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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

April 2, 2021

Council Update

COVID-19 Vaccine Update



The state of Texas launched a new website on Monday, March 29 that will help people search for a shot across different COVID-19 vaccine providers. Through the [Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler](#), people can register for a shot and be matched with the next available appointment at a nearby vaccination site. Texans without access to the internet can call 1-833-832-7067 between the hours of 7am - 7pm to find a slot.

North Texas locations participating in the registration website include the City of Garland Health Department, the Rockwall County Health Authority and the Parker County Health Authority. Larger counties such as Dallas and Tarrant and private providers will still have their own systems.

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 - Allen Fire Department will end COVID-19 vaccine hub operations by May 7. First doses will be administered through the week of April 9.

- [Register Online](#)

Local Pharmacies

- [Texas Vaccine Availability Map](#)
- [CVS](#)

UTSW

- [Register here](#)

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

Addison Police Present Annual Report

At the March 23 Council Meeting, Police Chief Paul Spencer presented the Addison Police Department's (APD) 2020 Annual Report. This report includes a statistical review of the year, notable events from the patrol and criminal investigation divisions, and goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2021.

An important change in APD's reporting methodology took place in 2020. APD historically utilized the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program for the reporting of crime statistics. In December 2015, the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board passed a recommendation to transition all federal, state, county, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by 2021. In response to that directive, APD began using NIBRS in 2020. Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident as well as on separate offenses within the same incident. The additional data includes information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes. Unlike data reported through the UCR, NIBRS goes much deeper because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

NIBRS collects data for 52 offenses, plus 10 additional offenses for which only arrests are reported. UCR counts limited data for 10 offenses and 20 additional crimes for which only arrests are reported. Data collected by APD prior to 2020 under UCR will show a much lower incidence of crime than the data collected under NIBRS because the UCR data only covers a narrow range of criminal activity compared to NIBRS. Comparisons between UCR and NIBRS data will not provide an accurate representation of the annual change in overall criminal activity.

You can [watch the Council's APD Annual Report discussion here](#) and [read the updated presentation here](#) and the [updated report here](#).

Volunteers Needed to Serve on Advisory Committee for Sam's Club Area Study

During its [March 23 Work Session](#), Council discussed the Sam's Club Special Area Study that was initiated in 2014. The study area runs from the former Sam's Club site south along the Midway Corridor, including the Midway Square Shopping Center and Office in the Park. Council directed staff to expand the boundaries of the project south to Hornet Road and to evaluate and make any needed modifications to the existing study to support the adoption of a comprehensive development policy for this area. If you are interested in being considered to serve on an Advisory Committee to assist with this effort, please fill out [this application](#) by 5pm on Friday, April 23. Council will consider making appointments at the second meeting in April.

Around Addison

Easter Bunny Paid a Visited to the Addison Athletic Club



On Saturday, March 27, more than 60 families participated in the Easter Egg-stravaganza at the Addison Athletic Club. Athletic Club staff distributed 100 bags of Easter eggs and collected a truckload full of donations for the Metrocrest Services food pantry. The Easter Bunny family photos have been posted on the [Athletic Club's Facebook page](#).

April 5 Spring Town Meeting at Renaissance Hotel

The Spring Town Meeting will be held in the Crystal Ballroom at the Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel at 15201 Dallas Parkway on April 5 at 7pm. Masks are required by the hotel

and social distancing protocols will be observed. Parking will be complimentary. You can also watch the meeting on the Town's website at www.addisontexas.net or on channel 99 for AT&T subscribers and channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers. For those watching at home, you may submit questions prior to the meeting by emailing them to marketing@addisontx.gov.

The event is typically held at the Addison Conference Centre, but the Centre was closed last March due to the pandemic and has not been reopened yet.

Don't Miss Coworking Day in the Park on Thursday, April 9



Change up your work-from-home routine and join others in the Addison business community at Coworking Day in the Park on April 9 from 8am - 4pm at Addison Circle Park. Bring your four-legged co-worker and meet at the Addison Circle Pavilion for free WiFi, complimentary coffee, food trucks during lunch, and free fitness classes hosted by Addison Outdoors.

The past year has been hard on Addison businesses and Coworking Day in the Park is an opportunity for teams to meet and collaborate in person in a socially distanced setting while getting some fresh air.

To reserve a table, please email wkerr@addisontx.gov.

Contactless Recycling Event Scheduled for April 17



Mark your calendar and clean out your closet. Addison is celebrating Earth Day and Sustainability Day on April 17 from 12pm - 3pm with a contactless recycling event at the Addison Service Center (16801 Westgrove Drive). The first 100 people receive a free t-shirt. If you are interested in a tree sapling to plant in honor of Earth Day, those will be given out to interested attendees while supplies last.

In addition to onsite shredding services, Town employees will be collecting non-perishable and canned food items for donation to the Metrocrest Services Food Bank. You can find a full list of items that can be recycled on the [Town's website](#).

Your donations help ensure the proper recycling of e-waste and save valuable landfill space. A tax deduction slip will be provided for all donations. This is a free event and opens to Addison residents and non-Addison residents. Town employees will follow COVID-19 protocols for personal protective equipment and contactless collection.

Addison After Dark Returns April 17 with Fiesta Noche

ADDISON
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FREE ADMISSION

FIESTA NOCHE
APRIL 17 • 7PM
ADDISON CIRCLE PARK
AddisonAfterDark.com

Head to Addison Circle Park on April 17 for a Fiesta Noche complete with street tacos, mariachis, dancing, and much more. Find a festive souvenir in the Mini Mercado or come dressed in a Selena-inspired outfit to do the washing machine and win great prizes. Then cumbia the night away with Bidi Bidi Banda in honor of the Queen of Tejano's birthday. The festivities start at 7pm. For more information and to see the musical lineup, visit AddisonAfterDark.com.

Oncor Town Replacement on Redding Trail Progressing

Oncor continues to make progress on restoring the Redding Trail following their tower installation project. Below is a recap of the repairs have been made recently and those that are still pending:

- Damages to the concrete sidewalk have been repaired.
- Damaged concrete light piers will be repaired by April 9.
- Irrigation repairs are complete from the dog park up to the western edge of the trail.
- Irrigation repairs are in progress from the south up to the north of the trail.
- Soil restoration is in progress to prepare for new sod.
- Sod installation will begin April 5.
- New sod installed in the dog park will be protected for two weeks to allow for root in.
- Once sod is rooted in at the dog park the temporary fence will be removed.

Oncor's restoration work is on track to be completed by the end of April. Once Oncor is off-site, Addison Parks crews will install the light poles, plant 25 screening trees at the southwest corner, replace the monument sign, replace rules signs, and replace the drinking fountains. Thank you for your continued patience.

It's the time of Year to Prepare for Egret and Heron Control and Addison Needs Your Help



Heron left to right: Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Little Blue Heron, and Black-crowned Night Heron



Egrets left to right: Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, Great Egret

The Parks and Recreation Department is asking residents to help deter egrets and herons from forming nesting colonies (rookeries) in Addison. Urban rookeries can cause noise, odor, public health hazards, and damage to property. The Town is already aware of Herons' nests in one neighborhood and is working with U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife to proactively address and prevent further nesting. Residents can help by following these three simple steps:

1. Egrets and Herons like dense tree canopies and nest in trees that are 20' tall or greater. They like areas with contiguous canopy where large trees have grown together. You can be a big part of the solution by heavily thinning out the interior branches of your trees so they have 75% density or less. If possible, prune trees so they do not touch other trees. January and February is an ideal time to prune trees.
2. Familiarize yourself with what Egret and Herons native to our area look like.
3. If an Egret or Heron is beginning to build a nest in some cases the Parks and Recreation Department can deter the birds or remove the nest if eggs have not been laid. Please notify us if you think you have seen an Egret or Heron beginning to build a nest by emailing Matt Ansted at mansted@addisontx.gov. It's helpful if you include in your email the location, a description of the bird, and a photo if possible. You can also report sightings on Addison's [FixIT app](#).

In some cases, we may be able to use hazing tactics to encourage them to leave. Herons and egrets are protected under the Migratory Bird Act, so please do not harm them, their nests, eggs, or hatchlings.

Thank you for your help

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.

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](#)

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[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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