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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

October 29, 2021

Council Update

[Addison Citizens Academy Participants Graduate](#)



The Town of Addison offers a Citizen's Academy to provide a behind-the-scenes look at the Town's operations. During the Academy, participants learn the basics of municipal

government through tours, activities, and face-to-face interaction with various Town leaders and staff. The participants of the Fall 2021 session of the Addison Citizen's Academy were presented with graduation certificates by Mayor Chow at the October 26 City Council Meeting. Congratulations to all the graduates and thank you for your interest in learning more about Addison.

You can [watch the ceremony here](#).

New Addison DART Station to Feature Unique Addison Design Elements



In April of 2019, the City Council appointed 14 residents to serve on the DART Silver Line Art and Design Committee to provide input on the Addison station regarding architectural elements such as paving and column cladding, site elements, landscaping, and site-specific artwork.

DART staff, the committee, and local artist Eric McGeheraty selected a theme to promote the idea of sophisticated fun by the use of traditional and easy to maintain materials such as stone, bronze, and brick pavers, windscreens engraved with artistic depictions of sculptures around Addison, enhanced fencing along ramps at the entrance to the station that resembles fireworks, and fiber optic lights embedded in ramps.

At the October 26 City Council Meeting, Deputy City Manager Ashley Mitchell gave Council an update on the project. Once DART started construction of the Addison station, it was determined that the fiber optic lighting in the ramps could not be constructed. DART and Archer Western Herzog worked together to give the committee their second option which was to illuminate all the columns of the station and fully light them. This would illuminate the capital "A" and the blue polycarbonate strip in each column. It was also recommended that the committee consider using the diamond cut pattern in the concrete ramps to match the pattern in Addison Circle.

On September 30, 2021, the Art and Design Committee met with DART staff and voted to move forward with the removal of the fiber optic lighting in the ramps, illuminating the 24 columns at the station, and using the diamond cut pattern in the ramp areas.

Currently, concrete foundations have been installed at the new Addison station and Archer Western Herzog is continuing to work on the installation of underground utilities. Framing for the station is also beginning to be erected. DART anticipates the station being complete in June of 2022. DART staff shared during the July 22 Quarterly Community Meeting that the revised estimated date for revenue service for the Silver Line has been pushed from 2022 to the fourth quarter of 2024

You can [watch the Council's Silver Line Art and Design Committee discussion here](#) and [review the presentation here](#).

Council Approves Ordinance to Regulate Short-Term Rentals

Short-term rentals are generally defined as renting a home or a portion of a home for stays of less than 30 days. Given the popularity of apps such as Airbnb and Vrbo, the use of short-term rentals in residential areas has increased. In March 2019, the City Council adopted regulations for such properties in Addison. The regulations required these properties to be registered with the Town and that the owner and occupants agree to abide by certain requirements to minimize their impact on the adjacent neighbors.

The ordinance included a sunset provision after one year, requiring the City Council to review and adjust or extend the requirements by April 30, 2020. Council did elect to extend this program for another year in March 2020. Due to staff transition, these regulations were not brought forward for Council consideration prior to the April 30, 2021 sunset date. As a result, there are no specific regulatory or registration requirements that are currently applicable to short-term rentals in Addison. At its October 26 meeting, the City Council approved an ordinance permanently reinstating the regulations originally adopted in 2019 and amended in 2020.

Since the initial adoption of the short-term rental regulations, six properties have registered with the Town, and only one active registrant remains. Through a cursory review of the most common short-term rental apps – Airbnb and Vrbo – it appears that Addison has a fairly limited supply of short-term rentals, with the majority of those opportunities being accommodated in multifamily dwelling units.

Town staff will monitor the implementation and return to Council by the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2022 to address any implementation challenges and needed regulatory refinements.

You can [watch Council's short-term rentals discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Receives Update on Employee Compensation

As part of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, Council approved funds equal to a 4% increase for employee compensation, which includes both merit pay and market adjustments. The City Council has adopted an employee compensation philosophy in budgeting for employee compensation that states:

The purpose of the merit and market pay plan is threefold:

- To encourage excellence in service by tying salary increases to job performance.
- To reward employees for their efforts and job performance.
- To remain competitive with other metroplex cities in regards to the Town's compensation program by paying employees better than the average of our comparison cities. Council defined "better than average" as 1% better than the average pay of the Town's comparison cities.

At the October 22 meeting, the City Manager shared with Council that staff had completed a compensation survey of the Town's comparison cities. On average, these cities were awarding market adjustments of 1.17% for general employees and 1.33% for public safety employees. Based on that information and using savings generated through employee retirements, he was able to award employees merit increases and market adjustments that average 4.25% without exceeding the pool of funds that were budgeted.

You can [watch the City Manager's employee compensation update here](#).

Around Addison

Trees Damaged by Winter Storm to be Replaced



Unfortunately, the winter storm in February did irreparable damage to dozens of trees throughout Addison. One area that was especially hard hit was Quorum Park. In conjunction with fall pruning, the Parks Department is working with an arborist to remove the trees that are dead or were severely damaged. This work began Thursday, October 28, and will involve removing trees at Quorum Park and on Quorum Drive, Spectrum Drive, and Arapaho Road. Following the tree removal, the stumps will be ground and then

the trees will be replanted. There will be an 8-12 week period when planters will be empty prior to new trees being replanted. Thank you for your patience as we work to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

Midway Road Revitalization Update

Be Aware of Lane Shifts on Midway/Belt Line Intersection



As the Midway Road Revitalization Project continues, the removal and placement of concrete in the Belt Line / Midway intersection are being completed in phases. The work in the intersection is scheduled to be completed by the end of November, weather permitting. The video above explains the way the phases are being implemented. The contractor is completing Phase 3 and anticipates moving to Phase 4 in a week.

Additionally, work continues on the water and sanitary sewer line replacements along Midway Road from Spring Valley Road to Belt Line Road. The contractor is now approximately 85% complete with this process. Atmos Energy, Oncor Electric, and various communication companies are also currently working in the Midway Road corridor to adjust and relocate their facilities in advance of the remaining work for the project. While driving through the construction zone, please pay close attention to the signage and barricading, as the traffic patterns through the area will change as various portions of the construction are undertaken.

You can register for Midway Road text updates by texting the word **Midway** to 888-777 or subscribe to email updates at www.Addisontexas.net/midway. Thank you for your patience as we strive to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

Co-Working In The Park Draws Big Crowd



On Thursday, October 21, Addison Economic Development and Tourism hosted its fall Coworking in the Park Day at Addison Circle Park. Approximately 70 people flowed throughout the park with their laptops to enjoy free wifi, complimentary coffee from Astoria Caffe & Wine Bar, and fresh air.

Some stepped away from their screens for a session of chair yoga hosted by Addison Outdoors and to grab a sample from Addison's newest restaurant, Wing Boss. For lunch, the F&F Express Food Truck served up tasty Japanese and Korean cuisine. Thank you to everyone who came out to be productive in the wonderful fall weather. Look out for another Coworking Day in the Park in the spring.

Selfie Bar Opens in Village on the Parkway



The Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, October 21 for The Selfie Bar located in Village on the Parkway. The Selfie Bar is a collection of 14 art installations centered around the life of luxury. Guests can use the specially curated interactive photo installations to take their photos to the next level. Get more information and plan your visit at <https://www.selfiebardfw.com/>. Welcome to Addison!

Addison Shredding Event Generates 4,000 Pounds of Recycling



On Tuesday, October 26 the Addison Development Services Department held a free shredding event in Addison Circle Park for Addison residents and non-Addison residents. They collected and shredded more than 4,000 pounds of paper over the course of the day. Look for more recycling events in the spring of 2022.

Don't Miss Addison's Halloween Spooktacular on Friday, 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 the Addison Athletic Club! Due to strong winds, the bounce houses and fun activities will be set up in the gym and lobby while Trunk or Treat will be in the Club parking lot. Join us for special entertainment, refreshments, lots of candy, and lots of fun!

Last Weekend for Addison Restaurant Month



There is just one more weekend left to take advantage of the great dining options during Addison's Restaurant Month. All you need is your smartphone and a big appetite to participate! Visit Addison's website at www.visitaddison.com/restaurantmonth and download a mobile passport from Visit Addison.

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! The grand prize is two tickets (lower level) to the Dallas Cowboys versus Atlanta Falcons football game on November 14. You can't win if you don't play.

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

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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[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

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

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