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**December 22, 2021**

**Addison Holiday Hours**



Town offices will be closed on Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24 for the holidays. If you need assistance, please call the non-emergency public safety number at 972-450-7156. Trash will be collected on its usual day.

The Athletic Club will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Saturday, December 25.

Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday season!

## Council Update

### Council Amends Parks and Recreation Ordinance to Allow for Park Use Permit

At its December 14 meeting, the City Council approved several amendments to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance that will help to facilitate a Park Use Permit, update definitions in the Ordinance, and add clarifications to help with the general implementation of the Ordinance. Below is a chart of changes for the Park Use Permit:

Who can Apply for a Park Use Permit?	Urban Parks and Neighborhood Parks - Addison Residents and Businesses Destination Parks - Addison and Non-Addison Residents and Businesses
What is the cost of the permit?	Residents - \$150 Refundable Deposit Non-Resident or Non-Addison Business (Destination Parks Only) - Deposit and Rental Fee would correlate with hourly rate established by Special Events Fees.
What are the hours of use?	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
What locations are appropriate for park use by groups?	Urban Parks - Addison residents and businesses Neighborhood Parks - Addison residents for neighborhood gatherings only Destination Parks - Not limited to Addison residents or businesses. Can only be reserved less than 30 days in advance.
What are the rules?	Approval is required for the set up of portable items such as, music, alcohol, games, and food trucks and a small fee may be associated if staff presence or inspection is required.
What is the recourse if the rules are broken?	Park Use Permit Applicant will lose their deposit, plus charges will incur for replacement or repair of any damage to the park or park facilities. If a Park Use Permit was not secured for a group gathering, a citation will be issued and a fine up to \$500 may be issued by the Municipal Court.

Also, *Section 58-43 Group Gatherings* was added to the Ordinance and following definitions have been added to help facilitate the Park Use Permit:

- **Adopted Plan** - Refers to the [Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan](#) which was adopted in April 2019.
- **Neighborhood Gathering** - An event produced by a community-based Homeowner's Association (HOA) or neighborhood group for the benefit of their members and does not require use of parking.

- **Park Use Permit** - A permit that is issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation and upon application and approval for group gatherings or neighborhood gatherings of more than 20 but less than 100 people.
- **Park Property** - Any park, athletic facility, reservation, playground, recreation center, or any other areas in the Town, owned or used by the Town and devoted to active or passive recreation, but is not acquired or designated by the Town for use as a public park. Park Properties are identified in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. The Plan also classifies parks in the following categories: Destination Park, Community Facility, Urban Park, Neighborhood Park, and Greenbelt Trail.

The following definitions have been added to help facilitate or clarify current Park and Recreation Practices:

- **Dependent** - An individual to a primary membership account at the Addison Athletic Club. The primary member is the legal guardian of the dependent.
- **League Play** - An organized group of people that regularly practice and/or play an organized sport.
- **Organized Sport** - Any game, competition, or practice which is played by three or more persons and is carried out under an agreed set of rules.
- **Fitness Training** - Fitness instruction for compensation of one or more persons either by an individually paid trainer or a trainer employed by a for-profit entity.

*Section 58-36 Vending and Peddling Prohibited* was also clarified to add the bolded items in the text below:

- No person on Park Property shall expose or offer for sale any article, service or thing, nor shall they station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing. **No fitness instructor or fitness training is allowed on Park Properties unless the fitness instructor or fitness group has applied for and been approved by the Department of Parks and Recreation as an outdoor vendor.** Concessionaires acting by and under the express written authority and regulation of the Director are excepted.

Section 58-41 Games was clarified to add the bolded items in the text below:

- No person on Park Property shall take part in any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects, **including but not limited to golf balls**, stones, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes, except in areas **specifically designated** for such forms of recreation. The playing of rough or comparatively dangerous games, **including but not limited to** football, baseball, soccer, hockey, or any other Organized Sport is prohibited except on the fields and courts or areas **specifically designated for such games.**
- **League Play is prohibited on all Park Property except for those League Play that have applied for and been approved by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Any approved League Play must abide by all rules and regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation, including but not limited to, days of League Play, time of League Play, and any insurance requirements. Approved League Play is only permitted on Park Property specifically designated for Organized Sports. Per Addison's License Agreement with Dallas Independent School District (DISD), Addison may not facilitate League Play at Bush Elementary.**

Article III Addison Athletic Club and Trinity Christian Athletic Complex was edited to eliminate the reference to Trinity Christian Athletic Complex.

*Section 58-66 Use Restricted to Members and Guests* was edited to add "or legal guardian" following the reference to a parent and "guardianship documents" was added as an item that might be requested to establish age and guardianship of dependents.

You can [watch the Council's November 9 work session discussion on the Parks and Recreation Ordinance amendments here](#).

## Oktoberfest Operations and Financial Reconciliation



Special Events Director Jasmine Lee and Accounting Manager Ashley Boatright presented the Addison Oktoberfest operations, financial, and marketing reconciliation to the City Council at its December 14 meeting. A four-day festival held September 17-20 at Addison Circle Park, Addison Oktoberfest features food, music, and entertainment focused on German culture.

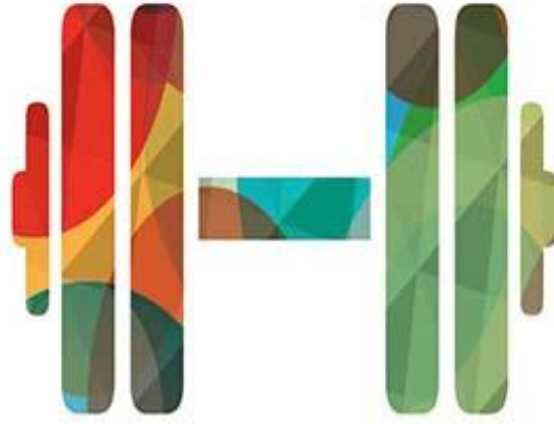
This year the new Partyhalle layout and adjacent food court provided an open-air space that enhanced the overall flow of the festival. Addison also introduced a mobile ordering option for food concessionaires and created a new dining and entertainment area inside the Addison Conference Centre. The Kinderzelt featured enhanced children's activities and seating was expanded throughout the venue.

Of the more than 700 people surveyed at the event, 95% rated it as above average or excellent. The event, which is designed to generate tourism, resulted in 443 hotel room night bookings and marketing efforts exposed millions of people to Addison. Oktoberfest admission was down slightly this year due to COVID-19 which translated to less revenue than expected, but the special events overall were within the budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

## Around Addison

### 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](mailto:aweir@addisontx.gov) or Deena Israel at [disrael@addisontx.gov](mailto: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](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.addisontexas.net/ClubRenovations](http://www.addisontexas.net/ClubRenovations): Find information on the Addison Athletic Club renovations 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](#)
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**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

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

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