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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

January 15, 2021

Council Update

COVID-19 Update



Important COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Texas continues to receive doses of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines and is distributing statewide to hospitals, pharmacies, local health departments, freestanding ER, and other clinics. In addition to the [vaccination hub that opened at Fair Park](#) this week, [UT Southwestern Medical Center](#), [Parkland Health and Hospital System](#), and [BaylorScott&White](#) are scheduling vaccines for current patients that meet the current requirements. You can find a [complete list of vaccination hubs here](#) and answers to some [frequently asked questions here](#).

Vaccines are still in limited supply and limited to North Texans who are in [Phase 1A](#) and [Phase 1B](#). Dallas County is asking residents to [register here](#) for vaccinations. Those registered on the site will be contacted to schedule an appointment as the vaccine becomes available. You can register for vaccines at multiple locations and will find a complete list of vaccination providers on [the Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Availability map](#). [The Dallas Morning News](#) is also sharing information about where to sign up for vaccines in North Texas.

For additional information, please visit the [Dallas County Website](#) and www.addisontexas.net/covid.

Council Adopts Charter Amendments Approved by Voters in November

On November 3, 2020, Addison voters approved [26 amendments to Addison's Charter](#). At its January 12 meeting, Council adopted the Ordinance that will formally amend the Charter to reflect those changes.

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

Candidate Packets for May 2021 City Council Election Now Available - Petition Now Required for Nomination

Packets to file for the May 1, 2021 City Council election are now available in the City Secretary's office at Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm. Since Town Hall is open by appointment only due to COVID-19 precautions, please contact City Secretary Irma Parker at iparker@addisontx.gov or 972-450-7017 to make pick-up arrangements. The packet can also be [downloaded on the Town's website here](#).

Wednesday, January 13 was the first official day to file for the election. The last day to file is on Friday, February 12 at 5pm.

One of the Charter amendments approved by Addison voters in November removed the option for a person to nominate themselves for candidacy for Mayor or City Council and instead requires a petition signed by registered voters who support the nomination. The minimum number of signatures required is 25 and the maximum allowed is 50. Registered voters may sign only ONE petition for Mayor and only ONE petition for City Council.

At its January 12, Council discussed potential health concerns associated with the new petition requirement. There are currently no directives or suspension of the petition requirement.

If you have any questions about this new requirement, please contact Irma Parker at iparker@addisontx.gov. You can [watch the Council's petition requirement discussion here](#).

Zoning Change Makes Way for DART Rail Station



The Addison Transit Center was built in 1997 on a 5-acre site located at the northwest corner of Arapaho Road and Quorum Drive to accommodate DART bus service. The original plans indicated the future development of a rail station on the site. DART broke ground on the Silver Line rail transit line at the end of 2019 and planning is now underway for a commuter rail station adjacent to the Transit Center.

At its January 12 meeting, Council approved a zoning change for the property to allow for DART to construct four covered rail platforms - two on the south side of the railroad tracks and two on the north side. The train platforms will be located adjacent to the existing Addison Transit Center, allowing passengers to use the existing facilities and easily

transfer to DART buses. The station will include the special lighting, pavers, and art approved by the Addison Art and Design Committee.

The Silver Line is anticipated to be completed in 2023 and Addison Transit Center is expected to see nearly 2,000 rail riders per weekday by 2040.

You can [watch Council's DART rail station discussion here](#).

Council Amends Sign Ordinance for Residential Flags and Signs

At its January 12 meeting, Council held a Public Hearing and voted to approve proposed changes to the Town's Code of Ordinance (Chapter 62 - Signs) to allow additional residential signs and to update the regulations governing the display of flags. The changes were discussed at a [December 8 work session](#) in response to questions about the display of school signs, sports team flags, garden banners, and other similar items. The amendments to the ordinance include:

Flags

- New definition of flag that allows text to be displayed as well as other graphics and symbols.
- Limit of three flags per premises, with a maximum size for each flag of 40 square feet. The current ordinance allows three flags but limits them to the national, state, and city flags. The proposed changes would not govern the content of the flags.
- If used, flagpoles are limited to 30 feet in height. (same as current ordinance)
- Flags less than 6 square feet in size are exempt from regulation. This includes the small American flags on a stick, which range in size from 4" x 6" to 24" x 36". Garden banners are typically 12" x 18" or 28" x 40". A large garden banner would be considered a flag and regulated as such.
- The meritorious exception process for flags and flagpoles that exceed the maximum height and size has been retained.

Signs

- Limitation of 3 signs, each a maximum of 6 square feet in size, plus garage sale or for sale/lease signs currently allowed.

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

Council Discusses Options for Updating Addison Airport's Noise Studies and Noise Exposure Maps

The Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 Program was established in 1981 following the passage of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act to reduce the impacts of airport noise on surrounding areas and communities. Public-use airports can voluntarily choose to conduct a Part 150 Study to determine levels of noise exposure attributable to aircraft operations on properties in the vicinity of an airport. These studies are customarily conducted in conjunction with Airport Master Plan updates and result in the development of Noise Exposure Maps and Noise Compatibility Programs which together identify specific measures to reduce incompatible land uses around an airport.

At a recent meeting, the Council requested additional information on the potential impact of Addison Airport's noise contours on the planned Addison Circle development around the new DART Silver Line rail station. At the January 12 meeting, Airport Director Joel

Jenkinson provided information on the timing, cost, and funding options for a new Part 150 Study. Addison's most recent Part 150 Study was conducted in conjunction with the 2004 Master Plan Update. The Airport did not conduct a study in conjunction with the 2016 Master Plan Update for reasons of cost and lack of perceived benefit but plans to perform one as part of the next Master Plan Update planned for 2025-2026.

You can [watch the Council's FAR Part 150 Program discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Reviews Political Signs Requirements

Addison City Council amended the ordinance regulating political signs at its August 13, 2019 meeting removing the regulations on political signs in the Right-of-Way (ROW) and replacing them with new language expressly prohibiting signs in the ROW and on Town-owned property with two exceptions.

1. The first exception allows signs in the front and side yards of single-family residential properties that overlap the public ROW as long as the signs are at least three feet away from the edge of the street or, in locations with sidewalks, behind the back edge of the sidewalk without overhanging the walkway.
2. The second exception allows signs on Town-owned property that has been designated as an active polling place, but with restrictions on the location and timing of the placement of signs, as well as the size and number of signs allowed. Signs in these locations are limited to no more than 18 inches x 24 inches with a maximum area of three-square feet and may not be illuminated or have moving elements.

The Council reviewed and discussed the political sign requirements and enforcement during the January 12 work session, but did not make any changes. You can [watch the Council's sign discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Discusses Community Partners Bureau Policy

The City Council adopted policies pertaining to the Community Partners Bureau in 2013 and has amended those policies twice since the Bureau's inception. Community Partners Bureau members are residents who serve as liaisons to the non-profit organizations the Town supports through annual grants. In February 2020, Council provided staff with additional direction on amendments to the policy. They discussed those changes during a work session on January 12, 2021. Council will consider action on this item at its January 26 meeting.

You can [watch the Council's Community Partners Bureau Policy discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Interested in Serving as a Community Partners Liaison?

The City Council selects residents to represent the Town of Addison with its Community Partners (non-profit organizations). If you are interested in being considered as a liaison for The Family Place, Dallas Cat Lady, Metrocare Services, or Metrocrest Services, please [fill out this application](#) before January 18. Council is scheduled to consider appointments at its second meeting in January.

Around Addison

No Change to Trash Service on MLK Day

Martin Luther King Day is not an official holiday for Town of Addison employees. Town facilities, including the Athletic Club, will be open on Monday, January 18 during regular business hours. Most Town offices are still closed to the public without an appointment due to COVID-19 safety precautions, but employees continue to serve the community virtually. Trash and recycling will be collected per the usual schedule.

Register For Midway Road Revitalization Updates

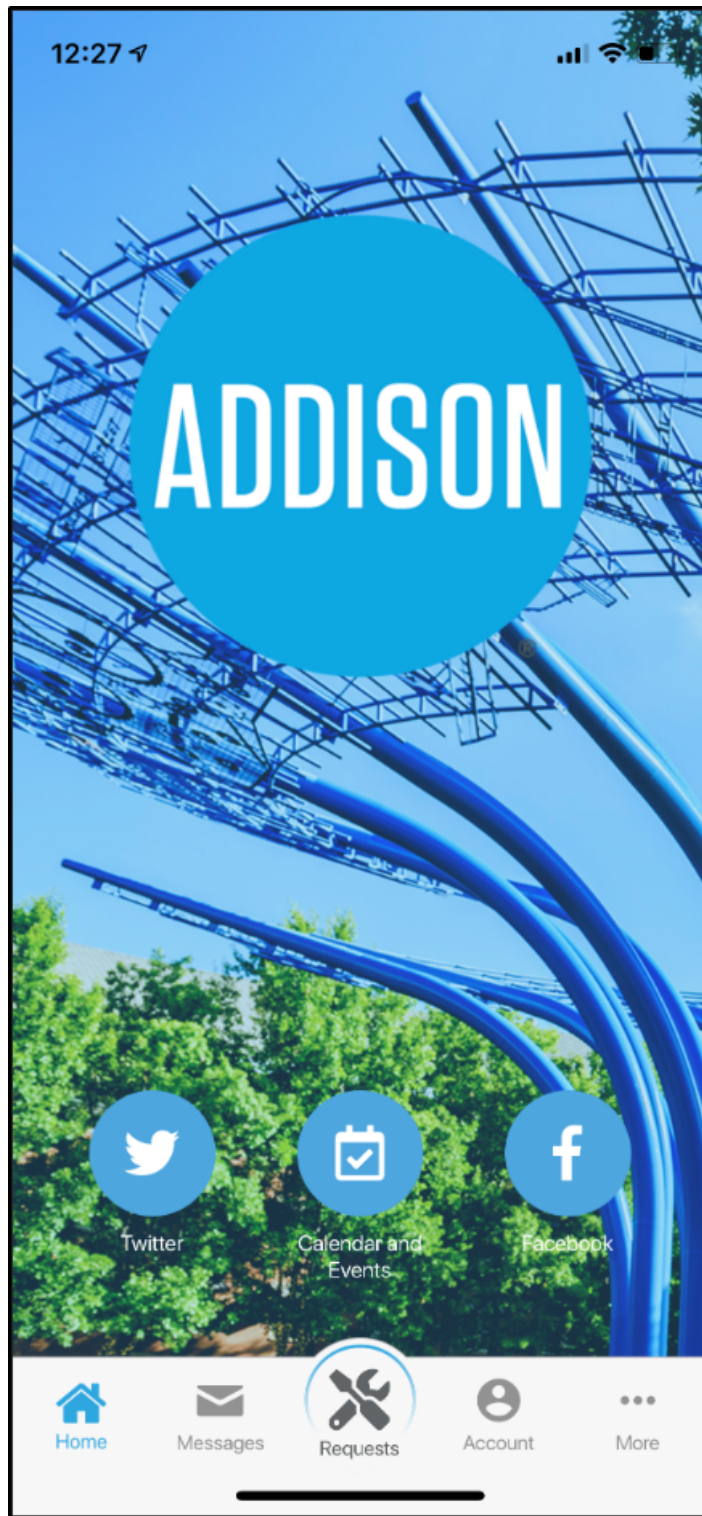
Midway Road Project Overview



The Midway Road Revitalization project is slated to begin in January 2021. You can receive project updates in several ways:

- Visit www.AddisonTexas.net/Midway
- Subscribe to emails [here](#).
- Text "Midway" to 888-777
- Follow @TownofAddison on Facebook and Twitter

Report Problems Using the Addison FixIT App



Notice a street light out, an illegally placed sign, or a stray dog? You can report it by using the Addison FixIT app. The app is available for both iPhones and androids (FixIT is one word) and allows you to either take or upload a photo and mark an exact location on a map. You don't have to log in to use the app, just open it and submit a request! You can also report a problem online on 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
- www.addisontexas.net/Midway: Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates.

Social Media:

- [Addison Facebook](#)
- [Visit Addison Facebook](#)
- [Addison Twitter](#)
- [Visit Addison Twitter](#)
- [NextDoor](#)

Addison Newsletters: For a description of and to subscribe to all of Addison's newsletters, click [here](#).

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:

<h2>CORONAVIRUS</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEVER ● COUGH ● SHORTNESS OF BREATH ● SYMPTOMS APPEAR 2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE
<h2>FLU</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEVER ● COUGH ● SORE THROAT ● HEADACHES ● FATIGUE (TIREDNESS) ● MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES ● RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
<h2>ALLERGIES</h2>	<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

[Request Bulk Trash Pickup](#)

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

[Addison Website](#)

Sign up for [Addison Alerts](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[List of Restaurants](#)

[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

[Watch City Council Meetings](#)

[Addison's PEG Channel](#)
(channel 99 for AT&T subscribers, channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

[Register your Security Alarm](#)

[Report a Problem with Addison FixIT](#)

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