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## A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

October 15, 2021

### Council Update

#### Council Approves Grants to Non-Profit Organizations

Each fiscal year, the City Council allocates funding for non-profit organizations that provide services to the Addison community. Interested organizations are given an opportunity to submit a request for funds during the budget process that is evaluated by Town Staff and appointed Council Member Liaisons. Town Staff also reviews all applicable financials and verifies the organization is in good standing with both the IRS and Texas Secretary of State.

At its October 12 meeting, Council formally approved Fiscal Year 2022 funding for the following organizations:

Addison Arbor Foundation: \$65,000  
Metrocrest Services: \$66,120  
Dallas Cat Lady: \$5,000  
Metrocare Services: \$2,500  
Outcry Theatre: \$2,500  
Family Place: \$2,500  
Woven Health Clinic: \$5,000

WaterTower Theatre: \$375,000

All the agreements were approved as part of the Consent Agenda, but you can watch the presentations that were made by non-profits as part of the budget process [here](#).

### Council Approves New U.S. Customs Fees at Addison Airport



During a [work session prior to its September 28 meeting](#), the City Council discussed the implementation of fees for use of the U.S. Customs services at Addison Airport when the U.S. Customs begins to provide services from the new facility. Council approved the following fees at its October 12 meeting:

United States Customs User Fees		
	Maximum Gross Take Off Weight	Fee Amount
Rate 1	Up to 12,500 pounds	\$100
Rate 2	12,501 to 50,000 pounds	\$200
Rate 3	Over 50,000 pounds	\$400

The regulated garbage disposal fee will be \$75. The normal hours of operation at the new facility will be 10am to 7pm Monday through Friday. Arrivals outside of these hours are available by appointment and will incur an overtime charge of \$200.

### Northridge Construction Group Awarded Construction Contract for Athletic Club Improvements

As part of the 2019 Bond Election, Addison Voters approved funds in Proposition C (Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Facilities) and Proposition D (Buildings: Existing Municipal Buildings) to be applied towards the renovation of the Addison Athletic Club (AAC).

At its October 12 meeting Council approved a \$4,035,085 construction contract with Northridge Construction Group and approved the project budget in an amount not to exceed \$5,077,631 for the following improvements that were part of the Bond program:

- Gymnasium and Track Improvements
- Locker Room Upgrades
- Indoor and Outdoor Pool Modernization
- Roof replacement
- Replacement of the Remaining HVAC Systems

Additionally, as part of the fiscal year 2020 operating budget, funds were initially approved to cash fund core building improvements at the AAC. These improvements were largely focused on updating building interior finishes and furnishings but the budgeted funds were not expended due to uncertainty related to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Town revenues. However, they were incorporated into the development of the AAC project renovation plans and include:

- Paint interior walls (excluding the gymnasium, and locker rooms)
- Replace flooring (excluding wood, fitness, and locker rooms)
- Reconfigure the front desk to improve function
- Remove desk in the fitness area to increase usable space
- Consolidate and update signage
- Replace outdated furniture
- Partially replace lighting
- Secure the administrative offices

Also, as the architect began to develop construction drawings, they identified additional elements of the facility that were in need of repair or updating. Those elements were included as alternate bid items in the construction plans. The alternate items are mostly related to the ceiling inside the building and replacing items to match updated materials being used and will be funded with any unutilized project contingency funds.

The construction is slated to begin near the end of the year. The AAC will be open and operational during construction, although some areas will need to be closed periodically. Locker rooms, however, will be closed during the entire time. Temporary restrooms will be brought in but showers will not be available. Construction is expected to take approximately six months to complete unless there are supply chain issues.

You can [watch the Council's AAC contract award discussion here](#).

## Council Adopts Investment Strategy

At its October 12 meeting, the City Council approved the Town's Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2022 which includes the Town's Investment Strategy. The Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requires the Council to annually adopt the Town's Investment Policy which applies to the investment and management of all funds of the Town. Direct management responsibility for the investment program is delegated by the City Council to the Chief Financial Officer. The investment policy has the following priorities:

- Preservation and safety of principal
- Understanding the suitability of the investment to the financial requirements of the Town
- Liquidity
- Marketability of the investment if the need arises to liquidate the investment prior to maturity
- Diversification of the investment portfolio

- Yield

Finance staff determined that no changes were needed to the Town's investment policy.

You can [watch the Council's Investment Policy discussion here](#) and [read the policy here](#).

## Metrocrest Services Celebrates 50 Years



At its October 12 meeting, Addison Mayor Joe Chow presented a proclamation to Metrocrest Services to recognize the organization's 50 years of service. For five decades, Metrocrest Services has specialized in helping individuals, families, and seniors who are going through a crisis situation stabilize their lives for a brighter future. The organization offers a wide range of services including emergency financial assistance, financial coaching and education, a food pantry, employment coaching and job readiness, senior services to help seniors age in place, and seasonal programs focused on children including holiday gifts and food for the summer.

Metrocrest Services is marking the special anniversary with a gala on Saturday, October 28. Get more details and purchase tickets [on their website](#).

You can [watch the presentation here](#) and [read the proclamation here](#).

## Addison Earns Texas Municipal League Excellence Award



During the 2021 Texas Municipal League (TML) Annual Conference and Exhibition in Houston, Addison received a 2021 Municipal Excellence Award in communication programs for cities under 25,000 in population. The award recognized the Town for its execution of virtual health inspections.

The Addison Environmental Health Division quickly adjusted to the COVID-19 pandemic and implemented virtual health inspections to ensure food safety, provide confidence in food establishments, and keep Town and food service employees safe. These virtual inspections were accomplished using free cell phone apps and performed critical objectives including ensuring proper food handling and functioning equipment. The Addison Marketing Department supported the effort by communicating with establishments about any process changes in the inspections and keeping residents informed of establishment operations such as carry out, delivery, and other service items.

On hand at the conference to accept the award were Mayor Pro Tempore Guillermo Quintanilla, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Walden, Council Members Lori Ward and Kathryn Wheeler, City Manager Wes Pierson, Deputy City Manager John Crawford, Environmental Health Manager Sandra Long, Development Services Director Ken Schmidt, and Public Communications Director Mary Rosenbleeth.

### Upcoming Public Hearings

The following public hearings will take place at the October 19 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, which will be held at the Addison TreeHouse at 6pm. The agenda will be [posted three days prior](#) to the meeting. If you would like to comment virtually during a public hearing, you can either email your statement to Jenifer Tedrick at [jtedrick@addisontx.gov](mailto:jtedrick@addisontx.gov) by 3pm the day of the meeting or [follow the instructions listed here](#) to participate by audio conferencing.

Case 1836-SUP/4141 Spring Valley Road (Greenhill School Science Building). Hold a Public Hearing on a recommendation regarding an Ordinance on property located at 4141 Spring Valley Road, currently zoned R-1 Single Family Dwelling and Planned Development (PD) through Ordinance 084-092, for a Special Use Permit to allow a new private school building.

Case 1840-SUP/3719 Belt Line Road (Poke Works). Hold a Public Hearing on a recommendation regarding an Ordinance, on property located at 3719 Belt Line Road, currently zoned Planned Development (PD) through Ordinance O92-037, for a Special Use Permit to allow a restaurant.

Case 1837-SUP/5100 Belt Line Road (Low Key Poke Joint). Hold a Public Hearing on a recommendation regarding an Ordinance, on property located at 5100 Belt Line Road, Suite 868, currently zoned Planned Development (PD), through Ordinance O12-002 and Ordinance O20-008, for a Special Use Permit to allow for the expansion of an existing restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only.

## Around Addison

### Fall Town Meeting Scheduled for Monday, 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.

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

### Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Hosts Annual Mayors' Forum



On Wednesday, October 13, the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce hosted a virtual Mayors' Forum with Addison Mayor Joe Chow, Carrollton Mayor Kevin Falconer, and Farmers Branch Mayor Robert Dye. While observing social distancing on the stage of the Firehouse Theatre, Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce President Hayden Austin and past Board Chair Gabe Madison questioned the Mayors about the impacts of COVID-19 on their communities, business advocacy, and future plans.

### WaterTower Theatre *The Taming* Kicks Off This Weekend

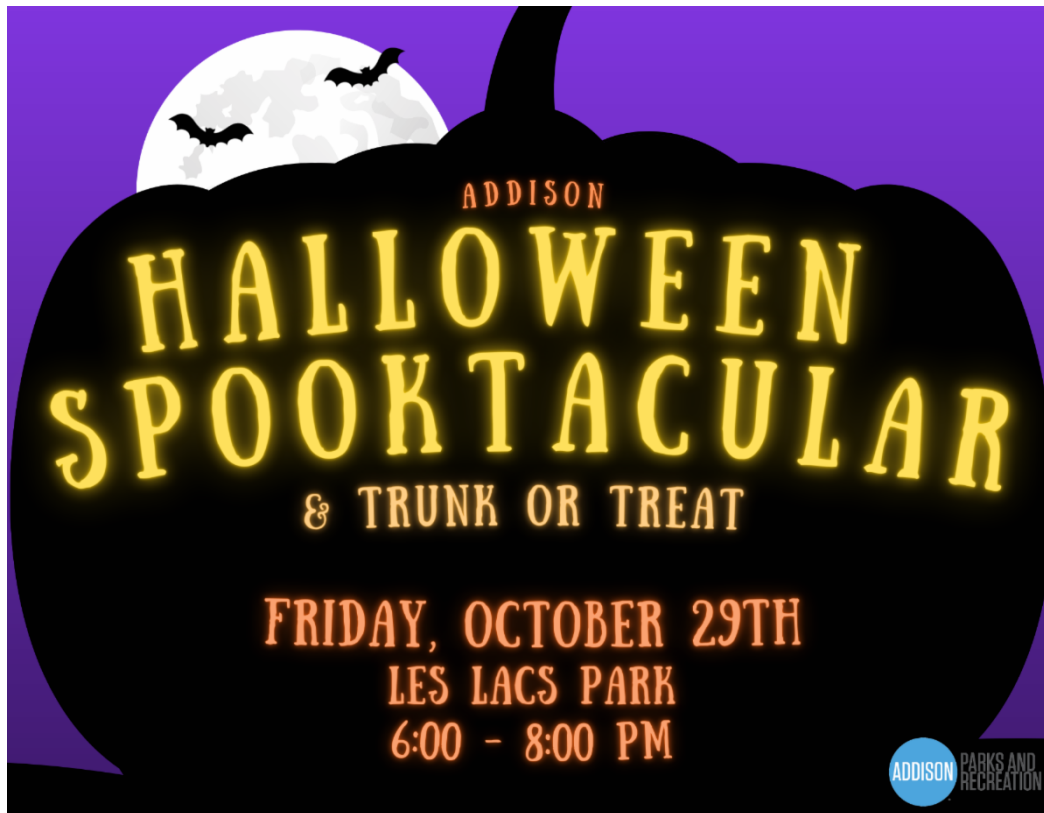


WaterTower Theatre's newest production, *The Taming*, begins this weekend and runs through October 24. Written by acclaimed playwright Lauren Gunderson and directed by

Cheryl Denson, this hilarious show chronicles a patriotism-obsessed Miss Georgia that has kidnapped a Republican Senator's campaign manager and a liberal activist who is fighting to save the endangered "pandashrew". This raucous, all-female "power-play" inspired by Shakespeare's *Shrew* is not to be missed.

The WaterTower Theatre is still employing safe distancing practices and masks. In-person seating is extremely limited so [don't wait to get your tickets](#). Additionally, *The Taming* will stream online on Broadway On Demand beginning next week.

### Addison's Halloween Spooktacular Returns October 29



Put on your coolest costume and grab your goody sack for the annual Halloween Spooktacular hosted by the Addison Athletic Club on Friday, October 29 from 6pm - 8pm at Les Lacs Linear Park! There will be a Trunk or Treat with a car trunk decorating contest, special entertainment, refreshments, and lots of candy! If you are interested in volunteering or participating in Trunk or Treat, please contact Anna Weir at 972-450-7048 or [aweir@addisontx.gov](mailto:aweir@addisontx.gov).

### Addison to Host Shredding Event on October 26





Clean out those file cabinets and junk drawers for Addison Shreds Day. An onsite shredding truck will be parked in Addison Circle Park on Tuesday, October 26 from 10am - 2pm. A certificate of verification will only be available for those who remain onsite to witness the shredding. This is a free event and open to Addison residents and non-Addison residents.

Addison employees will also be available starting at 6:30am to accept early drop-offs for shredding. Please be advised that the Town holds no liability in the event of identity theft or damages that may occur by dropping off documents.

Unfortunately, the vendor Addison has been using to collect recycling was not available during October so we will not be accepting recycling donations at this event. Staff is researching future possible dates.

### Addison After Dark: Halloween Horror

A promotional poster for "Addison After Dark: Halloween Horror". The background is dark blue with white stars. At the top left, there is a white crescent moon with musical notes and stars. The text "ADDISON AFTER DARK" is prominently displayed in white and blue. A blue diagonal banner in the top right corner says "FREE ADMISSION". Below a horizontal line, there is a white pumpkin icon with a jagged mouth and triangular eyes. To the right of the pumpkin, the text "HALLOWEEN HORROR" is in white, "OCTOBER 16 • 7PM" is in blue, "ADDISON CIRCLE PARK" is in white, and "AddisonAfterDark.com" is in blue.

Halloween isn't just for kids! Come to Addison Circle Park dressed for the occasion on Saturday, October 16 for Halloween Horror. It will be a ghostly good time with activities and entertainment that include axe throwing, jumbo Jenga, and a fire art show by FemPyre. There will be an outdoor showing of the 2018 R-rated horror film, Halloween. Sip on drinks that are so good it's frightening, dine on free In-N-Out burgers, and be sure to enter the costume contest with fiendishly great prizes. The ghouls come out at 7pm, but we recommend leaving your little ones at home for this Halloween party!

Get more information at [AddisonAfterDark.com](https://www.addisonafterdark.com).

## Addison Restaurant Month Is In Full Swing



Addison's restaurant scene is so big that its restaurant week needs a whole month! To participate, all you need is your smartphone and a big appetite! Visit Addison's website at [www.visitaddison.com/restaurantmonth](https://www.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. 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](https://www.facebook.com/visitaddison) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/visitaddison) during October.

## 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](mailto: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](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
- [www.addisonalert.com](http://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](mailto: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

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

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