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December 17, 2021

Council Update

Mask Mandate Update

Addison is continuing to monitor the changing and ongoing legal conflict regarding the Dallas County mask mandate. Once it has reached its final conclusion, we are prepared to respond accordingly.

The health of our community continues to be a top priority, so in the meantime, we are encouraging members of the public to wear masks as they deem appropriate, wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, practice social distancing as necessary, and stay home when sick. Vaccinations are also encouraged and you can find a local vaccine provider at www.vaccines.gov.

Council Makes Board and Commission Appointments

The City Council made appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment, and Community Partners Bureau at its December 14 meeting.

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

The Planning and Zoning Commission members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms and has four members with terms expiring in December 2021. The next term of office begins in January of 2022 and expires in December of 2023. Bob Catalani (nominated by Council Member Braun), Chris DeFrancisco (nominated by Mayor Chow), and Tom Souers (nominated by Council Member Wheeler) were reappointed. Juli Branson (nominated by Council Member Ward) was appointed for her first term.

You can [watch the Council's Planning and Zoning Commission appointment discussion here.](#)

Board of Zoning Adjustment Appointments

The Board of Zoning Adjustment has four members with terms expiring this year. Individuals appointed to the Board may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms and will begin the next term in January of 2022. E.J. Copeland (nominated by Council Member Braun), Jeanne Dunlap (nominated by Council Member Ward), and Gary Krupkin (nominated by Mayor Chow) were reappointed. Precious Urenna Onyewuchi (nominated by Council Member Wheeler) was newly appointed.

You can [watch the Council's Board of Zoning Adjustment appointment discussion here.](#)

Community Partners Bureau

The Community Partners Bureau is comprised of residents appointed by the Council to represent the Town of Addison with its Community Partners (non-profit organizations). Volunteers serve for three-year terms and the agency terms are staggered so not all the liaisons are replaced the same year. Suzy Oliver was reappointed to serve as the liaison for Woven Health Clinic and Karen Perry was reappointed to serve as the liaison for the Dallas Cat Lady. Gail LeVine was selected to serve an unexpired term for The Family Place to replace a resident who has moved.

You can [watch the Council's Community Partners Bureau appointment discussion here.](#)

New Residential Development Planned for Vitruvian



At its December 14 meeting, the City Council approved an amendment to the Vitruvian Park concept plan to allow for rental townhomes at the southeast corner of Spring Valley Road and Vitruvian Way. This is a lower density option from the original plan that called for a 368-unit apartment complex in this location.

Council also approved the development plan which includes 85 three-story multifamily units, designed in a townhome form, and an amenity area near the center of the site. The unit mix ranges from one to three bedrooms units with an average unit size of 1,927 square feet. A two-car garage is provided for each unit at the ground level. The plan includes an eight-foot trail on the east side of the site in accordance with the Town's Master Trails Plan as well as an improved streetscape on Bella Lane, to include a six-foot trail.

You can [watch Council's new Vitruvian development here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

New Daycare Planned for Spring Valley and Marsh

Council approved a Special Use Permit at its December 14 meeting paving the way for Tierra Encantada Spanish Immersion Childcare & Preschool to take the space at Spring Valley Lane and Marsh Lane previously occupied by Brilliance Pre-School and an adult ELS Language Center. Catering to children 6 weeks to 6 years of age, Tierra Encantada's curriculum is focused on bilingual education that fosters early cognitive development and diversity.

The floor plan of the renovated facility accommodates ten classrooms and includes an indoor playroom, kitchen, administrative offices, and a breakroom. It is anticipated that the center will house a maximum of 153 students and 27 staff members. There are two outdoor playground areas on the north side and west side of the building that will be resurfaced and playground equipment will be added.

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

New Restaurant Plans Move into Former Public School 972 Space

At its December 14 meeting, the Council approved a Special Use Permit for TK's Place, a new restaurant concept offering a comedic flair. Occupying the former Public School 972 space on Montfort Drive, TK's Place combines the owner's passions of food, hospitality, and comedy. The owners, TK and Kara Matteson, produced and performed stand-up comedy shows including performances on *American's Got Talent* and *Comedy Central*. They plan to offer both a lunch and dinner menu, but also offer comedy shows in a separate part of the restaurant for those who are interested in dinner and a show.

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

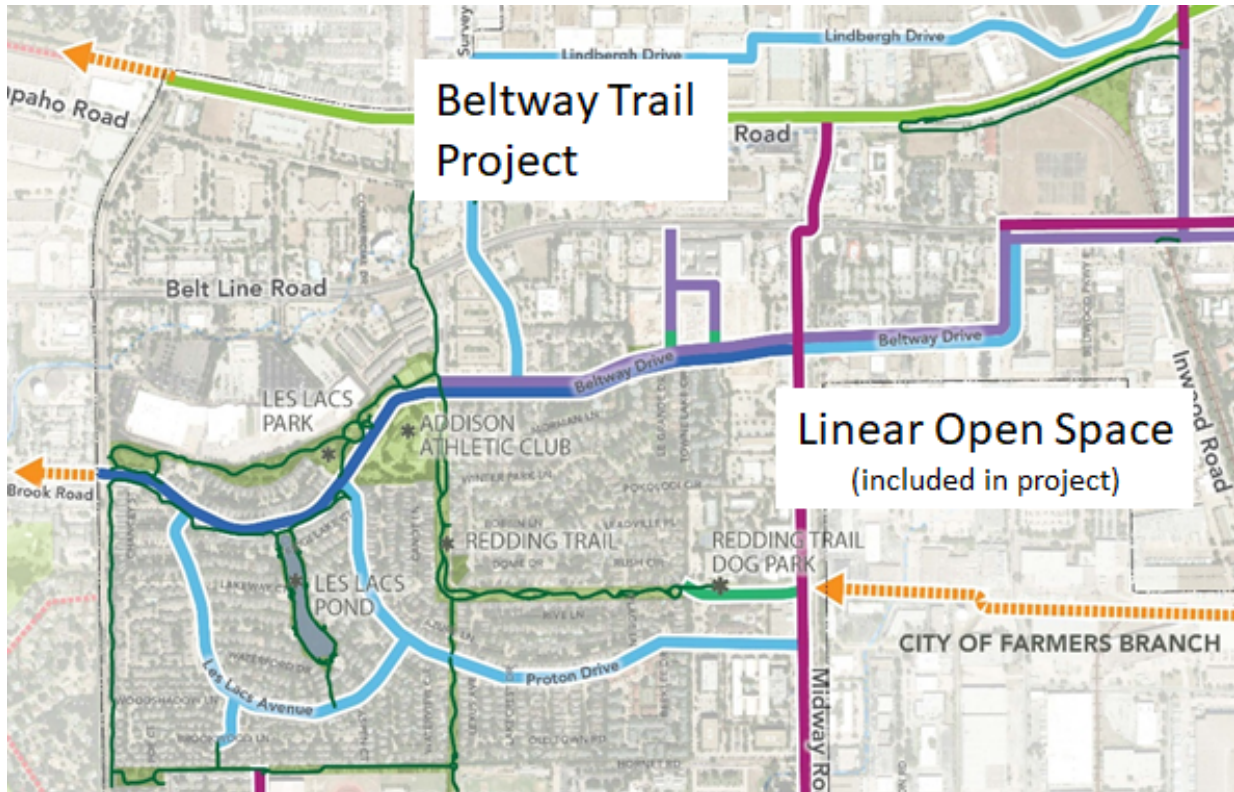
Council Discusses Commercial Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas

Commercial parking complaints, especially within Addison's multifamily residential areas, have become a more frequent FixIT app request to the Town. During the December 14 Council Meeting, Police Chief Paul Spencer shared some suggested amendments to the Town's current regulations addressing commercial vehicle parking in residential areas. The existing ordinance has conflicting language which calls out general residential land uses versus specific zoning districts, like urban centers, mixed-use developments, or planned developments. Also, the zoning language does not support the enforcement needs of the Police Department.

The current ordinance states that any commercial vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity in excess of three-fourths ton is considered a violation. Council discussed increasing that capacity to one ton. They will consider action on changes to ordinance [Sec. 78-175](#) at a future meeting.

You can [watch Council's discussion on the Commercial Vehicle Ordinance here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Moore Iacofano Goltsman Selected to Develop Conceptual Design of the Beltway Drive Trail Project



The City-Wide Trails Master Plan (CWTMP) was adopted by Council on May 25, 2021. The development of a trail system along Beltway Drive between Marsh Lane and Belt Line Road is included in the Plan's Phase I recommendations which are slated to be completed within the first five years of the date of adoption. At its December 14 meeting, the Council approved a contract with Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG) to complete a conceptual design of the Beltway Drive Trail Project. MIG's proposal includes public engagement strategies, including public feedback opportunities, and cost estimating in addition to the development of the conceptual design for the project.

The CWTMP recommendations for the Beltway Drive Trail Project were based on community input which indicated a need for bike lanes, improved internal circulation in neighborhoods, and a strong desire to make neighborhood connections to regional trails. The CWTMP recommends the following trail improvements along Beltway Drive:

- Buffered Bike Lanes between Marsh Lane and Midway Road.
- Bike Boulevard between Midway Road and Belt Line Road.
- Wide Sidewalk with Buffer from the Redding Trail heading east to Belt Line Road.

In addition to the proposed trail improvements for Beltway Drive, the CWTMP also recommends the development of Trail Signage and Wayfinding Standards. Once developed, the Trail Signage Wayfinding Standards will also be applied to all future trail signage projects. The project includes Linear Open Space Planning of the area south of Addison Grove, often referred to as Sam's Park, to improve connectivity and to refresh the green space. Other tasks in the project will be to establish what portions of the existing sidewalk should remain and be integrated into the trail system and what portions should be removed and replaced to meet the trail typologies defined in the CWTMP.

The funding for the conceptual plan is included in the FY2022 budget. However, funds have not yet been identified to implement the improvements identified in MIG's conceptual plan.

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

December 14 Proclaimed Don and Barbara Daseke Day in Addison





December 14, 2021 was officially Don and Barbara Daseke Day in Addison. Mayor Joe Chow presented a proclamation at Tuesday's Council Meeting to recognize the Dasekes exemplary power to make a difference through thoughtful, selfless, kind-hearted deeds and servant leadership. The proclamation honored the Dasekes' passion and commitment to volunteerism which embodies the heart of Addison.

Thank you to Don and Barbara for all they have done for Addison.

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

Addison Opts to Participate in State's Opioid Litigation Settlement

After years of negotiations, two proposed nationwide settlement agreements have been reached which would resolve all opioid litigation brought by states and local governments against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and one manufacturer, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and its parent company Johnson & Johnson.

The proposed settlements require the companies to pay billions of dollars to abate the opioid epidemic. Specifically, the settlements require the distributors to pay up to \$21 billion over 18 years and Janssen to pay up to \$5 billion over no more than nine years, for a total of \$26 billion. Of the settlement amount, approximately \$22.7 billion is earmarked for use by participating states and political subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis. The settlements also contain injunctive relief provisions governing the opioid marketing, sale, and distribution practices at the heart of the states' and subdivisions' lawsuits and further require the Distributors to implement additional safeguards to prevent diversion of prescription opioids.

At its December meeting, the City Council approved a resolution that confirms the Town's participation in the state of Texas' Opioid Litigation Settlement. Addison's allocation of the settlement will be approximately \$58,094 that can be used for expanded training and supplies for first responders, opioid-related treatment programs, and opioid prevention programs, among other things.

You can [watch Council's opioid settlement discussion here.](#)

Upcoming Public Hearings

The following public hearings will take place at the December 21 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 by 3pm the day of the meeting or [follow the instructions listed here](#) to participate by audio conferencing.

Case 1844-Z/Prestonwood Place: Hold a Public Hearing on a recommendation regarding an Ordinance amending Planned Development (PD) District Ordinance O19-22 for a 10.88-Acre property located at the southeast corner of Belt Line Road and Montfort Drive in order to modify use regulations by allowing Medical Office as a permitted use.

Case 1845-SUP/5294 Belt Line Road Suite, 110 (La La Land Kind Café): Hold a Public Hearing on a recommendation regarding an Ordinance for property located at 5294 Belt Line Road, Suite 110, currently zoned Planned Development (PD) through Ordinance O19-022, for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a restaurant.

Business Pulse

Aviation-Focused STEM High School Rising Aviation Calls Addison Airport Home



On Wednesday, December 8, Economic Development & Tourism Director Orlando Campos and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr visited Rising Aviation, a private STEM High School located at the Addison Airport. The Addison team met with officials from the school including CEO and Founder Scott Meehan, Principal Donnie Houston, and VP of Development Nate Scott. Rising Aviation is a STEM accredited high school that focuses on educating students with career aspirations in the aviation industry. The school enables its students to not only graduate high school with a STEM accredited high school diploma, but also with pilot and drone licenses and experience in aviation management. With certified flight instructors and aviation management professionals on staff, Rising Aviation allows its students to enter the next phase of their education or directly enter the workforce with advanced, professional aviation skills. 2021 was Rising Aviation's inaugural year and Addison is excited to see their presence grow in the community and at the airport.

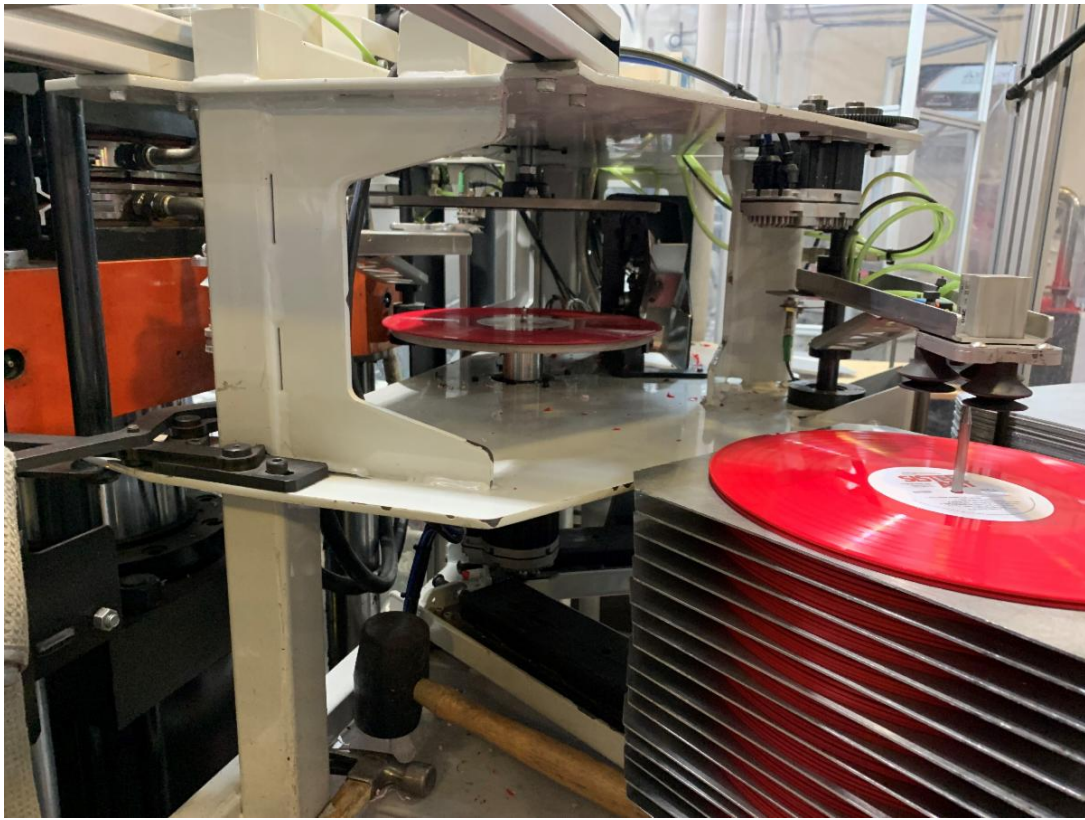
Economic Development Meet and Greets are Back



The Addison Economic Development and Tourism (EDT) Department hosted their first meet and greet event since the pandemic started at the Addison Circle One office building on Thursday, December 16. EDT Director Orlando Campos, Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr, and Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce President Hayden Austin greeted employees as they arrived to work, provided them with a light breakfast, and thanked them for working in Addison. This monthly event is hosted at a different office building in Addison and is part of the department's business retention and expansion efforts. The Town uses these opportunities to show appreciation for people who work in Addison, recognize and thank the companies that call Addison home, and interact with local companies in an informal setting. Addison Circle One is home to companies such as CarOffer, Aerotek, Elta MD, and Homebridge, just to name a few. The unique Monthly Meet and Greet Events have also been recognized by the International Economic Development Council for excellence in economic development.

Hand Drawn Records Expands Operations





On Thursday, December 16, an Addison Team including Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, Director of Marketing and Communications Mary Rosenbleeth, Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr, and Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce President Hayden Austin visited and were given a tour of Hand Drawn Records, a custom vinyl record manufacturer in Addison. Leading the tour were Hand Drawn Records President Alex Cushing, Chief Creative Officer Dustin Blocker, and VP of Business Development John Snodgrass. Hand Drawn Records is a vinyl record company that works specifically with record labels, musicians, and management teams to create unique, visually appealing records that create a great listening experience for music fans. Not only do the records pressed at Hand Drawn Records provide listeners with a high-quality audio experience, but they are also able to be pressed in a variety of colors specifically curated by the artists or the production companies. In 2021 Hand Drawn Records produced over 1 million records and has plans to double its operations in 2022. Addison is excited to have such a unique company as a part of the business community and look forward to Hand Drawn Records' continued growth.

Around Addison

Addison Arbor Foundation Helps Fund New Trees



2021 has been a tough year for trees. The winter storm in February did irreparable damage to dozens of trees throughout Addison. Fortunately, the Addison Arbor Foundation Board of Directors announced this week that the organization is donating \$10,000 to Addison to plant beautiful new trees. They will also be matching donations up to \$5,000.

A big thank you to the Addison Arbor Foundation for its ongoing support of Addison. Find out more about the organization and make donations [on their website](#).

Addison Special Events are Tops



At a recent Texas Festival and Events Association conference, the Addison Special Events team earned a total of 14 awards in a variety of categories ranging from event websites to collateral material. Here is the full list:

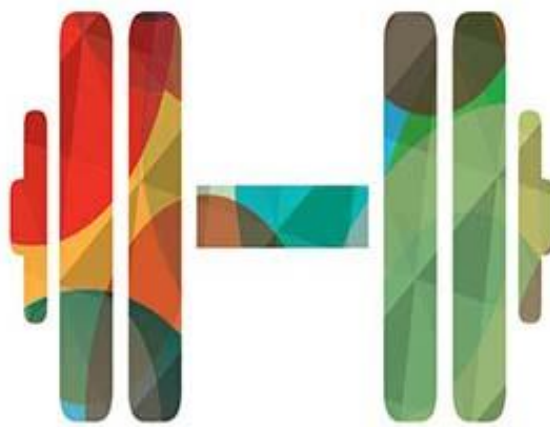
Gold	Silver	Bronze
Event Website (Oktoberfest)	Full Length TV Promotion (Kaboom Town 2020)	TV promotion (Oktoberfest)
Organization Website (Visit Addison)	Radio Promotion (Taste Addison)	Best Event Video Promotion (Kaboom Town)
Misc Multimedia (Taste Addison Billboard)	T-Shirt Design (Taste Addison)	
Event Program (Taste Addison)	Best Hat (My Town)	
Misc Printed Materials (all event postcard)	Best Other Merchandise (Oktoberfest Stein)	

Pin or Button
(Oktoberfest)

Best Give-Away Item
(Oktoberfest Button)

All of Addison's events were canceled due to COVID-19 in 2020. This year's line-up brought thousands of visitors back to Addison. Congratulations to our Special Event team for their great awards, but also for bringing back safe, fun events in 2021.

Addison Parks and Recreation Department Wants Resident Feedback on Programs



The Town of Addison Parks and Recreation Department has created [this survey](#) to get feedback from residents on the Town's recreation programs and activities. Staff wants to ensure that what the Town is offering aligns with the needs of our residents. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey before the end of January and share your input so we can provide programming that best serves the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Weir at aweir@addisontx.gov or Deena Israel at disrael@addisontx.gov. Thank you for your time.

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.addisontexas.net/ClubRenovations: Find information on the Addison Athletic Club renovations 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

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channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

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