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## A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

May 21, 2021

### Council Update

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Update



On Tuesday, May 18, Governor Greg Abbott issued [Executive Order GA-36](#) that states that effective immediately no governmental entity, including a county, city, school district,

and public health authority, and no governmental official may require any person to wear a face covering or mandate that another person wear a face covering.

Beginning Friday, May 21, Addison will no longer require that employees or visitors wear masks in Town buildings or at events.

Next week staff will start the transition back to normal operations. For the Athletic Club, this process consists of moving equipment back into place, restarting programs, and opening facilities that were closed. On Saturday, June 5, the club will return to its pre-pandemic hours of operation and on Monday, June 7, Town offices will reopen to the public.

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

## Upcoming Public Hearings

The following public hearings will take place at the May 25 Addison City Council Meeting. The [agenda will be posted](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Case 1826-SUP/Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property located at 5294 Belt Line Road, Suite 112B, which is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinance O19-22, by approving a Special Use Permit for a new restaurant.

Case 1827-SUP/Greenhill School Temporary Classrooms. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property addressed as 4141 Spring Valley Road and 14101 Midway Road, currently zoned Residential-1 (R-1) and Planned Development (PD), through Ordinance 084-092, with a Special Use Permit for a private school, by approving a Special Use Permit for seven portable school buildings.

## Around Addison

### Are you Registered for Addison Alerts

**REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS**

**IF WE CAN'T REACH YOU,  
WE CAN'T ALERT YOU!**

**AddisonAlert.com**

Get alerted about severe weather and other emergencies in the Town of Addison, as well as register to receive updates on Town programs, by signing up for Addison's Emergency Alert Program at [www.AddisonAlert.com](http://www.AddisonAlert.com). This program enables the Town to provide citizens with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email addresses, text messages, and more. You pick where, you pick how!

### **Addison Arbor Foundation Holds Ribbon-Cutting for Aigue-Marine Sculpture in Bosque Park**



At the beginning of 2019, the Addison Arbor Foundation installed a 7.5-foot high mixed media sculpture at Bosque Park that incorporates blue and green slab glass in an intricate pattern with a rim of Corten Steel. Commissioned by artist Pascale Pryor, the sculpture was named Aigue-Marine (pronounced eg-marine) which is French for Aquamarine. The name acknowledges Pascale's French heritage, as well as the exquisite blue and green hues of the artwork. In mythology, aquamarines were associated with Neptune, god of the sea, and believed to be the treasure of mermaids and a lucky talisman for sailors to calm the seas.

Pascale joined Addison Arbor Foundation President Jay Ihrig, Mayor Pro Tempore Guillermo Quintanilla, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Walden, Council Members Lori Ward, Kathryn Wheeler, and Marlin Willesen, and Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell on Saturday, May 15 for a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for the sculpture. Funds for the new public art piece were donated in part by friends and family in memory of Chef Antonio Avona, the namesake behind Antonio's Ristorante.

With the lighting recently installed by the Addison Parks Department, Aigue-Marine looks spectacular at night. Come by to see this special treasure day or night.

## **Commissioner JJ Koch Recognizes Addison Police Department**



To recognize National Police Week, Dallas County Commissioner J.J. Koch paid a visit to the Town of Addison Police Department. He presented Addison Police Chief Paul Spencer, Mayor Joe Chow, and Council Member Kathryn Wheeler with a resolution recognizing the selfless and devoted work of our law enforcement. Thank you to the Addison Police Department for their dedication to serve our community every day.

### Midway Road Revitalization Project Update



Over the past several months, construction crews have been working in two areas on the Midway Road Revitalization project. They initially started in the intersection of Midway and Belt Line roads but needed to temporarily shift priorities due to several reasons.

The first portion of work in the intersection is the replacement and realignment of multiple water mains that serve large portions of the Town. After construction initially began on the intersection, it was discovered that extra investigation and planning were necessary to minimize the time nearby restaurants and hotels would be without water service. The project engineering team, in partnership with the contractor, has developed a new approach to the intersection improvements that will not only minimize water disruption but should also significantly reduce the construction time required for the intersection.

Additionally, the February Winter Storm Event caused [the shutdown of plastics plants in Texas](#) which triggered a global shortage of construction materials like the PVC pipe that is needed for that complicated intersection. Town staff worked with the project contractor to locate any available alternative sources for these materials.

During this hiatus, the crews have focused efforts on preparing the median areas along Midway Road from Belt Line to Spring Valley and started installing utilities in that corridor while supplies were being obtained for the intersection.

We now have the materials needed to move forward with the intersection in hand and are ready to resume work on this area. You can expect to see temporary signals installed by the first week in June. Utility relocation work will begin the week of June 8 and paving is slated to begin at the end of June, weather permitting. We anticipate that major paving operations will be completed in the intersection in mid-September.

Because we were able to shift work to the southern end of the project while sourcing supplies, construction for the overall project is still on schedule to complete work from Spring Valley to Belt Line by November 2022.

You can find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and how to receive updates at [www.addisontexas.net/Midway](http://www.addisontexas.net/Midway). Thank you for your patience as we work to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

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



To begin the visioning process for the Sam's Club Special Area Study, Addison is asking residents who live and work around the study area to [fill out a survey](#). The survey must be submitted by midnight on May 28.

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](http://www.addisontexas.net/SamsClubStudy)

or contact Director of Development Services Ken Schmidt at [kschmidt@addisontx.gov](mailto:kschmidt@addisontx.gov).

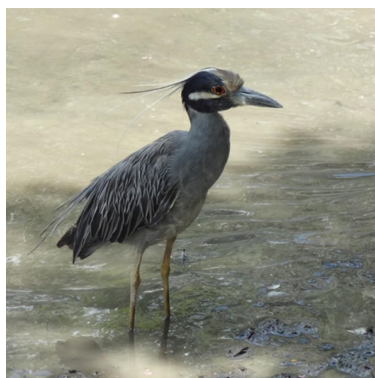
### Taste Addison Tickets on Sale!



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.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at [www.TasteAddisonTexas.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.addisontexas.net): Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department-specific updates on department pages
- [www.addisontexas.net/covid19](http://www.addisontexas.net/covid19): Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources
- [www.addisontexas.net/Midway](http://www.addisontexas.net/Midway): Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates

- [www.addisonalert.com](http://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](mailto: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](#)

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[Community Crime Map](#)

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

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