as staff becomes more experienced with the state-required cleaning requirements. Because of the limited capacity at this time, access to the pool will be restricted to members only and guests will not be permitted. The club will also not be taking party reservations. Allowing guests and parties will be considered at a later date if possible.

Members must wear a mask to enter the facility, but may remove it when seated (socially distanced) or swimming. For more updates, follow the [Addison Athletic Club Facebook page](#).

## Third Weekend Added to Addison's Weekend Drive-In



Live music returns to the Addison Circle District with Addison Weekend Drive-In three weekends of outdoor concerts featuring popular DFW bands. Enjoy the shows from the comfort of your vehicle in the field just south of Festival Way or bring lawn chairs to set next to your car for some fresh air. Music will be transmitted via both speaker system and FM radio, providing excellent audio quality no matter where you sit. Admission is free for all ages. Only vehicles will be admitted into the event site.

### Dates & Times

- Friday, July 17: 8:30pm-10pm
- Saturday, July 18: 8:30pm-10pm
- Friday, August 14: 8:30pm-10pm
- Saturday, August 15: 8:30pm-10pm
- Friday, August 28: 8:30pm-10pm
- Saturday, August 29: 8:30pm-10pm

Visit [www.visitaddison.com/drivein](http://www.visitaddison.com/drivein) for more information.

## 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

[Volunteer](#)

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[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

**Athletic Club:**  
972-450-7048

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(**channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,**  
**channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers**)

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