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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

July 24, 2020

Newsletter Delay

We apologize for the delay in today's newsletter. The email delivery service we use was experiencing technical difficulties that prevented customers from scheduling or sending campaigns. Thank you for your patience.

Council Update

[COVID-19 Update](#)



This week Dallas County reported three straight days with fewer than 1,000 COVID-19 cases after 18 consecutive days with more than 1,000. As a reminder, the [Executive Order](#) issued by Governor Greg Abbott on July 2 requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces remains in effect. Please continue to also follow these preventative measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- 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).

As of July 21, Addison had a total of 157 confirmed COVID-19 cases and no deaths according to Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS). DCHHS releases new numbers every Tuesday and Friday and [reports can be found on their website here](#) .

For more Addison COVID-19 updates, please visit www.addisontexas.net/covid19 .

No Council Meeting on July 28

In order to give staff time to focus on the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, Council has canceled the July 28 City Council Meeting. Per Addison's Charter, the City Manager must present his proposed budget to Council by midnight on July 31. A full list of [important budget dates is available here](#).

Council Discusses Updates to the Town's Naming and Recognition and Public Art Policies

At its July 14 meeting, the City Council discussed staff's proposed changes to the Town's Naming and Recognition and Public Art Policies. The Naming and Recognition Policy addresses the naming or renaming of structures, parks, trails, and other Town-owned facilities. The current policy gives guidelines for the naming of a facility to recognize a contribution. However, staff requested more direction regarding the following points:

- Clarity regarding acceptance and recognition of small donations made that are not associated with the naming of a facility;
- Alignment with or support for current fundraising methods implemented by non-profits to solicit funds on behalf of the Town;
- Recognizing an individual or significant services; and
- Detail in defining the process for naming and renaming facilities.

Staff also shared possible changes to the current Public Art Policy to reflect what is currently being done to recognize donations made to non-profits like the Addison Arbor Foundation.

Council will consider adoption of the proposed changes at a future Council meeting. You can [watch the Council's policy discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Business Pulse

Deadline to Apply for Addison CARES Lease/Mortgage Assistance Grant Program is July 31



The Town of Addison has established a Lease/Mortgage fund in the amount of \$500,000 to provide grant assistance to local small businesses who have been financially distressed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Each award grant is valued at 75% of a business' gross lease or mortgage for two months, for a maximum grant award of up to \$10,000 per company.

The goal of the program is to improve the sustainability and longevity of the most vulnerable companies who maintain operations in Addison. The program offers relief to Addison businesses who have not had an opportunity to receive funding through other COVID - 19 relief programs such as the Payment Protection Program, SBA Loans or other funding sources intended to curb the financial impact of the pandemic.

[Applications](#) must be postmarked no later than Friday, July 31. Eligibility criteria and the grant application can be found [here](#).

Around Addison

Moody's and S&P Reaffirm Addison's Top Ratings

Moody's and Standard and Poor's (S&P) credit rating agencies have both reaffirmed Addison's highest possible bond rating status. In November 2018, Moody's upgraded Addison's rating to Aaa, but Addison has maintained a AAA from S&P since 2008.

[In a recent press release](#), Moody's shared that its Aaa rating reflects Addison's moderately-sized tax base and solid financial operations, reserves boosted by additional and available liquidity outside the main operating fund, and an adept management team that uses conservative practices to guide budget planning and execution.

[S&P's report](#) highlighted strong management, with strong financial policies and practices under its Financial Management Assessment methodology, and a very strong liquidity position.

Addison is one of only 11 cities in Texas that have a top rating by both credit rating agencies.

Addison Weekend Drive-In Adds Another Weekend to the Schedule



Thanks to everyone who came out last weekend to enjoy the first Addison Weekend Drive-In! This new event features outdoor concerts in the Addison Circle District by popular DFW bands. Grab take out from an Addison restaurant and enjoy the shows from the comfort of your vehicle while physically distancing from your neighbors as the tunes are transmitted via both speaker system and FM radio.

Due to the overwhelming reception during the first weekend, another weekend in September has been added to the schedule. Here are the upcoming dates:

- August 14 and 15
- August 28 and 29

- September 11 and 12

To get a reserved front row parking space for the concerts, book an Addison hotel room. After your hotel room is booked, send your name, hotel, and confirmation number to [Alisha Holmberg](#) to reserve your space. View hotels [here](#).

Visit the website at www.visitaddison.com/drivein for all the details.

July 27 Blood Drive Planned at Addison Circle Park



BRAVE THE MOMENT | Carter BloodCare

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 use masks for the health and safety of our donors and staff.
Please bring your own mask when you #GiveForLife.
We have a limited number of extra masks.

JOIN US TO #BRAVETHEMOMENT

JULY 27
ADDISON CIRCLE
PAVILLION IN ADDISON

10am - 2pm

Call or text 800-366-2834 or visit CarterBloodCare.org for an appointment.

COVID-19 Antibody Testing now available for all donors.

Carter BloodCare is having a blood drive at the Pavilion in Addison Circle from 10am - 2pm on Monday, July 27. Call or text 800-366-2834 for an appointment or visit their [Facebook page](#) for more information. All donors can receive a complimentary COVID-19 antibody test.

Join the Conversation about Trails in Addison!



Addison is creating the community's first City-Wide Trails Master Plan, the guide to how we connect places and build trail facilities to serve the community for the next ten years and beyond.

Mark your calendar to join us online for a visioning workshop on July 30 to help identify trail needs and establish a vision for the future. After a brief presentation, the workshop will feature a fun and interactive polling exercise. Participants will respond to vision themes and view a series of images of potential trail improvements. Their feedback will be shared by using their smartphones as "clickers" to respond to questions. Facilitated discussion will follow. Community input from the workshop will help shape the recommendations in the Master Plan.

The Master Plan kicked off in March 2020 and will conclude in early 2021. We want to hear from you!

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020

Time : 6pm to 7:30pm

RSVP : Zoom Meeting: bit.ly/AddisonTrailsWorkshop

Place : In the comfort of your home, neighborhood park or wherever you have Wi-Fi.

Note: The meeting will be capped at 300 electronic devices. If you cannot make the meeting or prefer to provide your comments differently, you may view the recorded meeting at <https://addisontexas.net/parksrec> beginning on August 3. Then, you will have until August 17 to complete the associated visioning comment form.

Catch WTT's Latest Production, "I Am My Own Wife"



Enjoy WaterTower Theatre's newest production, "I Am My Own Wife" from the comfort and safety of your home through August 2. All WaterTower season subscribers and single

ticket holders will receive a code to view this filmed theatrical event online. Patrons who have not already purchased single tickets can purchase via the theatre's [website](#) or by calling the box office. Simply pick a ticket for any "performance" and watch at your leisure any time between the production dates. For more information, visit www.watertowertheatre.org.

Remember the 4 D's of Mosquito Avoidance and Protection



Beginning in May of each year, the Town deploys mosquito traps on the east and west sides of town. These are collected weekly and sent to the Dallas County Health and Human Services labs for testing. The traps are designed only to capture the types of mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus.

When the Town receives a positive test result, Staff will respond by spraying the area the following two mornings. Staff will post signs before spraying and a notice will be placed on the [Town's website](#) as well as shared on Nextdoor. Please make sure you are registered to receive mosquito notifications on [Addison Alert](#) if you would also like to receive text messages.

Addison had its first positive test for West Nile Virus on the west side of Town this week. We strongly encourage all residents to employ the 4 D's of mosquito avoidance and protection:

Dress: Wear long, loose fitting, light-colored clothing when outdoors.

DEET: Use insect repellent products containing "DEET" following the product label for application.

Drain: Eliminate ALL standing water Remove, cover or invert any containers that can collect and hold standing water (bottles, cans, buckets, flower pots, tires, trash containers, etc.) Change water in pet dishes, bird baths, wading pools, etc. Remove litter, leaves, grass clippings, etc. from roof gutters/downspouts and French drain systems so water will properly drain.

Dusk & Dawn: Stay indoors during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

For complete information regarding the status of West Nile in Dallas County, visit the [Dallas County Health & Human Services website](#).

Oncor Tower Replacement Project Ahead of Schedule

Oncor began their tower replacement project within the Redding Trail corridor the week of July 13 and the trail will be closed for use during construction. [This map](#) shows alternative trail and sidewalk routes that can be used. Oncor is currently slightly ahead of schedule and will be installing the temporary fence in the Redding Trail Dog Park the week of July 27, a week earlier than planned. The dog park will be closed for this work. Please see the revised schedule below.

July 27 – August 8 : Access Work

- The Redding Trail Dog Park will be closed to allow Oncor to install temporary fencing. Once the fencing is installed half of the dog park will be open for use.
- Oncor will perform ROW access work.
- The trail will be closed during daytime work hours and will be open during the evening hours.

August 10 – October 30 : Install foundations & Line Construction

- A reduced portion of the Redding Trail Dog Park will open for use. Periodic closures for construction may be required.
- The trail will be closed to the public.

November 1 – 30: Clean-up & Restoration

- Oncor will clean-up and repair damage to the landscape
- Addison parks crews will install the pedestrian light poles and replacement vegetation.

Staff is working closely with Oncor on a daily basis to ensure that the removal of trees and vegetation is being carried out as planned. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janna Tidwell at jtidwell@addisontx.gov.

DART Silver Line Quarterly Community Meeting



You are invited to attend a virtual quarterly community meeting to review the progress of the DART Silver Line Regional Rail Project on Thursday, August 13 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Join by calling in 469-676-0717 (Conference ID: 631 160 305). DART and the Design-Build Contractor will be on hand to outline the latest developments and answer your questions. The project will provide regional rail service along the 26-mile long Silver Line Corridor from DFW International Airport to Plano. For additional information, visit www.DART.org/silverline.

It's Not Too Late to Complete the 2020 Census!



Completing the Census is quick, easy, and important! 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 55.8% while the Texas rate is 57.3%.

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](#) .

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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[List of Restaurants](#)

[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

[Watch City Council Meetings](#)

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

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