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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

August 27, 2021

Council Update

District Judge Rules in Judge Jenkins' Favor



On Wednesday, August 25, a state district judge ruled that Governor Greg Abbott's ban on mask orders violates Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins' ability to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. This injunction will likely be appealed. Addison is continuing to monitor the rapidly changing and ongoing legal conflict on this matter. Once it has reached its final conclusion, we are prepared to respond accordingly.

The health of our community continues to be a top priority, so in the meantime, we are 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 stay home when sick. Vaccinations are also encouraged and you can find a local vaccine provider at www.vaccines.gov.

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

Council Selects Whitt Wyatt as New City Attorney

The City Council selected Whitt Wyatt of the firm Wood & Banowsky PLLC to serve as Addison's City Attorney at its August 24 meeting. The City Attorney position is a Council appointment and serves as the legal advisor of, and attorney and counsel for, the Town and all its officers and departments.

On March 9, the Council directed staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for Legal Services. Since the end of May, Council has been reviewing submittals and interviewing respondents.

Brenda McDonald of Messer, Fort, McDonald, who has served as Addison's City Attorney since 2015, submitted her resignation effective August 13. We would like to thank Brenda and her team for their tireless efforts in providing legal counsel to the Town for more than six years. The Town is grateful for their caring service and their commitment to professionalism.

You can [watch the Council's City Attorney discussion here](#).

Legislative Update

At the August 24 City Council Meeting, Director of Administrative Services Bill Hawley presented an update on legislation passed during the 87th Session of the Texas Legislature and the special session that followed. There were several bills, ranging from Truth in Taxation to quarantine leave for first responders, that impact the Town.

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

Wing Boss is Coming to Addison

The City Council approved a special use permit for Wing Boss at its August 24 meeting, paving the way for this new Addison eatery at 3765 Belt Line Road (in the former Duck Donuts location). Wing Boss is a new carryout and delivery-focused wing restaurant developed by the Dickey's Barbeque brand. Through the experience of the pandemic and the introduction of app-based delivery services, restaurants have experienced surges in delivery demand. With this concept, Dickey's has taken a hybrid approach by retaining traditional dining space. This location will be the first Wing Boss that offers dine-in and delivery/carry-out.

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

Council Meetings Will Continue to Take Place at Addison TreeHouse

On March 16, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott suspended certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The provisions he suspended included the requirement that a quorum of the governing body must be physically present at the specified location of the meeting and provisions that might be interpreted to require face-to-face interaction between members of the public and public officials.

On June 30, 2021, Governor Abbott announced an end to the suspensions effective on September 1, 2021. While Addison's Council has been meeting with a physical quorum present, the option to hold a meeting without a physical quorum will no longer be allowed. Council decided to continue meeting at the Addison TreeHouse for the foreseeable future to allow for social distancing. The Council also opted to continue allowing a virtual option for meeting participants and members of the community who would like to address the Council.

You can [watch Council's Open Meetings Act discussion here](#).

Council Receives Special Events Update

Special Events Director Jasmine Lee provided the City Council with operational and financial reconciliations for Taste Addison and Kaboom Town!, as well as an Addison Oktoberfest preview, at the August 24 meeting. Taste Addison, which took place June 4-5,

offered a new two-day schedule, Friday Night Bites Tasting Room option, mobile ordering, and expanded seating. New for Kaboom Town! in 2021 were the ticket requirement, enhanced fireworks display, Freedom Flyover, and COVID-19 adjustments. Both events generated record hotel room night bookings and performed within budget.

Oktoberfest returns to Addison Circle Park September 16 - 19. The Partyhalle will feature an open-air design this year and the new Kleinhalle, which will be located inside the Conference Centre, will offer table service, live entertainment, and exclusive beer and wine options. The redesigned layout is just one of the many health and safety measures that will be in place this year. You can get all the event details and purchase tickets at www.AddisonOktoberfest.com.

City Manager Wes Pierson applauded the Special Event team's ability to plan and implement these events in the middle of a pandemic. Select the links below to watch the Council's special event discussions and read the presentations:

- [Taste Addison \(presentation\)](#)
- [Kaboom Town! \(presentation\)](#)
- [Oktoberfest \(presentation\)](#)

Metrocrest Services Launches Capital Campaign

For 50 years, Metrocrest Services has assisted families, individuals, and senior adults who are coping with crisis situations, need help stabilizing their lives, or who require support to live independently. During the August 24 Council Work Session, Metrocrest Services Chief Executive Officer Tracy Eubanks introduced their *Building Our Future* capital campaign to the City Council. The goal of *Building Our Future* is to increase Metrocrest Services' capacity and ability to serve those seeking assistance by consolidating operations where the need is greatest through the construction of a new Center for Community Support. Metrocrest Services is asking for financial support from all five of the cities it serves, including a \$120,000 contribution from Addison, for the campaign.

The consensus among Council was to have staff explore options that would allow the Town to support the campaign. Those options and potential action will be considered at a future meeting.

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

Upcoming Public Hearings on Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

The Addison City Council will hold separate Public Hearings on the [Annual Budget and Proposed Property Tax Rate](#) for the Fiscal Year commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022 during a special meeting at 5pm on Tuesday, September 7 and again at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30pm on September 14. Both meetings will take place at the Addison Treehouse. A notice of the Public Hearings for the September 14 meeting was published in *The Dallas Morning News* on August 20 and August 27. You can find other important budget dates on the [Town's website](#).

The [agenda will be posted](#) on the Town's website three days prior to the meeting.

Around Addison

Pavement Removal/Replacement in Midway/Belt Line Intersection to Begin August 30



The next phase of work scheduled for the Midway Road Revitalization Project is the removal and replacement of the pavement in the Belt Line / Midway intersection. Various lane closures will occur in and adjacent to the intersection starting Monday, August 30 as the pavement is removed and replaced in phases.

An updated schedule for this intersection work reflected a July start date with a mid-September completion date. Unfortunately, this phase has been delayed due to construction material shortages and complications with underground utility lines. While we will not meet the mid-September completion date, the overall project remains on schedule. We will provide an updated timeline for the intersection work in the near future.

Variable Message Boards have been placed in the area alerting drivers to the upcoming work and drivers can expect to see various lane closures and traffic shifts in the travel lanes as the phases of work rotate around the intersection. Please pay close attention to the signage in the area, as the lane functions (Left Turn Only, Right Turn Only, etc.) will change during the various phases of the work.

You can register for Midway Road text updates by texting the word **Midway** to 888-777 or subscribe to email updates at www.Addisontexas.net/midway. Thank you for your patience as we strive to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

Pressed Opens in Prestonwood Place Shopping Center



On Saturday, August 21, Council Members Paul Walden and Kathryn Wheeler joined the Addison Arbor Foundation as they received a donation from Pressed during their grand opening in Prestonwood Place. The proceeds will benefit the Addison community garden. The donation is a part of the company's initiative to support community gardens and area green spaces through charitable donations and volunteer events. Along with the check presentation, attendees enjoyed a free sustainable planting workshop to celebrate the new location.

Founded in Los Angeles, California in 2010, Pressed has grown throughout the nation with stores now in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Southlake, and The Woodlands. It provides convenient, signature cold-pressed juices and an array of wholesome plant-based foods both in-store and online. Stop by, check out their September specials, and welcome them to Addison.

Community Gets Unified Development Code Update



Addison staff and the Unified Development Code (UDC) project team held a virtual Open House on August 25 to discuss the ongoing efforts to update the Town's zoning and development regulations. Key themes addressed in the meeting included updates to the Town's zoning districts, land use regulations, and development standards addressing

parking, landscaping, tree preservation, exterior building design, pedestrian connectivity, and outdoor lighting. If you missed the meeting, you can [watch it on the website](#).

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Development Services Director Ken Schmidt at kschmidt@addisontx. To keep up on the latest news on the Addison UDC initiative, please sign up for the [project email list](#) and visit www.addisonudc.org.

Residents Receive Redding Trail Improvements Update



Residents were invited to attend a public input meeting on August 25 to review and provide feedback on plans for drainage improvements on Redding Trail North and plans for trail improvements approved by voters during the 2019 Bond Election as part of [Proposition C](#). If you have any questions related to the project and were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell at jt Tidwell@addisontx.gov.

Pints & Pups was a PAWty





Addison After Dark's Pints & Pups was a DOGgone good time! Addison Circle Park was filled with happy pooches and their owners as they posed for puppy portraits and made memorable "arfs & crafts." The pop-up dog park was a big hit as dogs were able to get off-leash, cut loose, and cool off from the heat. It wasn't just the canines who were having fun! Attendees enjoyed live music in the park, food trucks, and sampling local brews and ciders. A special thank you to all the vendors and sponsors that made this PAWty possible.

A quick reminder that we will take a break from Addison After Dark next month for Addison Oktoberfest September 16 – 19. Tickets are now on sale at [AddisonOktoberfest.com](https://www.addisonoktoberfest.com).

Doggie Splash Day is Back on September 11



It's the end of summer, so give your furry friend a turn at some summertime fun in the Athletic Club outdoor pool on Saturday, September 11. All dogs must have a 2021 rabies tag or proof of vaccination to register and attend. Only dogs will be allowed in the water due to health department standards. Advance registration is recommended, but you can register and pay on the day of the event. The fee is \$5 and you can register at the Athletic Club front desk. Hours are:

- 9:30am - 10:30am - Small Dogs
- 10:45am - 11:45am - Big Dogs

If you have any questions, please contact the Addison Athletic Club at 972-450-7048 or athleticclub@addisontx.gov.

Don't Miss *A Raisin in the Sun* at WaterTower Theatre



The final show of WaterTower Theatre's 25th Season, *A Raisin in the Sun* by the revolutionary author and playwright Lorraine Hansberry, is the play that changed American Theatre forever. Lorraine Hansberry's life was one of firsts: the first black female playwright to be produced on Broadway with this show in 1959 and, at only 29, the youngest American ever to win a New York Critics' Circle Award. *A Raisin in the Sun* is also one of very few shows in the history of Broadway to have not one, but two Tony award-winning revivals.

The show runs September 1 through September 12 in the Addison Theatre Centre and tickets can be purchased on the [WaterTower Theatre's website](#).

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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