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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

June 11, 2021

Council Update

Addison Facilities Re-Opened to the Public



On Saturday, June 5, the Addison Athletic Club returned to its regular hours of operation and on Monday, June 7, Town offices reopened to the public. Even though many services are still available virtually, we are excited to welcome the community back inside our buildings.

Council Extends Closure of Addison Conference Centre

In March 2020 the Addison Conference Centre closed temporarily due to the local, state and federal guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The closure was extended through Fiscal Year 2021 as a result of the negative impact the pandemic has had on Hotel Fund revenue (which funds the Addison Conference Centre).

In preparation for Fiscal Year 2022, staff prepared an overview of the Addison Conference Centre's past operations and financials and a comparison to similar municipal facilities for the City Council. Special Events Director Jasmine Lee presented several options for how to proceed with the Addison Conference Centre, including operational aspects and potential impacts on the Hotel Fund, at the June 8 Council Meeting. Since the Town's Hotel Occupancy tax revenue is still recovering from the pandemic, staff recommended and Council approved extending the temporary closure of the facility through September 30, 2022. Although there will be no rentals or public use of the facility, it will continue to be used for special events and internal meetings.

You can [watch Council's Conference Centre discussion here](#) and [review the presentation here](#).

Council Discusses Requiring Park Permit for Group Gatherings

The Town of Addison's Code of Ordinances do not preclude group gatherings of any size in parks, however, users are not currently allowed to reserve park space except at Les Lacs Pavilion and the covered area at the Addison Athletic Club outdoor pool. Special Events permits are required at Addison Circle Park and Vitruvian for events in excess of 1500 people. The Parks Department is contacted weekly by residents, businesses, and non-Addison residents who wish to reserve park space for a gathering, and issues with group gatherings in neighborhood parks are occurring on an increasing basis.

At the June 8 City Council Meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell proposed creating a Park Use Permit that will direct group gatherings of over 20 people to appropriate locations and manage the impacts. The proposed permit would only be available for Addison residents and businesses and addresses the cost of a permit, hours of use, locations, group size, rules, and recourse if rules are broken.

Based on feedback from the Council, staff will now prepare an update to the Parks & Recreation Ordinance to include a Park Use Permit and present it to Council at a future meeting for consideration.

You can [watch the Council's Park Use Permit discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Texas Coalition for Affordable Power Recognizes Addison's 20-Year Membership



Margaret Somereve, Executive Director of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP), presented the Addison City Council with a plaque at its June 8 meeting to recognize Addison's two decades of membership. Twenty years ago, Addison passed a resolution to join with other cities working to form the Cities Aggregation Power Project

(CAPP) to help cities save money on electric bills. CAPP and the South Texas Aggregation Project merged and became TCAP in 2011 with the same purpose of finding energy rates that save its members money. With 168 members, TCAP is the largest organization of its kind in Texas.

You can [watch the presentation here](#).

Council Selects Liaison Positions

Each year after the May election, Council Members have historically selected liaison positions that are intended to provide a greater depth of understanding about the technical nature of certain community features, issues, or programs. Once assigned, liaisons report back to the City Council with status reports regarding various projects and initiatives.

At its June 8 meeting, Council decided to sunset several positions to make more efficient use of Council time and minimize redundancy or because the position was no longer necessary. Liaison positions that were retired include Outcry Theatre, an Ad Hoc Committee with Farmers Branch, Addison Airport, Education, and the Greater Dallas Regional Chamber. The Council directed staff to review the history of the Finance Committee and will make a determination on those positions at a future meeting.

Most council members opted to maintain their previous liaison positions. Kathryn Wheeler is replacing Tom Braun on the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce board and Lori Ward is replacing Mayor Chow as a liaison to the World Affairs Committee. The list of organizations and liaisons is below:

Addison Arbor Foundation: Paul Walden

Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce: Kathryn Wheeler

WaterTower Theatre: Tom Braun

World Affairs Council: Lori Ward

North Dallas Chamber of Commerce: Guillermo Quintanilla

North Texas commission: Tom Braun

Regional Transportation Council/ North Central Texas Council of Governments: Guillermo Quintanilla

You can [watch the Council's liaison discussion here](#). Council will consider formal action on this item at a future meeting

New Restaurant Coming to Village on the Parkway

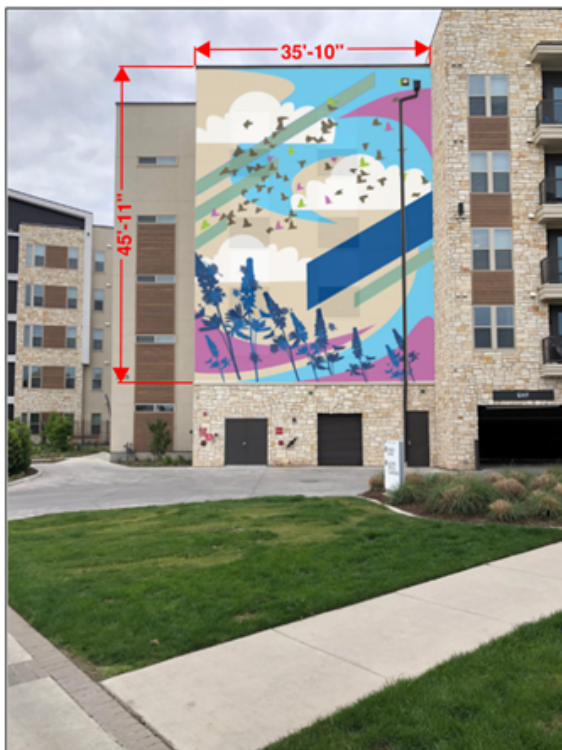


Council approved a special use permit at its June 8 meeting that will allow the California-based restaurant District to open in the former Mercy Wine Bar in Village on the Parkway. District was founded in Northern California in February 2007 and has locations in San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose. This will be their first restaurant outside of California. The dining concept pairs globally inspired shareable plates with an extensive and diverse wine and whiskey program. This recent [Dallas Morning News article](#) shares more details about the latest addition to Addison's vibrant food scene.

The owners plan to open the new Addison location in September 2021.

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

Council Approves Sign Code Exception for Mural at Vitruvian





Vitruvian West Phase II is the second of three multi-family apartment buildings known as Vitruvian West, located at the northeast corner of Marsh Lane and Vitruvian Way. The developer, UDR, Inc., has substantially completed this phase and presented to Council at its June 8 meeting a mural spanning two adjacent facades at the southeastern portion of the building for consideration.

Murals are considered "signs" by Addison's Sign Ordinance and UDR's proposed project is well in excess of the area requirements prescribed for the Ordinance. Council approved a meritorious exception for the new Vitruvian mural at its June 8 meeting.

The proposed concept plan envisions a roughly 46-foot tall by 52-foot wide mural that spans two adjacent facades at the southeastern portion of the building. The mural design highlights key elements of Texas' heritage, the northern mockingbird and bluebonnets.

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

Addison Kaboom Town! Returns July 3



For more than three decades, Addison has hosted one of the nation's most impressive and unique Independence Day celebrations in the country and Addison Kaboom Town! will return on July 3 after having a virtual event in 2020 due to the pandemic. At the June 8 Council Meeting, Special Events Director Jasmine Lee gave Council an update on this year's Kaboom Town!

In addition to the 25-minute fireworks show, this year's festivities will include the Addison Airport Freedom Flyover which will feature multiple historic plane flyovers, similar to the Salute to Heroes event last May. A townwide party, the fireworks and flyover viewing options include watch parties at many of Addison's 180+ restaurants or 22 hotels, and a limited-capacity party at Addison Circle Park. This year, due to limited park capacity, free tickets will be required for entry. Those tickets will be available beginning at 10am on June 21 at AddisonKaboomTown.com, and are expected to sell out quickly. A limited number of tickets are being set aside for Addison residents to reserve before the public ticket portal opens. Postcards with more details will be arriving in homes this weekend.

You can [watch Council's Kaboom Town! discussion here](#) and find more event information, at www.AddisonKaboomTown.com

Upcoming Special Council Meetings

The City Council will hold its annual Strategic Planning Meeting on Wednesday, June 16 at 6pm at the Addison Treehouse. The City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a joint meeting on Thursday, June 17 at 6:30pm at the Addison Treehouse to discuss the progress on the Unified Development Code. You can view the agendas for both meetings [here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Around Addison

Sam's Club Special Advisory Committee Community Open House



On Thursday, June 10, Addison hosted a Community Open House for the Sam's Club Special Area Study to seek input from Addison residents, property and business owners, stakeholders, and other interested groups into the visioning process for properties at the western frontage of Midway Road, between Belt Line Road and Hornet Road. Thank you to the many people who came to the Athletic Club to share their feedback with the Town.

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.

Taste Addison Returned to Addison Circle Park



Nearly 17,000 people returned to Addison Circle Park to experience all the best bites in Addison and a stellar lineup of musical performances at Taste Addison on June 4 - 5. Even in spite of the rain, crowds enjoyed the new Discovery Depot, Cupcake Wine Garden, and Adventure Grove, while getting a taste of some of their favorite Addison restaurants. Unfortunately, the final band on Saturday night was rained out, but Flo Rida, Hoobastank, Lit, and Red Jumpsuit Apparatus had guests on their feet enjoying the first live music concert most had attended since the start of the pandemic.

Many thanks to everyone who joined us through the rain and the sunshine.

We would also like to thank all of our sponsors for helping make this event possible including KTVT, iHeart Radio, Spectrum Reach, Bishop Cider, Bitter Sisters, Cupcake Vineyards, Coca-Cola, San Juan Seltzer, Tupps Brewery, and Oncor.

Trinity Christian Academy Breaks Ground on New Middle School



On Wednesday, June 2, Trinity Christian Academy celebrated the ground breaking of a new Middle School. Addison Mayor Joe Chow and Addison City Manager Wes Pierson joined TCA trustees and board members, faculty, and staff to recognize this addition to the 40+ acre campus. The school hopes to welcome students into the new building in August 2022.

Palmas Brasil Officially Open



On Thursday, June 3, Mayor Pro Tempore Guillermo Quintanilla joined owner Victoria Delgadillo and members of the Greater North Texas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the ribbon cutting of Palmas Brasil Churrascaria. Located at 14905 Midway Road, Palmas Brasil offers a delicious experience for meat lovers in a traditional Rodizio-type service that includes various cuts of charcoal-roasted meat on swords. Be sure to stop by and welcome them to Addison.

Don't Miss 70's Night Out on June 19

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Get ready for a 70's Night Out at Addison Circle Park on Saturday, June 19 from 7pm - 11pm! Travel back to the 1970s with live music from Le Freak and Silent Rumor Band, dig out your best '70s threads and join the costume contest. Get down with a groovy dance lesson from Studio 22. While you are showing off your best moves enjoy a complimentary

meal from In-N-Out (while supplies last) or bring a picnic dinner (Addison's 180+ restaurants have great to-go options!). This free event is sure to be dy-no-mite! Get the skinny at AddisonAfterDark.com.

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](#)

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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

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