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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

May 14, 2021

Council Update

COVID-19 Vaccine Update



On Monday, May 10, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to include adolescents 12 through 15 years of age. Dallas County Public Health Director Dr. Philip Huang

encourages parents to pre-register their kids for the vaccine on the county website. Those 17 years old and younger must have parental approval to receive the shot.

On Thursday, May 13, the [CDC announced new COVID-19 guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html) that essentially get rid of masks and social distancing for fully vaccinated people: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Here are the highlights:

- Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Fully vaccinated people can refrain from testing following a known exposure unless they are residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter

Fully vaccinated people can now:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

In response to the CDC's new guidance, Town staff is in the process of evaluating its current COVID-19 safety policies for Town facilities.

Find links for COVID-19 vaccine providers on the Town's website [here](#).

Council Canvasses May 1 Election Results and Swears In Newly Elected Members



At its May 11 meeting, the Addison City Council canvassed the results from the May 1 election. 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. Council Members Lori Ward and Tom Braun were each re-elected for an additional two-year term and Kathryn Wheeler was elected for her first term.

You can [watch the Council's election discussion here](#) and [watch the swearing-in of the newly elected members of Council here](#).

During the meeting, the Council selected Guillermo Quintanilla to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore and Paul Walden to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore. You can [watch the Council discussion here](#).

May 11 Proclaimed Ivan Hughes Day in Addison



Council Member Ivan Hughes has served on the Addison City Council for the past six years. Due to Addison's term limits, he was not eligible to run again in the May 1 election. At his last Council Meeting on May 11, Council colleagues shared stories and thanked Council Member Hughes for his leadership and dedication to the Addison community. Mayor Joe Chow read a proclamation declaring that May 11 was officially Ivan Hughes Day in Addison. Many thanks to Council Member Hughes for his long commitment to serving Addison.

You can [watch the Council's presentation to Council Member Hughes here](#).

Upcoming Public Hearing

The following public hearings will take place at the May 18 Planning and Zoning Meeting, which will be held virtually beginning at 6pm. The [agenda will be](#) posted three days prior to the meeting. If you would like to comment during a public hearing, you can either email your statement to Ken Schmidt at kschmidt@addisontx.gov by 3pm the day of the meeting or [follow the instructions listed here](#) to participate by audio conferencing.

Case 1828-SUP/District. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property located at 5100 Belt Line Road, Suite 544, which is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinances O12-002 and O20-08, by

approving a Special Use Permit for a new restaurant called District with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption only.

Around Addison

Addison Wants Your Input on the Sam's Club Study Community Open House Planned for June 10



At its April 27 meeting, the City Council approved a contract with Dallas-based urban planning and facilitation firm Strategic Community Solutions to complete the [Sam's Club](#)

Special Area Study that was initiated in 2014.

To begin the visioning process, Addison is asking residents who live and work around the study area to [fill out a survey](#).

The boundaries of the study are Belt Line Road to the north, Hornet Road to the south, Midway Road to the east, and the property lines between the Midway Road commercial properties and the residential neighborhoods to the west. The new Addison Grove development (on the former Sam's Club site) is included in the study area for reference, but the study will not change the direction for the development of this property – it will continue to follow its current zoning.

The Town will also be hosting several community open house events for Addison residents, property or business owners, stakeholders, or interested groups. The first is scheduled for Thursday, June 10 from 6 - 8pm at the Addison Athletic Club. There will be a brief presentation at 6pm, followed by informal discussions. Participants are welcome to come when they want and stay as long as they choose.

If you would like to receive emails on the progress of the study, [please register here](#). If you have any questions about the project, please visit www.addisontexas.net/SamsClubStudy or contact Director of Development Services Ken Schmidt at kschmidt@addisontx.gov.

Boots, Brews, and BBQ on May 15



The poster features a dark blue background with a starry pattern. At the top left, there is a white crescent moon with musical notes and stars. To the right of the moon, the word "ADDISON" is in blue, and "AFTER DARK" is in large white letters. A blue diagonal banner in the top right corner says "FREE ADMISSION". Below a horizontal line, there is a white outline of a cowboy boot with a flower on the side. To the right of the boot, the text "BOOTS, BREWS & BBQ" is in white, "MAY 15 • 7PM" is in blue, "ADDISON CIRCLE PARK" is in white, and "AddisonAfterDark.com" is in blue.

Continuing the Addison After Dark 2021 series, two-step it over to Boots, Brews & BBQ in Addison Circle Park on Saturday, May 15. Wrangle up your family and friends to listen to some nostalgic '90s country hits by Straight Tequila Night along with line dancing, lasso throwing, and some tasty BBQ. So pick out your favorite Stetson and cowboy boots and meet us at 7pm to party it up Texas-style! For more information on this free event, visit www.AddisonAfterDark.com

Coworking in the Park is Back on May 21



April's Coworking in the Park event was such a success, Addison decided to host another one on May 21 from 9am - 4pm at Addison Circle Park. Change up your work-from-home routine and join others in the Addison business community. Bring your four-legged co-worker and picnic blanket for a day in Addison Circle Park.

Meet us under the pavilion for free WiFi, complimentary coffee, and grab lunch from some of your favorite Addison Circle restaurants. 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 Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr at wkerr@addisontx.gov.

Taste Addison Tickets on Sale!



Taste Addison returns to Addison Circle Park June 4 - 5! The region's original food festival continues to deliver dozens of Addison's favorite eateries, national music artists, and activities for the whole family with a full menu of fun. Friday night American rapper, singer, and songwriter Flo Rida will take the stage. Then on Saturday, Lit, Hoobastank, The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, and Third Eye Blind will entertain guests into the night.

In response to the CDC's new guidance, Town staff is in the process of evaluating its current COVID-19 safety policies for events. Any changes will be posted on the event website.

Tickets are on sale and going quick since capacity is limited. As always, hotel packages are available and, once tickets sell out, are the only guaranteed way to get entrance into

the event. Reservations must be made by May 31.

Get all the details and purchase tickets at www.TasteAddisonTexas.com

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



Hérons 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. 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

Oncor Completes Work On Redding Trail



Oncor has finished its tower replacement work on the Redding Trail. Addison Parks staff have reinstalled the light poles and all of them will be operational by the end of next week. The masonry sign for Mayor Redding has also been installed and the drinking fountains and trash receptacles are scheduled to be added next week. The following week, the replacement rules signs will be installed and the project will be complete.

Thank you for your patience during this extended 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
- 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.

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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