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## **A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!**

**August 13, 2021**

**Council Update**

**Dallas County Reinstates Mask Requirement**



On August 11, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued an [Emergency Executive Order](#) requiring face coverings in certain public places including schools, businesses (defined as commercial entities in Dallas County providing goods and services to the public), and Dallas County buildings and facilities. The Order, which took effect at 11:59pm on August 11, [was expanded](#) on Thursday night to include mask mandates for colleges and contact-tracing for schools. It does not, however, impact city-owned buildings, like recreation centers and libraries.

Jenkins' Order comes after a Dallas district judge issued a temporary restraining order late on Tuesday, August 10 that restricts enforcement of Governor Greg Abbott's ban on mask mandates. As you may recall, on July 29 Governor Greg Abbott issued [Executive Order 38](#) prohibiting government officials or governmental entities from imposing mask mandates. Governor Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a petition in the state's 5<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals to block Judge Jenkins' Order on Wednesday and Judge Jenkins filed a response yesterday. Addison is closely monitoring the rapidly changing and ongoing legal conflict on this matter. Once it has reached its final conclusion, Addison is prepared to respond accordingly.

The health of our community is a top priority, so in the meantime, Addison is encouraging members of the public to wear masks as they deem appropriate, wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, practice social distancing as necessary, and to stay home when sick. Vaccinations are also encouraged and you can find a local vaccine provider at [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

Addison will continue to provide updates on its websites and social media channels, as well as through the newsletter.

### **Council Authorizes Issuance and Refunding of Bonds**

Since 2012, Addison voters have approved several bond programs to fund various projects throughout Town. Once voter approval is secured, the City Council is authorized

to issue bonds to pay for those projects. At its August 10 meeting, the City Council approved the issuance of \$16,095,000 in 2021 General Obligation Bonds to fund the following:

- \$8,000,000, from the authorized \$16,000,000 (\$3,000,000 issued to date), from Proposition 1 of the 2012 Bond Election for reconstruction of Midway Road. Council awarded a construction contract to Tiseo Construction on December 8, 2020. The project is currently under construction with an anticipated completion date in Fiscal Year 2024.
- \$3,145,000, from the authorized \$6,723,000 (\$365,000 issued to date), from [Proposition C of the 2019 Bond Election](#) for parks and recreation improvements and facilities. Council approved a contract for the design of locker room, pool, and gymnasium and track improvements to the Addison Athletic Club on June 9, 2020. Design is nearing completion with construction anticipated to begin in Fall 2021 with an estimated construction timeline of 12-24 months.
- \$4,950,000, from the authorized \$7,395,000 (\$140,000 issued to date), from [Proposition D of the 2019 Bond Election](#) for improvements to existing municipal buildings.

The financial impacts of the bond issuance were less than the projections included in the materials provided to the public as part of the 2019 Bond Election process. The bonds were issued for 20 years with an interest rate of 1.769% as well as a \$1.47 million premium which resulted in a lower issuance principal amount of \$14,850,000. After payment of bond issuance costs, the Town will still receive the \$16 million needed for these projects.

At its August 10 meeting, Council also approved the refunding (i.e. refinancing) of the 2013 General Obligation Bonds and 2013A General Obligation Bonds at a rate of 1.474%. The interest rate will result in a debt savings of more than \$120,000 a year, with a Net Present Value savings in excess of \$1.3 million, over the remaining life of the debt.

You can [watch Council's bond discussion here](#) and [read the Town's Financial Advisors' report here](#).

## **Council Rezones Property on Beltway Drive and Approves Concept Plan for Medical Office**

At its August 10 meeting, the City Council approved a request to rezone a vacant 1.17 acre parcel of land located on Beltway Drive, just south of Belt Line Road behind Cantina Laredo, from Local Retail (LR) to Commercial-1 (C-1) district. Council also approved a concept plan for a speculative medical office building on this property.

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

## **Council Extends Agreement with BKD, LLP to Perform Financial Audits**

As part of the Town's Charter requirement and financial best practices, Addison engages an independent audit firm to conduct an annual financial audit. At its August 10 meeting, the City Council approved a three-year professional services agreement with BKD, LLP to perform this service. BKD, LLP has been the Town's external audit firm since 2016 and was selected for a contract extension through a Request for Qualifications process.

BKD, LLP is a national CPA and advisory firm that offers clients a variety of services in accounting, audit and assurance, tax, risk management, technology, corporate finance, forensic and valuation services and wealth management. Firm-wide, they serve approximately 240 governmental entities in Texas, 25 of which are municipalities. The local office, which will service this audit, is located in Addison.

You can [watch Council's BKD discussion here](#).

## Bowlero's New Sign to Reflect Corporate Rebranding



Bowlmor Lanes, located at 3805 Belt Line Road, is operated by Bowlero Corporation. Bowlero operates nearly 300 bowling centers, making it the largest ten-pin bowling center operator in the world. In 2018, Bowlero rebranded from Bowlmor AMF to Bowlero and, in order to accurately reflect this rebranding, they recently submitted a sign permit application to update existing attached and detached signage at their Addison location. At its August 10 meeting, the City Council approved a meritorious exception to the Town's sign ordinance to allow Bowlero to install signage that is larger than is allowed by the ordinance due to the limited visibility of this facility from Belt Line Road.

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

## Upcoming Public Hearings

The following public hearings will take place at the August 17 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 Jenifer Tedrick at [jtedrick@addisontx.gov](mailto:jtedrick@addisontx.gov) by 3pm the day of the meeting or [follow the instructions listed here](#) to participate by audio conferencing.

Case 1832-Z/Loro Asian Smokehouse: Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on a 1.24 acre property located at 14999 Montfort Drive, from Local Retail (LR) to a Planned Development (PD) District with modified LR District standards, and approving a Special Use Permit for a restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption only.

Case 1834-SUP/Wing Boss: Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property located at 3765 Belt Line Road, which property is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinance O92-037, by approving a Special Use Permit for a new restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption only.

Case 1835-SUP/Pressed Juicery: Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on property located at 5290 Belt Line Road, Suite 104, which property is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinance O19-22, by approving a Special Use Permit for a new restaurant.

## Around Addison

### August 25 Unified Development Code Community Open House To Be Held Virtually



The Town's Unified Development Code (UDC) Community Open House scheduled for Wednesday, August 25 at 6:30pm will now be held virtually due to the current COVID-19 situation. Join Addison staff and the project team to learn more about the UDC project and discuss proposed changes to the zoning districts, allowed uses, and development standards addressing parking, landscaping, exterior building design, and outdoor lighting. You can find the meeting link on the [Town's website](#) or the [UDC Project Page](#).

To keep up on the latest news on the Addison UDC initiative, please visit [www.addisonudc.org](http://www.addisonudc.org) and sign up for the [project email list](#). If you have specific questions or comments, please feel free to email Development Services Director Ken Schmidt at [kschmidt@addisontx.gov](mailto:kschmidt@addisontx.gov).

### Public Input Meeting Scheduled for Redding Trail Drainage Project

The Parks and Recreation Department has been working with Parkhill, an engineering / landscape architecture firm, to develop plans for drainage improvements on Redding Trail North and to develop plans for trail improvements approved by voters during the 2019 Bond Election as part of [Proposition C](#).

Residents are invited to attend a public input meeting at the Addison Athletic Club on August 25 from 6pm-7pm to review the conceptual design and provide feedback. These improvements will focus on:

- Improvements to Redding Trail
- Trail Wayfinding and Distance Markers
- Outdoor Fitness Station adjacent to Les Lacs Park

If you have any questions related to the project and are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell at [jtidwell@addisontx.gov](mailto:jtidwell@addisontx.gov).

### Addison's Economic Development Team Visits Creative Planning



On Tuesday, August 10, Mayor Joe Chow, Addison Economic Development and Tourism Director Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr paid a visit to Creative Planning, a comprehensive wealth management firm located in the Colonnade office center. The Addison team met with Managing Directors Susan Schildt and Dan Foster and discussed the firm's history and services, as well as new projects happening in Addison. Creative Planning is a multi-national wealth management firm that utilizes its in-house expertise to create comprehensive financial plans that consider a client's income, investments, retirement goals, tax situation, and insurance needs. We are happy that Creative Planning calls Addison its regional home and look forward to their continued growth in the community.

### Registration Now Open for Citizens Academy



Every 18 months, Addison offers a Citizens Academy that provides a behind the scenes look at the Town's operations. Participants will learn what makes Addison great through tours, activities and face-to-face interaction with Town leaders and staff. The last session was postponed due to COVID until October 2021.

The Citizens Academy consists of a Kick-off Dinner, three Saturday sessions and a graduation ceremony. The Saturday sessions run from 8am to about 4pm each week and the Kick-off Dinner and graduation ceremony last about 90 minutes each.

The planned schedule for the Fall 2021 Academy Session is:

- Friday, October 1: Kick-off Dinner
- Saturday, October 2: Learn about your City Council's duties and the Town's finances. Tour Town Hall and the 911 call center.
- Saturday, October 9: Tour public safety facilities and equipment. Learn how the Town attracts businesses and tourists through Economic Development, Tourism, and Marketing efforts. Learn about your parks and Addison's world class special events like Taste Addison, Kaboom Town! and Oktoberfest.
- Saturday, October 16: Tour key Town facilities and infrastructure. Learn about airport operations and city planning.
- Tuesday, October 26: Citizens Academy graduation during the Council Meeting.

To learn more about the Citizens Academy and register for the new session, visit the Town's website [here](#). The fall 2021 Academy is filling up fast, so please submit your application while space is still available.

## **Pints & Pups Returns to Addison Circle Park on August 21**



Addison is going to the dogs! Grab your four-legged bestie and head to Addison Circle Park for Pints & Pups on August 21. Let your pup run wild in the pop-up dog park, and get your pic taken together in a photo booth. Bring out their artistic side with bandanna decorating and paw-print art, and arrive early to receive a complimentary pet illustration from Totally Gonzo (limited to the first 80 guests). Don't have a fur-ever friend? Addison Animal Control will be kicking off its Clear the Shelters event with adoptable dogs.

It's not just about the canines, though. Enjoy live music on the lawn by Burning Hour, featuring pop, soul, classic and modern rock. Guests ages 21 and up can savor the flavors of local craft breweries (and cideries) while supplies last. For a complete list of breweries and more event information, please visit [AddisonAfterDark.com](http://AddisonAfterDark.com).

### Athletic Club Collecting Toilet Paper Donations for Metrocrest Services Drive



In celebration of their 50th anniversary, Metrocrest Services has set a goal to collect 100,000 rolls of toilet paper by National Toilet Paper Day which is Thursday, August 26. This many rolls of toilet paper equal one year's demand at their pantry.

Addison is supporting Metrocrest Services' [Toilet Paper Challenge](#) by collecting toilet paper at the Addison Athletic Club through August 26. You can also donate to the effort (\$68 can provide a client enough toilet paper for a year) on the [Metrocrest Services website](#).



Thank you for supporting those in our community who need your help. Let's Roll!

## Commission Koch Hosted Virtual Townhall on American Rescue Plan



On Thursday, August 12, Dallas County Commission J.J. Koch held a virtual Townhall to give citizens information on how they can make their voices heard about decisions related to Dallas County's use of American Rescue Act monies. If you missed the meeting and would like to provide input to Dallas County, you can [submit your feedback here](#), email it to [ARP@dallascounty.org](mailto:ARP@dallascounty.org), or call 817-875-2187.

### 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

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channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)**

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