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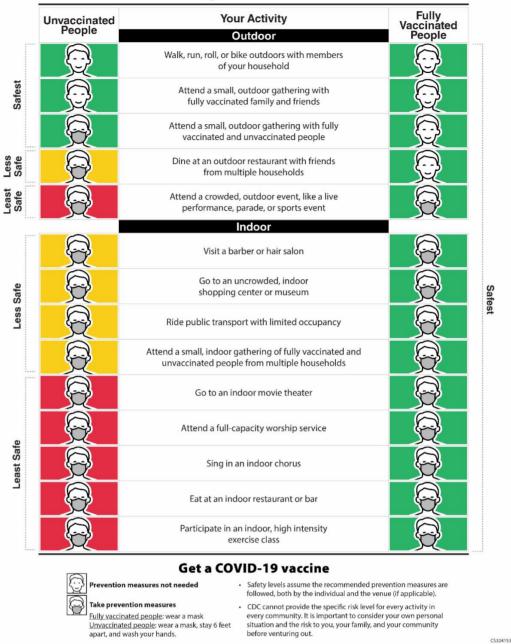
A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

April 30, 2021

Council Update

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Choosing Safer Activities



On Friday, April 23, <u>Texas health officials told vaccine providers</u> across the state that they could resume using the one-dose COVID-19 Johnson & Johnson vaccine in all adult recipients after a federal health advisory panel recommended it be reinstated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) unveiled <u>updated guidelines</u> on Tuesday, April 27 detailing activities that vaccinated people can safely resume, including attending small outdoor gatherings without the need to wear a mask.

Fully vaccinated people, according to the CDC, can do the following:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without masks or physical distancing;
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Skip quarantine and testing guidelines following a known exposure, if they're asymptomatic.

You can schedule same-day or next-day first-dose vaccination appointments in Dallas County <u>here</u> or by calling 855-466-8639.

Find links for additional vaccine providers on the Town's website here.

Addison's Unified Development Code Review to Resume Following Pause During COVID-19

In June 2018, the Town engaged Clarion Associates to review the Town's ordinances and regulations and to modernize them to facilitate redevelopment. Much of the Town's current Unified Development Code (UDC), which is the rule book to regulate development, was crafted in the 1980s and may not be keeping up with current development trends, shifting demographics, and evolving consumer preferences or current and future community needs.

The UDC drafting and review process is comprised of four code drafting phases, a testing phase, and public review and adoption of the consolidated UDC document. Council appointed twelve people to serve as an advisory committee throughout the process.

The process was suspended at the conclusion of the first code drafting phase due to a combination of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the departure of the Development Services Director. With pandemic conditions improving and the new Director of Development Services Ken Schmidt on board, the project team is ready to restart this project. At the April 27 Council Work Session, Mr. Schmidt gave Council a status update on the project and discussed the next steps.

You can watch the Council's UDC discussion here and read the presentation here.

Council Approves Contract for Optical Cameras

In 2018, Addison installed seven optical cameras in strategic locations in area parks. Following a year-long pilot program, Council directed staff to move forward with the expansion of the pilot program. At its April 27 meeting, the City Council approved a \$1,102,648 contract with STS360 for an optical camera replacement / expansion network that includes the installation of a total of 281 cameras - 111 cameras at new locations and 170 cameras to replace the existing camera systems at the Town's facilities. The existing cameras were installed almost eight years ago and are budgeted to be replaced in the Fiscal Year 2021 Information Technology Replacement Fund.

The new locations were selected to complement the existing Optical Camera network::

- 1. Addison Circle Park
- 2. Spruill Park
- 3. Celestial Park
- 4. Community Garden
- 5. Les Lacs Linear Park
- 6. White Rock Creek Trail
- 7. Beltway Trail (Future location)
- 8. Town Park
- 9. Dog Run by Town Park

- 10. Vitruvian Park Bridge
- 11. Vitruvian Park Amphitheater
- 12. Redding Trail Dog Park
- 13. Addison Grove
- 14. Addison Airport
- 15. Winnwood Park
- 16. Bosque Park
- 17. Oaks North Neighborhood
- 18. Quorum Park

This project is anticipated to take six months to complete.

You can <u>watch the Council's optical camera discussion here</u> and <u>read the presentation</u> <u>here</u>.

LPR Program Expanded to 23 New Locations

As part of a phased implementation strategy for a License Plate Recognition (LPR) Pilot Project in 2018, Addison installed 20 LPR readers at eight selected intersections and neighborhood entrances. At the completion of the pilot program, Council directed staff to expand the program throughout the community.

Staff contacted the three leading LPR vendors to evaluate their technologies for three months. At the end of the trial period, staff recommended remaining with our current provider, Vigilant Solutions, for the expansion of the LPR system. Council approved a \$762,000 contract with Vigilant Solutions at its April 27 meeting.

The following are the <u>23 locations</u> recommended by Addison Police Chief Paul Spencer for the expansion of the LPR network citywide. Vigilant will install a total of 60 LPR readers at these locations.

- 1. Marsh Lane and Arapaho Road
- 2. Marsh Lane and Belt Line Road
- 3. Spring Valley Road and Vitruvian Way
- 4. Ponte Avenue and Vitruvian Way
- 5. Arapaho Road and Spectrum Drive
- 6. Arapaho Road and Quorum Drive
- 7. Inwood Road and Landmark Place
- 8. Quorum Drive and Belt Line Road
- 9. Quorum Drive and Airport Parkway
- 10. Northbound Dallas Parkway Service Road by Wholefoods.
- 11. Montfort Drive South
- 12. Southbound Dallas Parkway Service Road by Addison Walk entrance
- 13. Montfort Drive and Belt Line Road
- 14. Apartment Complex Westgrove Drive and Sojourn Drive
- 15. Business Avenue and Belt Line Road
- 16. Town Center and Marsh Lane
- 17. Commercial Drive and Belt Line Road
- 18. Centurion Way and Midway Road
- 19. Runyon Road and Belt Line Road
- 20. Belt Line Road and Beltway Drive
- 21. Arapaho South of Airport
- 22. Quorum Drive and Dallas Parkway

23. Lake Forest Drive entrance

The funding for this project is available in the 2012 Bond Fund balance. This project is anticipated to take six months to complete.

You can watch Council's LPR discussion here and read the presentation here.

Council Approves Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 budget was adopted by Council on September 8, 2020. Throughout the year, the Finance staff reviews the budget to determine which items should be recognized with formal budget amendments. When budget variances occur that are outside of the authority of the City Manager, these adjustments are presented to the Council in the form of a budget amendment.

At its April 27 meeting, the City Council approved an amendment to the FY 2021 budget to provide funding for:

- Conducting and implementing an employee compensation market study
- Purchasing self-contained breathing apparatus and cardiac monitors
- Holding the Holiday in the Park event
- Replacing signal poles
- Funding various capital improvement projects
- Rolling over prior year encumbrances

You can <u>watch the Council's FY 2021 budget adjustment here</u> and <u>read the presentation</u> <u>here</u>.

Council Approved Contract for Sam's Club Special Area Study and Appoints Advisory Committee

At its March 23 meeting, the Council discussed the status of the Sam's Club Special Area Study and directed staff to expand the study area and engage consulting services tasked with completing the study. At its April 27 meeting, the City Council approved a \$132,000 contract with Dallas-based urban planning and facilitation firm Strategic Community Solutions, LLC who served as the project manager for the initial planning process in 2015.

The scope of services and project schedule reflects current needs for the study area and a robust public engagement process that will be further supplemented by targeted engagement efforts by Town staff. The proposed scope of services includes the following tasks:

- 1. Stakeholder and Public Engagement.
- 2. Strategic Assessment, Site, and Market Analysis Update.
- 3. Development Concept Refinement and Public Review Process.
- 4. Final Plan Development and Public Review Process.

Also at its April 27 meeting, the Council appointed 14 residents to serve on an Advisory Committee that will inform and advise the planning process and to support outreach efforts to Addison residents, the business community, and other key stakeholder groups:

- Al Cioffi (Willesen)
- Nancy Craig (Hughes)
- Eileen Resnik (Chow)
- Lorrie Semler (Chow)
- Susan Halpern (Quintanilla)
- Peter Jessiman (Walden)
- Judy Lindloff (Hughes)
- Steve Loras (Ward)
- Susan Milholland (Quintanilla)
- Austen Spoonts (Willesen)
- Marvin Perez (Braun)
- Ron Whitehead (Ward)
- Nancy Williams (Walden)
- Kathie Wood (Braun)

The committee will also include seven study area property owners. Council appointed four property owners who already expressed an interest in participating on the Advisory Committee and asked staff to reach out to the new owners of the Crowne Plaza and other property owners in the southern part of the study area to fill the remaining three spots.

The project advisory committee will meet three times over the course of the six-month project schedule and will also participate in the two community input meetings that are programmed for the project and impacted business owners

You can <u>watch the Council's Sam's Club consultant discussion here</u> and <u>read the</u> <u>presentation here</u>. You can <u>watch the Council's Advisory Committee discussion here</u>.

Election Day is Saturday, May 1



Saturday, May 1 is election day. Dallas County registered voters can vote at any vote center in the county from 7am – 7pm, including Addison Fire Station 1 on Airport Parkway, the Addison Conference Centre on Addison Road, and Loos Field House on Spring Valley. You can find a complete list of polling locations at <u>www.Dallascountyvotes.org.</u>

Addison voters will be electing three Council members. Mayor Chow was running unopposed so the Council approved a "Certification of Unopposed Mayoral Candidate" at its March 9 meeting which declared Mayor Chow elected as Mayor. You can find more election information <u>on the Town's website.</u>

Election results will be available on the Dallas County Elections website beginning at 7pm.

Around Addison

Cortland Residents Grateful for Donations



Mayor Joe Chow joined the Taiwan-based international relief aid organization Tzu Chi Foundation on Sunday, April 25 when they donated \$50,000 and other gifts to the more than 70 residents who were displaced by the April 12 apartment fire in Addison Circle.

Addison residents have also stepped up to help their neighbors by donating thousands of dollars in gift cards. The Courtland Addison Circle Community Manager expressed her overwhelming gratitude for the generosity of the community and shared how much the gift cards have helped residents recovering from the fire. Thank you to all who donated to this effort.



Food Donations Delivered to Metrocrest Services

On Friday, April 23, Environmental Health Manager Sandra Long, Director of Public Works and Engineering Services Shannon Hicks, Director of Development Services Ken Schmidt, and Environmental Health Specialist Tim Hastings delivered the non-perishable and canned food items collected during the April 17 sustainability event to Tracy Eubanks at Metrocrest Services. A special thank you to everyone who donated items that will help many Addison families who visit the drive-thru Food Pantry.

If you are looking for more ways to get involved with Metrocrest Services, you can find more information on volunteer opportunities at <u>www.metrocrestservices.org</u>.

It's Not Too Late to Register for Addison's Corporate Field Day on May 7



It's time for a little healthy competition between Addison businesses! Has your team been working remotely or would they benefit from a day of team building? Addison Outdoors Corporate Field Day will take place May 7 in Addison Circle Park. It is the perfect opportunity to create true team spirit, heighten collaboration, highlight leadership ability, develop new skills, build trust, cultivate camaraderie, and bring some fun back to the workplace while benefiting Make-A-Wish North Texas.

Teams will compete in a variety of events from cornhole to giant Jenga to tricycle racing. You win points for games, but also for donating to Make-A-Wish. Get all the details and register on the <u>Town's website</u>.

Oncor Tower Replacement Update

On April 29, Oncor notified the Town that their portion of Redding Trail restoration is now complete. The staff has scheduled a walk-through to inspect the work on May 3. As Oncor was nearing completion, staff planted the ornamental trees that were included in the agreement with Oncor. Staff started installation of the pedestrian light poles and is scheduling a stonemason to build the concrete plinth for the park plaque. New park signage and drinking fountains have been purchased and installation of these components is being scheduled.

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:

- <u>www.addisontexas.net</u>: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and departmentspecific updates on department pages
- <u>www.addistontexas.net/covid19</u>: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources
- <u>www.addisontexas.net/Midway:</u> Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates
- <u>www.addisonalert.com</u>: 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:

- <u>Addison Facebook</u>
- Visit Addison Facebook
- Addison Twitter
- Visit Addison Twitter
- <u>NextDoor</u>

Addison Newsletters: For a description of and to subscribe to all of Addison's newsletters, click <u>here.</u>

If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at <u>marketing@addisontx.gov</u>.

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 <u>Addison Alerts</u>

Volunteer

List of Restaurants

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Watch City Council Meetings

Addison's PEG Channel (channel 99 for AT&T subscribers, channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

Register your Security Alarm

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