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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

February 19, 2021

Council Update

Message from Mayor Joe Chow

Addison Mayor Joe Chow shared a message to the community on Thursday, February 18 related to the Town's response to the storm this week. You can [find it on the Town's website here](#).

As the community continues to recover, we encourage residents to call the non-emergency dispatch number at 972-450-7156 if you need assistance from Town staff. New information will continue to be posted [on the website here](#) and on the Town's social media channels.

COVID-19 Update



On Thursday, February 18, Dallas County reported 266 new COVID-19 cases. On February 16, Trauma Service Area E (TSA E), which includes Dallas County and the greater Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, reached seven consecutive days where the percentage of COVID-19 confirmed patients in regional hospitals, as a percentage of available hospital beds, was at or below 15 percent. According to [Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-32 \(GA-32\)](#), TSA E is no longer an area with high hospitalizations and certain occupancy reductions are automatically rescinded by reaching this threshold. Businesses, including restaurants, currently at 50% occupancy can now resume 75% occupancy rates.

Most vaccine hubs have been closed since Monday due to inclement weather, but are expected to open back up this weekend. Dallas County's Fair Park vaccine operations will resume on Sunday, February 21 from 1-6pm. Visit [Dallas County's website](#) for more details.

While the state of Texas continues to prioritize health care workers and anyone 65 or older, or 16 and older with a major medical condition, [officials are encouraging all residents to register](#) whether they are eligible yet or not. The inclement weather has been impacting the hours at vaccine hubs, so please check [Dallas County's website here for updates](#).

Vaccine shipments to pharmacies are expected to begin ramping up. You can visit the state's [Vaccine Availability Map here](#) to see if your local pharmacy is on the list.

Dallas County

- Vaccine Registration Hotline: 469-749-9900 (*Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm, registration assistance available in English and Spanish*) or 1-855-IMMUNE9
- [Register online](#)

Denton County

- Register by phone: 940-349-2585
- [Register online](#)

Tarrant County

- Register by phone: 817-248-6299
- [Register online](#)

Collin County

- [Register online](#)

Garland Health Department

- [Register online](#)
- The Garland Health Department (GHD) is collecting names of persons to register for the COVID-19 vaccine waiting-list. Vaccination events will be scheduled as additional vaccine supply is received.

Allen Fire Department

- [Register Online](#)

Find additional vaccine information on the Town's website [here](#).

City Council Election Deadline Closes

Friday, February 12 at 5pm was the last date to file for the May City Council Election. The City Secretary has validated the petitions that are now required for candidacy. The list of candidates is below and their applications will be available [on the Town's website here](#).

Mayoral Candidate:

- Joe Chow

City Council Candidates:

- Lilly Anyanwu
- Tom Braun
- Randy Smith
- Alan Then
- Lori Ward
- Kathryn Wheeler

Council Accepts Fiscal Year 2020 CAFR Report

The Addison Town Charter requires that Town staff prepare a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that shows the status of the Town's finances. The CAFR is required to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The charter also requires that the Town's financial statements be audited annually by an independent external auditing firm. The results of the independent external audit are included in the [Fiscal Year 2020 CAFR](#).

On February 9, Addison's auditors BDK, LLP, an independent firm of licensed certified public accountants, shared with Council that it has issued an unmodified opinion, which means that the financial statements are presented, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable financial reporting framework. Simply stated, an unmodified opinion is a clean opinion.

You can [watch the Council discussion on the CAFR here](#).

Upcoming Public Hearing

The following Public Hearing will take place during the February 23 City Council Meeting at the Addison TreeHouse, 14681 Midway Road. The agenda [will be posted here](#) three days prior to the meeting:

Bank of America Corporation: Public Hearing on a Resolution nominating Bank of America Corporation, located at 16001 Dallas Parkway, to the Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism through the Texas Economic Development Bank as an enterprise project under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act.

Around Addison

Warming Center at Athletic Club to Close on Friday 2/19 at 6pm

Now that Oncor has restored power to almost all of their Addison customers, the warming center at the Athletic Club will officially close on Friday, February 19 at 6pm. No one stayed at the center Thursday night. We have had some residents stop by to use the showers and those will continue to be available for use when the Athletic Club is open for normal operation. Please contact us at marketing@addisontx.gov if you are aware of a resident who needs shelter and we will provide assistance.

The gym will reopen to regular operations on Saturday, February 20 during normal operating hours (8am - 5pm on Saturday).

CWD Trash and Recycling Collection to Resume on Monday, February 22



CWD is planning to resume trash and recycling collection on Monday, February 22 and is allowing residents to place up to three extra bags of trash on the side of the cart, not on top of the lid. Recycle collection times may be delayed, so please leave your trash and recycling out until it is collected, even if it is not collected by the end of the day on Monday.

Please visit the CWD [website](#) for more information.

Crews To Collect Bulk Trash Throughout the Town the Week of February 22



Addison's bulk trash collection will resume on Monday, February 22. In order to better serve our community in the wake of the prolonged winter storms, we will have our street crews running routes that will cover the entire Town throughout the week so there is no need to call for a pickup. Please place your debris near where you place your residential trash and our team will be by to pick it up.

Bulk Trash Reminders

- Place trash and debris on the curb or in the alley near the area where you would normally place your residential trash for collection.
- The Town's crews cannot come onto or enter your property to collect bulk items for removal (this includes the garage and backyard of your property).
- Bulk trash or brush resulting from the work of a contractor should be collected and disposed of by the contractor you have hired to do the work.
- It is an EPA requirement that all refrigerant is properly removed prior to disposal so Town staff cannot collect appliances (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units) that have not had the refrigerant removed.
 - Most used appliance stores will have someone who is certified to do this for you. You can also search online with Angie's List, HomeAdvisor, Google, etc. for an EPA certified technician.
 - Most used appliance stores will collect your clean appliance units for free if you do not wish to just throw them away.
 - Documentation is required to show that all the refrigerant has been removed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works and Engineering Department at 972-450-2871 and we will be happy to assist you in whatever way we can.

Metrocrest Services Food Pantry Open on Saturday



The Metrocrest Services Food Pantry at 13801 Hutton Drive, #150 in Farmers Branch has reopened and will be open on Saturday, February 20 from 9am - 4pm. When coming to the food pantry, please remain vigilant on the roads. Drive slowly and watch for icy patches.

They will resume regular business hours on Monday, February 22, unless otherwise specified. Check their [website](#) for updates on closings or delays.

If you are interested in making a donation, their biggest need right now is diapers, wipes, and feminine products.

Control Valves Now Allowed on Home Fire Sprinkler Systems

With the City Council's adoption of the updated fire code, homeowners are now able to install a control valve on their fire sprinkler systems. The fire code previously prohibited control of the system due to the possibility that the life safety system could accidentally be shut off and not be in operation when needed. The Fire Marshal has notified fire protection companies of this change which will allow you to have your water turned back on and then make repairs to your fire sprinkler later.

The Addison Fire Department can provide instructions on how to maintain your life safety fire protection systems and how to drain it when arctic cold temperatures are forecasted so you don't have any unforeseen water breaks or are displaced out of your home due to water damage. If you need assistance with this, please contact the Addison Fire Department Fire Prevention office at 972-450-7221.

A Note From The Finance Department about Utility Bills

Addison's Finance Department was notified this week by the company that prints and mails its utility bills to expect some delays in delivery by the postal service to customers due to the inclement weather. Customers are not currently (and have not since February 2020) being assessed late fees or disconnected due to the pandemic.

Just a reminder that an adjustment to your utility bill may be considered for customers who experienced leaks. Residents will not see impacts related to this week's storm until their March statement. Once you receive that bill, please submit a written statement requesting the adjustment and proof of the leak, such as repair bill, by emailing it to utilityportal@addisontx.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact the Utility Billing team at 972-450-7081 or utilityportal@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.

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.

Follow CDC Social Distancing Guidelines



The Town of Addison is taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We would like to encourage everyone to join us. The CDC has encouraged the community to practice social distancing, but also to follow these steps to minimize the spread of any disease:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).

Below are some symptoms to be aware of:

CORONAVIRUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEVER ● COUGH ● SHORTNESS OF BREATH ● SYMPTOMS APPEAR 2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE
FLU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEVER ● COUGH ● SORE THROAT ● HEADACHES ● FATIGUE (TIREDNESS) ● MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES ● RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
ALLERGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SNEEZING ● ITCHY, RUNNY OR BLOCKED NOSE ● ITCHY, RED, WATERING EYES

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Dallas County directly at 972-692-2780 (Hours: 9am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday).

For additional resources, visit the [Town's website here](#).

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](#)
- Sign up for [Addison Alerts](#)

- [Volunteer](#)
- [List of Restaurants](#)
- [Addison News](#)
- [Community Crime Map](#)
- [Watch City Council Meetings](#)
- [Addison's PEG Channel](#)
(channel 99 for AT&T subscribers, channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)
- [Register your Security Alarm](#)
- [Report a Problem with Addison FixIT](#)

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