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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

October 1, 2021

Council Update

Council Discusses Addison Airport U.S. Customs Fees



Addison is one of six airports in the Dallas - Fort Worth metropolitan area that general aviation aircraft may use to clear U.S. Customs. DFW is the area's International Airport of Entry. The other five airports (including Addison) provide services through the U.S. Customs User Fee Airport program. User fee airports are required to reimburse Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for all costs of providing Customs services, including overtime expenses incurred by CBP officers providing clearance services outside of normal business hours. User fee airports are permitted to charge fees to users to recover the costs of providing those services.

At its September 28 meeting, the City Council discussed implementing a Customs fee at Addison Airport to help offset the roughly \$330,000 annual expense to provide Customs services. Addison joined the User Fee Airport program in 1994 and has provided Customs services continuously since then. It has not charged for providing clearance services, even though it was and is entitled to do so, other than a direct pass-through to users of overtime charges incurred for after-hours arrivals.

In light of changes in the local market and in recognition of the cost of providing a new Customs facility, airport staff is seeking to implement a Customs user fee when U.S. Customs begins to provide services from the new facility. User fee payments will be collected by means of an automated kiosk located on the airside of the entry to the CBP facility.

Action on this item is slated to be considered at a future City Council meeting.

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

Council Discusses Garage Sales

For more than two decades, the Town has hosted bi-annual community garage sale events to support residents who wish to display and sell personal items for reuse.

Traditionally, these events have been held in retail center parking lots, most recently at Addison Town Center. Due to the pandemic, the community garage sale was last held in October 2019. Since that time, the Town has implemented the bi-annual sustainability event, where Town residents are provided the opportunity to drop off personal items for donation, shredding services, and electronics recycling.

Addison Town Center management and tenants are no longer able to accommodate the garage sale in their parking lot. At its September 28 meeting, the Council discussed possible options for the event from relocating it to Addison Circle Park to implementing a digital garage sale. The Town spends \$16,000 per event to host the community garage sales, most of which funds the rental of the large tent, tables, and chairs.

The Council directed staff to move the garage sale to Festival Way just south of Addison Circle Park and expressed a desire to use the next event to gather feedback on how the community embraces its return. The Festival Way location will be included as part of the transit-oriented development envisioned along DART's Silver Line and is a short-term solution. Council also discussed reducing the frequency of the event to once a year.

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

Council Renews Facility Use Agreement with WaterTower Theatre



WaterTower Theatre has been the primary lessee of space in the Addison Theatre Centre since 1996. The performing arts organization rents administrative office and storage space from the Town and produces several shows on the Addison Theatre Centre Main Stage each year. At its September 28 meeting, Council approved a facility use agreement with WaterTower. The facility use agreement, which is similar to a standard lease agreement, was renewed at the same lease rate the Theatre has had for the past five years. The only change to the agreement is that it allows WaterTower to contract the space to outside production companies at the same rate it pays the Town. The prior agreement charged a higher rate for outside companies to contract through WaterTower.

The facility use agreement will operate from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 with four one-year renewal options. WaterTower Theatre and Town staff are exploring

alternative facility use agreements to support the Theatre's programming efforts.

Council Approves Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment

Each year, the Finance Department reviews the budget to determine which items should be recognized with formal budget amendments. When budget variances occur that are outside City Manager's authority, these adjustments are presented to the Council in the form of a budget amendment. At its September 28 meeting, the City Council approved a second budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021.

Major expenditures in the amendment included additional funding to Metrocrest Services, the creation of a facilities maintenance fund, and emergency communications services. These expenditures were offset by increased sale tax revenue, airport fuel flowage fees, and decreased appropriation for water purchases.

An amendment was needed in the Debt Service Fund to recognize the bond proceeds and refunding cost associated with the 2021 General Obligation Taxable Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$4,315,000. The transaction created approximately \$1.5 million in total interest savings over the remaining life of the debt. An amendment was also necessary to recognize revenue and associated expenditures associated with CARES Act funding received from Dallas County in the amount of \$665,000.

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

Town Presents First-Ever Foodservice Awards





Addison's Environmental Health Division recently implemented a Foodservice Safety and Sanitation Award for restaurants. At the September 28 Council Meeting, Environmental Health Manager Sandra Long presented awards to the first recipients of this special honor that recognizes restaurants that did an excellent job with food safety and sanitation throughout the last year.

Awards were given in three restaurant categories: full-service, fast food, and sandwich / deli. The winners are:

- Full-Service Restaurant:** TGI Friday's
- Fast Food Restaurant:** Shake Shack
- Sandwich/Deli:** Jimmy John's

Congratulations to all three restaurants and thank you for your dedication to providing safe food for the Addison community.

You can watch the [Food Service Awards presentation here](#)

Around Addison

Addison Restaurant Month Kicks off October 1



Addison's restaurant scene is so big that its restaurant week needs a whole month! At 4.4 square miles with more than 180 restaurants, Addison is known as the town with the most

restaurants per capita nationwide.

The Town will host Addison Restaurant Month during October with the Addison Food Pass mobile-exclusive program that will give diners access to savings at some of Addison's best restaurants, enter them into prize drawings and, of course, fill them up with spectacular food. Put your appetite to the test to see how many Addison eateries you can dine at in one month.

To participate, all you need is your smartphone. Go to visitaddison.com/restaurantmonth and download a mobile passport from Visit Addison. You'll get a text message and email that will allow you to quickly place an icon on your phone's home page for easy access. There are no apps to download, and the program is free.

Once on the Addison Restaurant Month digital platform, you'll see a list of participating Addison restaurants, many of them offering specials and discounts listed under the restaurant's name. Specials include 30% off a bottle of wine at Astoria Caffé & Wine Bar, 15% off your bill at Cajun Crawfish, 10% off your bill at Flower Child and many more. Show your passport at the restaurant to redeem specials.

Hit the "Check In" button at any restaurant you visit, and you'll be automatically entered into a drawing for prizes including restaurant gift cards, event tickets, Addison swag, and tech toys. The more restaurants you visit, the more chances you have to win!

For more information, follow Visit Addison on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) during October.

Fall Town Meeting Scheduled for October 18



Please join the Mayor and City Council for the Town's Fall Town Meeting which is scheduled for Monday, October 18 at 7pm at the Renaissance Hotel. If you will not be able to attend in person, you can also watch the meeting on the Town's website or on channel 99 for AT&T subscribers and channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers.

Face coverings are strongly recommended for all attendees not that are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

Addison Fire Stations Glows Red



This week, you may notice Addison's fire stations are glowing red! Addison is joining in the "Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters" tribute to honor firefighters who have died in the line of duty the previous year. If you would like to show your support for these fallen heroes, you can find more information at [National Fallen Firefighters Foundation](https://www.nationalfallenfirefightersfoundation.org/).

Time to Replace Smoke Detector Batteries



October is Fire Safety Month, which means it is time to replace your smoke detector batteries. Due to continuing COVID concerns, the Addison Fire Department is no longer going into homes to replace batteries. However, it is supplying residents with 9-volt lithium batteries that residents can install themselves. These new batteries have 1200mAh capacity, a 10-year shelf life, and keep smoke detectors running up to five times longer than the standard 9-volt battery.

You will notice your new battery is marked with a red dot sticker. In addition, you will be given a red dot sticker to place on the outside of your smoke detector(s) once you have installed the new battery. These stickers indicate to the Addison Fire Department that your battery was installed in 2021.

Residents can pick up their batteries throughout the month of October at either of Addison's Fire Stations.

[New Addison Arbor Foundation Sculpture Officially Named Golden Hour](#)



The public art sculpture that the Addison Arbor Foundation (AAF) installed at the water tower site on the corner of Surveyor Boulevard and Arapaho Road in July has officially been named *Golden Hour*. A creation by local artist Russ Connell and his wife Kelsea Lyon, the gold metallic stainless-steel sculpture stands thirteen feet tall with a three-foot round base. The name refers to the time of day, typically shortly after sunrise or before sunset, when the sun shines with a warmer, almost magical light.

Many thanks to the AAF for continuing to enhance our community with public art. *Golden Hour* is the organization's nineteenth public art installation. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

Wing Boss Opens in Addison



On Thursday, September 30, Mayor Joe Chow joined the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Wing Boss. This new Addison eatery is located at 3765 Belt Line Road (in the former Duck Donuts location) and is a new carryout and delivery-focused wing restaurant developed by the Dickey's Barbeque brand. This location is the first brick-and-mortar restaurant for Wing Boss.

Welcome to Addison, Wing Boss!

Addison Wants Your Input

Sam's Club Special Area Study



During a recent community meeting, attendees were asked to provide feedback on the draft development concepts and strategic framework for the Sam's Club Special Area Study that was created by the project advisory committee, staff, and consultants. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can still provide feedback through an [online survey](#) that is available through October 7.

You can find more information on the project, as well as register for email updates, at www.AddisonTexas.net/SamsClubStudy.

Mark your Calendar for Coworking Day in the Park on October 21



Coworking Day in the Park is back on Thursday, October 21 from 9am - 4pm in Addison Circle Park! Change up your daily work routine and join others in the Addison business community. Bring your four-legged co-worker and picnic blanket for a day at the park. Meet us under the Addison Circle Pavilion for free WiFi, complimentary coffee, a food truck during lunch, and free fitness classes hosted by Addison Outdoors!

This is a great opportunity for teams to meet and collaborate in person, in a socially distanced setting while getting some fresh air. We hope to see your team there!

To reserve a table, contact Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr at wkerr@addisontx.gov.

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
- www.addisonalert.com: Get alerts about severe weather and other emergencies in the Town of Addison, as well as register to receive updates on Town programs

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.

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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[Community Crime Map](#)

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[Addison's PEG Channel](#)
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channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

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