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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

February 5, 2021

Council Update

COVID-19 Update



On Wednesday, February 3, Dallas County reported a record high 50 COVID-19 deaths as well as 1,356 new COVID-19 cases. As of February 2, Addison had a cumulative total of 1,215 confirmed cases.

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. UT Southwestern launched a [vaccine registration portal](#) this week that is open to the public. Registration has currently been paused but the website will be updated on Monday mornings.

Addison is partnering with Dallas County to host a vaccine registration event on Monday, February 8 from 12:30 - 2:30 at Addison Circle Park. We are asking the community to help spread the word.

[Vaccine shipments to pharmacies](#) are expected to ramp up next week. The pharmacy program will be administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and includes major outlets such as CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Rite Aid and Costco, as well as supermarket pharmacies

On Tuesday, Dallas County officials said they planned to transition the Fair Park hub to a drive-through model that can administer up to 12,000 doses of the vaccine per day. They are currently working out vaccine supply issues with the state for the expanded operation.

Residents need to register to receive a vaccine but can register in more than one county. Here is a list of the area county contacts:

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.

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

Candidate Packets for May 2021 City Council Election Now Available

Packets to file for the May 2021 City Council election are now available in the City Secretary's office at Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm. Since Town Hall is open by appointment only due to COVID-19 precautions, please contact City Secretary Irma Parker at iparker@addisontx.gov or 972-450-7017 to make pick-up arrangements. The packet can also be [downloaded on the Town's website here](#).

The last day to file is next Friday, February 12 at 5pm.

In November, Addison voters approved 26 amendments to the Town's Charter. One of those amendments removed the option for a person to nominate themselves for candidacy for Mayor or City Council and instead requires a petition signed by registered voters who support the nomination. The minimum number of signatures required is 25 and the maximum allowed is 50. Registered voters may sign only ONE petition for Mayor and only ONE petition for City Council. If you have any questions about this new requirement, please contact Irma Parker at iparker@addisontx.gov.

Addison Special Events Return in 2021

Unfortunately in 2020, all major Addison events were either canceled or moved to a virtual format due to COVID-19. At the January 26 City Council Meeting, Special Events Director Jasmine Lee gave Council an update about the planning and safety upgrades for Addison After Dark, Taste Addison, Addison Kaboom Town!, and Addison Oktoberfest in 2021. Some of the added precautions this year will include social distancing, limited capacities, enhanced sanitization, and limited touchpoints.

[Addison After Dark](#) themed events will be held on the third Saturday of each month from April through November (except for September). The region's favorite food and music festival [Taste Addison](#) returns June 4-5 with headliners Flo Rida and Third Eye Blind. Addison will light up the skies on July 3 with [Kaboom Town!](#) and the most authentic [Oktoberfest](#) in North Texas completes the line-up on September 16-19.

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

Around Addison

Addison Partners with Dallas County on Vaccine Registration Event

JOIN US FOR A
**COVID VACCINE
 REGISTRATION EVENT**

Your Registration Information

**MONDAY,
 FEBRUARY 8TH, 2021**

Addison Circle Park
 4970 Addison Circle
 Addison, TX 75001

*The Pavilion is located at the corner
 of Addison Circle and Quorum Drive.*

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

*Please remember to wear
 a mask to the registration.*




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 Dallas County Commissioner J.J. Koch, District 2



Please help share this information with anyone who might be interested in registering for the vaccine but doesn't have online access. They can also call 1-855-IMMUNE9. A Spanish version of the flier is available [here](#).

Addison Welcomes New Development Services Director



Addison is pleased to welcome Ken Schmidt to the team as the town's new Development Services Director!

Ken is a certified planner with nine years of experience leading municipal planning programs in the North Texas region. Most recently he served as the Development Project Facilitation Manager for the City of Denton. Past positions include leading the comprehensive planning team for the City of Plano and serving as the town planner for the Town of Fairview. Prior to pursuing a career in local government, Ken served on active duty as a Commissioned Army Officer. Ken is a graduate of the Army Ranger School and Basic Airborne Course, and he served as an infantry platoon leader during a fifteen-month deployment to Iraq.

Ken earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Texas. Originally from Michigan, Ken permanently settled in Texas after being stationed at Fort Hood. He and his wife Megan live in McKinney with their two golden retrievers.

Welcome to Addison, Ken!

**Next DART Quarterly Silver Line Community Meeting Scheduled for
February 11**



DART is hosting a virtual quarterly meeting to review the progress of the DART Silver Line on Thursday, February 11 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Presentations during these meetings will include:

- Project facts and updates
- Design-build progress update
- Betterments Program progress
- Station design progress
- Construction progress and safety update
- Identification of contacts for FAQs and community feedback

Here are the meeting details:

- Phone #: 469-391-0632
- Conference ID: 392 008 664
- To find your virtual meeting link, go to [DART.org/SilverLine](https://www.dart.org/SilverLine)

Expect Lane Closures on Midway Road During Non-Peak Hours



You may have noticed that the Midway Road construction project signs have been installed. Construction will begin at the intersection of Midway Road and Belt Line Road in 2-3 weeks. Town staff is in the process of working with its contractors to finalize the phasing and traffic plans. Once we have the final plan in place, we will be able to share a more definitive schedule for lane closures and traffic switches. We will place variable message boards around the intersection **one week** before any permanent lane closures are implemented.

In the meantime, there will be some non-peak hour temporary lane closures to install temporary traffic signal system components and locate buried utility lines.

There are several ways you can stay updated on the project:

- Visit www.AddisonTexas.net/Midway
- Subscribe to emails here.
- Text "Midway" to 888-777
- Follow @TownofAddison on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TownofAddison) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/TownofAddison)

Oncor Tower Replacement Update

Oncor has finished installing all of the new towers along Redding Trail and will now begin clean up and restoration efforts. Addison's Parks and Recreation Department has been monitoring the project's progress and making Oncor aware of issues that need to be addressed. Depending on the extent of the repairs needed and unforeseen weather conditions, it is possible that the trail reopening may be extended. Staff will continue to work closely with Oncor to ensure the restoration efforts meet the agreed-upon expectations.

February 1 - February 20: Clean-up

- Oncor will clean-up major ruts, remove old tower foundations, haul off excess dirt piles, and dismantle and haul off all old tower structures.
- Trail closed to the public and dog park partially open

February 22 - March 20: Restoration

- Restore sidewalks, irrigation, and landscape
- Trail closed to the public and dog park partially open

Thank you for your continued patience on this project.

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

[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)

[Addison Website](#)

[Register your Security Alarm](#)

Sign up for [Addison Alerts](#)

[Report a Problem with Addison FixIT](#)

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