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## A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

January 29, 2021

**Council Update**

**COVID-19 Update**



On Wednesday, January 27, Dallas County reported a record high 40 COVID-19 deaths as well as 1,671 new COVID-19 cases. Addison currently has a cumulative total of 1,147 confirmed cases. According to [this Dallas Morning News story](#), as of January 27 there are 416,000 people registered for the vaccine and nearly 24,000 doses have been administered at Fair Park. They also reported that more than 118,000 of Dallas County's 2.6 million residents have received at least one shot.

Dallas County commissioners recently approved a contract with a call center that will be operational within the week to help with registration and scheduling appointments. They also purchased a new vaccine management software to track all registrations, appointments, and doses.

The City of Dallas opened a vaccine hub at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center on Thursday, January 28. According to the city, residents who have registered on the Dallas County portal are being contacted to make appointments.

Addison is partnering with Dallas County to hold a vaccine registration event on Monday, February 8 from 12:30pm - 2:30pm in Addison Circle Park at the pavilion at the corner of Quorum Drive and Addison Circle. The goal of the event is to help people who may not have access to a computer or the internet register for the vaccine. We hope the community will help us spread the word.

Residents can register for the vaccine in more than one county. Here is the area county contact information:

#### **Dallas County**

- Vaccine Registration Hotline: 469-749-9900 (*Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm, registration assistance available in English and Spanish*)
- Register online: <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination.php>

#### **Denton County**

- Register by phone: 940-349-2585
- Register online: [www.DentonCounty.gov/COVID19vaccine](http://www.DentonCounty.gov/COVID19vaccine)

### Tarrant County

- Register by phone: 817-248-6299
- Register online: <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health/disease-control---prevention/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine.html>

### Collin County

- Register online: [https://www.collincountytx.gov/healthcare\\_services/Pages/COVID19vaccines.aspx](https://www.collincountytx.gov/healthcare_services/Pages/COVID19vaccines.aspx)

### Garland Health Department

- Register Online: <https://garlandtx.gov/3813/Vaccine-Information>
- The Garland Health Department (GHD) is collecting names of persons to register for the COVID-19 vaccine waiting-list. Vaccination events will be scheduled as additional vaccine supply is received.

Find additional vaccine information on the Town's website [here](#).

## Council Discusses Employee Compensation Market Study

During the August 6, 2020, Special Meeting and Budget Work Session, Council directed staff to conduct an Employee Compensation Market Study and to develop recommendations based on the study's findings.

Staff, working with Public Sector Personnel Consultants, shared the results of the study with Council at its January 26 meeting. The study reviewed salary competitiveness in relation to 13 area comparison cities of almost 100 benchmark positions.

In response to the study's findings, staff developed and presented recommendations, projected the long-term financial impact of those recommendations, and identified funding sources to cover the cost. Council plans to discuss and take action on this topic at a future meeting.

You can [watch the Council's Employee Compensation Study discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

## Candidate Packets for May 2021 City Council Election Now Available

Packets to file for the May 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](mailto:iparker@addisontx.gov) or 972-450-7017 to make pick-up arrangements. The packet can also be [downloaded on the Town's website here](#).

The last day to file is on Friday, February 12 at 5pm.

In November, Addison voters approved 26 amendments to the Town's Charter. One of those amendments 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. If you have any questions about this new requirement, please contact Irma Parker at [iparker@addisontx.gov](mailto:iparker@addisontx.gov).

## New Digital Sign to Replace Belt Line Road Banners



In May 2012, Addison voters approved \$500,000 in General Obligation bonds for the installation of an electronic sign over Belt Line Road to replace the static banners located just east of Quorum Drive. At its January 26 work session, the City Council reviewed the conceptual designs for the sign that were created by Casteel Sign. Casteel Sign is a turn-key solution provider who will manufacture, install, and maintain the 10 foot by 20 foot message board that is being proposed to be installed in the median across from the Magic Time Machine restaurant. The total project cost, including the sign, utility relocation, landscape changes and remediation, and safety assessment is estimated to be \$489,817 and will take four to six months to complete. Council is scheduled to consider action on a contract to install the sign at the February 9 City Council Meeting.

You can [watch the Council's digital Belt Line Road banner discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

## Overnight Parking Ordinance Updated

Addison's Code of Ordinances (Chapter 78 Traffic and Vehicles Section 78-165 (b) Designation of No Parking and Permitted Parking Areas) lists residential streets where on-street parking is allowed except between the hours of 2am and 6am. At its January 26 meeting, the City Council approved staff's request to add two street sections that are not currently listed within the statute:

- 14812 - 14827 Surveyor Boulevard
- 15400 and 15500 blocks of Spectrum Drive.

The unlisted portion of Surveyor Boulevard consists of the residential area between Beltway Drive and Mormon Lane. This is the only residential area in this neighborhood

where on-street parking is currently not allowed at any time. Staff is recommending that parking in this unlisted portion be made consistent with the neighborhood.

Spectrum Drive has two unlisted blocks that are addressed in this ordinance amendment. The first is the 15400 block which consists of the area between Arapaho Road and the railroad right-of-way. This area includes the 'head-in' parking areas along the street. While the 15500 block of Spectrum is currently posted with signage prohibiting parking between 2am - 6am, this is not currently reflected in the ordinance.

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

## **New Appointments Made to Community Partners Bureau**

The Community Partners Bureau (CPB) is comprised of residents appointed by Council to represent the Town of Addison with its Community Partners (non-profit organizations). At its January 26 meeting, the City Council appointed the following liaisons:

- Metrocrest Services: Fran Powell
- The Family Place: Ana-Maria Frampton
- Dallas Cat Lady: Karen Perry
- Metrocare Services: Stephanie Baim

During the meeting, Council also approved the [amended the CPB Policy](#), which was discussed during the [January 12 work session](#).

You can [watch the CPB appointments here](#). Thank you to our new volunteers for your service to the community.

## **Addison Arbor Foundation Planning Three New Public Art Sculptures**



At the January 26 Council Meeting, Addison Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell presented the locations of three sculptures being proposed by the Addison Arbor Foundation (AAF). The first is a bronze, steel, and glass kinetic sculpture that will be located in front of the terminal of Galaxy Aviation's Fixed-Base Operator facility on Addison Road. The sculpture, which is named Aikido and was created by artist David B. Hickman in 2000, consists of two wind-activated kinetic forms that represent Aikido Marshal Arts. The sculpture was previously located in the courtyard outside of the Mucky Duck in the Addison Circle District. In June 2018, the AAF purchased the sculpture from MAA, formerly Post Properties, for \$1,000. AAF had the sculpture restored and the Addison Parks Department has been storing it until a suitable location was identified.

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



The second proposed sculpture is a painted steel sculpture to be placed at the Surveyor Water Tower where the wind turbine was removed. The sculpture is being fabricated by Carrollton artist Russ Connell and will be approximately 16' tall (including a 3' base) and 3' wide. The base of the sculpture will cover the existing concrete base where the wind turbines once stood. The sculpture itself will be painted in a metallic gold color which will contrast with and compliment the other metallic colors used on the water tower. The artist is fabricating the sculpture to ensure compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act clearance requirement of 80 inches.

The sculpture is currently untitled but will be named by the artist at a later date. The AAF is purchasing the sculpture from the artist for \$28,500 which includes fabrication, painting, delivery, and installation.

You can [watch the Council's discussion on this untitled public art sculpture here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).



The final proposed piece is another painted steel sculpture that will be located in the Addison Grove Development within one of the new park properties. Another creation by Russ Connell, the 4' x 4' x 7' sculpture is finished in a Golden Sunset color with a gloss finish and named Rocko. Mr. Connell offered to discount the price of Rocko since the AAF contracted with him to create the art piece at the Survey Water Tower. In addition to the purchase of the sculpture, which is \$12,000, the AAF will fund the construction of a concrete pad and lighting for the sculpture. This additional work is estimated to cost approximately \$3,000.

The AAF is requesting to place the sculpture in one of the parks that is being constructed within the Addison Grove Development. Before finalizing the exact location, the AAF would like the hardscape items in the park to be constructed.

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

### **Council Discusses Public Art Naming Policy**

At its January 26 meeting, the City Council discussed its [Public Art Naming Policy](#), which was last updated on August 25, 2020 to better align with updates made to the Naming and Recognition Policy. The Town encourages donated works for public display and this policy provides guidelines and a general direction when the Town is making decisions about public art. The discussion was in response to a community request made to the Addison Arbor Foundation.

You can [watch the Council's Public Art Naming Policy here](#).

## **Around Addison**



## DART Silver Line Construction to Begin on February 1



Construction of the Addison Silver Line Station is set to begin on Monday, February 1. The initial work will include clearing the site, track and tie removal, and environmental control installation. All work will be done within the Silver Line Right of Way, and no lane or street closures are expected. Construction will take place during the hours of 7am - 7pm on weekdays and 9am - 6pm on weekends. Heavy construction like excavation and concrete work is planned to follow on February 15.

DART has asked the Town to share [this Community Notification](#) with more details and DART contact information.

## Next DART Quarterly Silver Line Community Meeting Scheduled for February 11



DART is hosting a virtual quarterly meeting to review the progress of the DART Silver Line on Thursday, February 11 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Presentations during these meetings will include:

- Project facts and updates
- Design-build progress update
- Betterments Program progress
- Station design progress
- Construction progress and safety update
- Identification of contacts for FAQs and community feedback

Here are the meeting details:

- Phone #: 469-391-0632
- Conference ID: 392 008 664
- To find your virtual meeting link, go to [DART.org/SilverLine](https://DART.org/SilverLine)

## Register For Midway Road Revitalization Updates

### Midway Road Project Overview



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

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

## 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
- [www.addisontexas.net/Midway](http://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](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:

<h2>CORONAVIRUS</h2>	<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>
<h2>FLU</h2>	<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>
<h2>ALLERGIES</h2>	<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

[Request Bulk Trash Pickup](#)

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

[Addison Website](#)

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

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[Report a Problem with Addison FixIT](#)

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