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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

September 3, 2021

Council Update

Addison Offices Closed for Labor Day

Addison offices, including the Athletic Club, will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day. However, the outside pool at the Athletic Club will be open from noon - 8pm. Trash and recycling will be collected as usual. If you need assistance when offices are closed, please call the non-emergency public safety number at 972-450-7156.

Council Appoints Regional Transportation Council Representatives

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is a 44-member independent transportation policymaking body that determines how regional transportation funds should be spent. The municipalities of Richardson and Addison share one representative and rotate the primary appointment to ensure the interests of both cities are represented. At its August 24 meeting, the Council appointed Richardson Mayor Pro-Tempore Janet Depuy as the primary representative with Addison Mayor Pro-Tempore Guillermo Quintanilla as the alternate representative.

Many thanks to former Council Member Ivan Hughes who served as the Town's RTC representative for several years.

Addison Allocates American Recovery Plan Act Funds

In March of 2021, the federal government enacted legislation creating the American Recovery Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF). CLFRF provides funding for local governments to broadly respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Addison's estimated distribution under this federal program is approximately \$4 million. The funds will be delivered to the Town in two tranches. The first tranche, which was \$2 million, arrived in August 2021. These funds will be utilized to mitigate revenue lost by the Town due to the pandemic and will be split evenly between the Hotel Fund and the Self-Funded Projects Fund. The second tranche is scheduled to arrive in August 2022. The City Manager's proposed [Fiscal Year 2022](#) budget reflects the application of the second tranche of funds, \$2 million, to mitigate revenue lost in the Hotel Fund due to the pandemic.

Addison Fulfills TCEQ Order Requirements

In 2014, the City of Farmers Branch filed a complaint with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) alleging that Addison violated its water rights permit when developing the ponds at Vitruvian Park, resulting in a decrease in water flow in the Farmers Branch Creek. TCEQ staff reviewed the complaint and recommended Addison be fined \$2,355. In February 2017, the TCEQ Commissioners decided to remand that draft agreed order back to staff for additional consideration.

In September 2018, the Addison City Council approved a settlement agreement with the City of Farmers Branch in an effort to bring an end to the dispute. Among other things, the agreement required that Addison facilitate the conveyance of property to serve as a new well site for the creek and pay for the preparation and construction of that well site. Farmers Branch would design and construct the well and water transmission line to draw water from the Trinity Aquifer to replace water at the Vitruvian Reservoirs. Once completed, Addison would pay 100% of the operational costs for the Trinity Well associated with meeting Addison's minimum annual requirement under its TCEQ permit. Farmers Branch would pay 100% of the water that is pumped in excess of that minimum.

Once this agreement was in place, Addison staff worked with TCEQ to finalize the enforcement actions related to the draft agreed order that was remanded back to TCEQ staff in February 2017. On July 1, 2020, TCEQ Commissioners approved a final agreed order that required Addison to:

- Pay a fine of \$34,000
- Complete items agreed to in the Farmers Branch settlement agreement
- Report progress on the well's construction

Addison was notified by TCEQ last week that the Town has met all of its obligations and is officially in compliance with its permit.

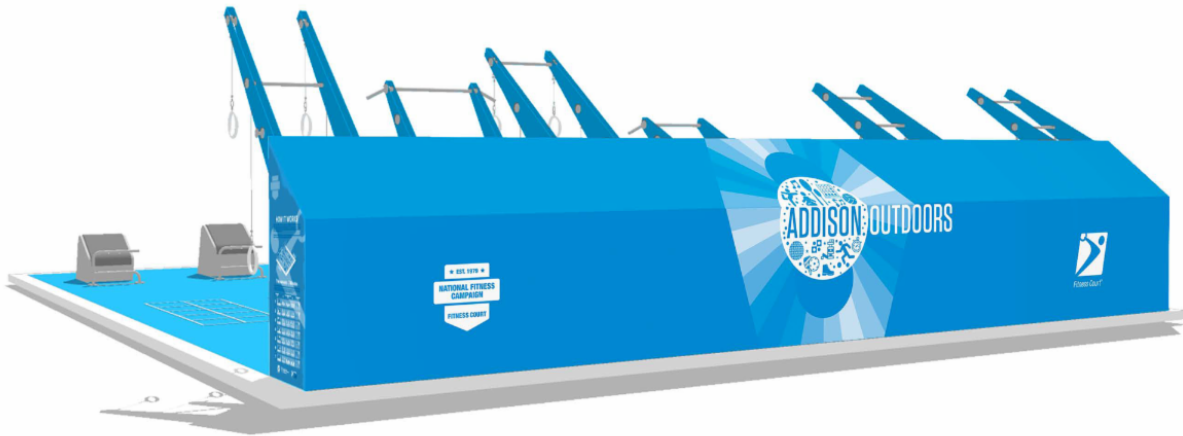
Upcoming Public Hearings on Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

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

We Want Your Input on Outside Fitness Station Designs



One of the trail improvements approved by voters during the 2019 Bond Election was the addition of a shaded fitness station adjacent to Les Lacs Park. Addison Town staff has developed four possible options and would like citizen input. The survey [can be found here](#).

Join Us for a 9/11 Ceremony



The Addison Fire Department invites the community to join them as they commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 at a ceremony on Saturday, September 11 at 9am at Addison Fire Station 1 located at 4798 Airport Parkway.

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 through September 12 at the Addison Theatre Centre and tickets can be purchased on the [WaterTower Theatre's website](#).

Public Meeting on Drainage Improvements Around Les Lacs Neighborhood Scheduled for September 16

Figure 1 – Recommended Plan (Problem Area No. 7) for Rawhide Creek Basin



The Storm Drainage System Assessment and Capital Improvement Program prepared for the Town of Addison by Halff Associates in August 2017 identified improvements that are needed in the Rawhide Creek Drainage Basin. This project includes the design of drainage improvements along the residential streets of Waterside Court, Waterford Drive, Les Lacs Avenue, Beau Park Lane, and Brookwood Lane. The drainage improvements will follow the trail south from Brookwood Lane and run west along the linear park connecting to the existing storm drain system at Marsh Lane.

The Town's project team will be hosting a public meeting at 6pm on September 16 at the Addison Athletic Club to answer questions about the project's scope, show exhibits of the proposed work, seek input, and describe what can be expected during construction. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like more information, please [visit the project webpage](#) or contact Capital/Development Projects Manager Wilson Kakembo at wkakembo@addisontx.gov.

Addison Fire Department Joins Neighbors to Show Support for Public Safety Bills



The Addison Fire Department joined the Fire Departments from Carrollton, Coppell, Farmers Branch, Plano, McKinney, Grapevine, Southlake, Sachse, and DFW Airport at an [August 24 press conference](#) to show their support for two new Texas laws that support telephone CPR and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) use in our cities.

Senate Bill 199 helps remove the barriers for businesses to install AEDs by eliminating liability and training requirements. House Bill 786 requires dispatchers to be trained in CPR and the use of AEDs. Both bills went into effect on September 1, 2021.

Wheeler Bridge to Get a Fresh Coat of Paint



The repainting of the blue span arches of the Wheeler Bridge (Arapaho Road over Midway Road) will begin after Labor Day and is anticipated to take two to three weeks to complete. This painting was originally planned to occur with the opening of DART's new Silver Line bridge, but the current condition of the bridge necessitates painting now.

Citizens Academy Registration Deadline is September 10



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.

To learn more about the Citizens Academy and register for the new session, visit the Town's website [here](#). The deadline to apply is September 10.

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

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