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Council Updates

Firehawk Aerospace Relocating to Addison from Florida

At a special meeting on December 8, the City Council approved a rezoning request from Firehawk Aerospace for the property located at 4550 Excel Parkway to add production, assembly, and distribution of hybrid rockets as a permitted use. Firehawk Aerospace, which was previously headquartered in Florida, specializes in the design and manufacturing of high-performance hybrid rocket engines and plans to use the site as their research and development headquarters. The leased area consists of 41,524 square feet. Nearly 30% of the suite will be used as office space and the remainder will be used for lab, warehouse, and production activity. It is anticipated that 20-50 employees will be at this location.

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

Police Officers Recognized for Life-Saving Efforts



Four Addison Police Officers were recognized with Certificates of Merit at the December 13 City Council Meeting for their life-saving efforts. In September, Officers McDuffie, Sidwell, and Womer were the first officers at the scene of a shooting incident at a local hotel. They were able to work together to quickly stop the victim's bleeding by using tourniquets, gauze, and bandages until the paramedics arrived. The patient was transported to a local hotel where he survived his injuries.

Officer Meraz responded to a medical emergency at another local hotel in October and found a guest unresponsive in their room. He administered CPR until paramedics arrived to transport the patient to a local hospital. Incredibly, this person walked out of the hospital on their own.

In both instances, the calm, quick reactions of these officers saved the lives of others. Many thanks to Officers McDuffie, Meraz, Sidwell, and Wormer for their dedication to the Addison community.

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

Advancing a Community Dialogue on Housing and Redevelopment

Following the Council's approval of several recent development projects that included multifamily rental housing, a group of residents expressed frustration with the Town's approach to its housing and redevelopment policy. At the December 13 Work Session, there was an agenda item to allow a public comment opportunity for residents to share their feedback with Council.

After the public comment period, Director of Development Services Ken Schmidt presented several options to continue the community dialogue regarding housing and redevelopment. Council requested that a separate community meeting be held in January 2023 to further discuss the topic with residents and postponed any decision on future

actions until after that meeting. Once scheduled, details on the meeting will be shared [on the Town's website](#) and social media channels

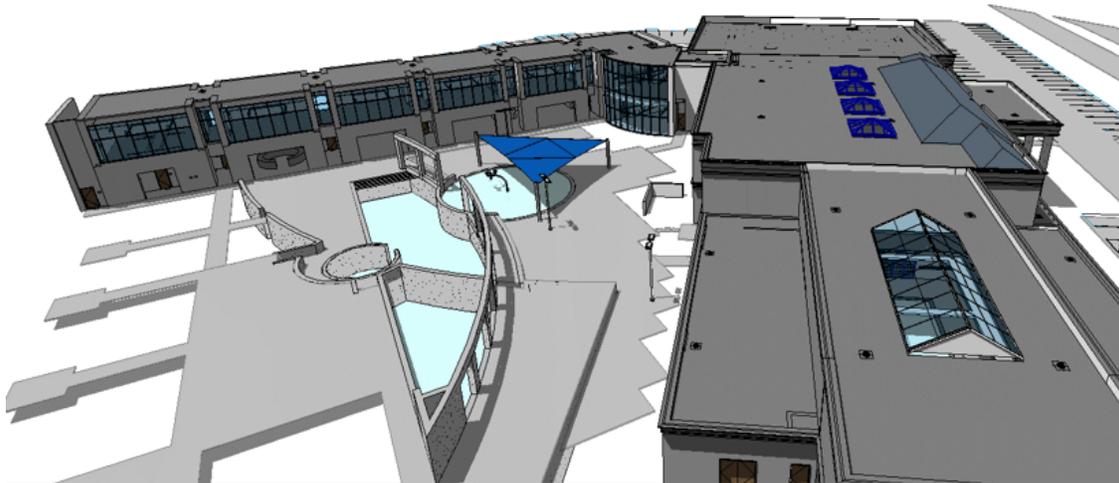
You can [watch the public comment item here](#). You can [watch the Council's housing policy discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Discusses Athletic Club Membership Requirements

Currently, the Addison Athletic Club requires residents to have a valid Texas Driver's License or Texas Identification Card with a current Addison address in order to become a member. At its December 13 meeting, the City Council discussed allowing a limited number of exceptions to this policy to accommodate residents with multiple homes and other issues that have recently arisen. Staff will research options to address Council's stated intent and bring an updated policy back to Council for consideration at a later date.

You can [watch Council's Athletic Club membership here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Design for Outdoor Shade Structure at Athletic Club Approved



At its October 25 meeting, the City Council asked staff to explore additional engineering options for the outdoor shade structure that is part of the original scope of services for the Athletic Club renovations. Staff presented a new design for Council consideration at the December 13 meeting. Council approved the re-engineered structure at the meeting and approved the needed revisions to the project budget.

You can [watch Council's Athletic Club shade structure discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Discusses Legislative Priorities for Upcoming Legislative Session

The 88th session of the Texas legislature will begin in January 2023. In advance of recent legislative sessions, the Town has adopted legislative priorities to be used as a guide to protect and enhance the Town's municipal interests. At its December 13 meeting, the Council discussed the Town's current legislative priorities that will be used to communicate with state legislators. Some of the prominent topics included local control, revenue and expenditure caps, transportation funding, and education funding.

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

Puttshack is Coming to Addison



At its December 13 meeting, the Council approved a Special Use Permit for Puttshack, an indoor 30,000-square-foot entertainment and restaurant venue that will occupy the former 24-Hour Fitness in Village on the Parkway. Puttshack is a technology-infused miniature golf experience that offers a full-service restaurant with a variety of cuisines as well as handcrafted cocktails. The concept first originated in Great Britain and has expanded to four locations in the United States with ten other locations currently under development, including the one in Addison. Puttshack anticipates opening by the end of 2023.

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

Council Makes Board and Commission Appointments

The City Council made appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment, and Community Partners Bureau at its December 13 meeting.

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

The Planning and Zoning Commission members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms and has three members with terms expiring in December 2022. The next term of office begins in January of 2023 and expires in December of 2024. Denise Fansler (nominated by Council Member Gardner) and Nancy Craig (nominated by Council Member Quintanilla) were reappointed. Zach Faircloth (nominated by Council Member Resnik) was appointed for his first term.

You can [watch the Council's Planning and Zoning Commission appointment discussion here](#)

Board of Zoning Adjustment Appointments

The Board of Zoning Adjustment has three members with terms expiring this year. Individuals appointed to the Board may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms and

will begin the next term in January of 2023. Lary Brown (nominated by Council Member Gardner), Jimmy Niemann (nominated by Council Member Resnik), and Daniel Liscio (nominated by Council Member Quintanilla) were reappointed.

You can [watch the Council's Board of Zoning Adjustment appointment discussion here](#).

Community Partners Bureau

The Community Partners Bureau is comprised of residents appointed by the Council to represent the Town of Addison with its Community Partners (non-profit organizations). Volunteers serve for three-year terms and the agency terms are staggered so not all the liaisons are replaced the same year. Fran Powell was reappointed to serve as the liaison for Metrocrest Services. Katie Miller and Kathryn Eriksen were selected to serve their first terms with Metrocare Services and Family Place, respectively.

You can [watch the Council's Community Partners Bureau appointment discussion here](#).

Around Town

Asian Mint Opens in Prestonwood Place Shopping Center



On Tuesday, December 13, Asian Mint Founder and CEO Nikky Phinyawatana celebrated the opening of her new Addison location with a Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony. Chamber President Hayden Austin joined Addison's Economic Development & Tourism Director Orlando Campos, Economic Development Manager Lauren Williams, and Tourism Manager Amber Patterson in welcoming this popular North Texas eatery to Addison.

Located at 5290 Belt Line in the Prestonwood Place Shopping Center, this is the fifth restaurant for this growing Asian fusion favorite. The menu features Thai dishes like pad Thai, noodle soups, tom yum soup, stir-fries, zero-carb shirataki noodles, and more.

Stop by, grab a bite, and thank them for choosing Addison!

Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Holds Holiday Party At Million Air



Mayor Joe Chow, Mayor Pro Tempore Kathryn Wheeler, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Lori Ward, and Council Members Darren Gardner and Guillermo Quintanilla joined Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce President Hayden Austin and Membership and Programs Coordinator Mary Ann Burns at the Chamber's annual holiday party on Tuesday, December 14 at Million Air. Guests were encouraged to bring toys to support Metrocrest Services' Holiday Store which opened December 10. The agency anticipates serving 1,100+ families and over 2,500 children through its holiday program this year. Find ways you can help support Metrocrest Services during the holidays [here](#).

"Lost in Wisconsin" Gets a Face Lift



The Parks Department is working with Artistic Painting to paint the sculpture located near southeast corner of the intersection of Beltway Road and Proton Drive titled "Lost in Wisconsin." This process will involve sanding, priming, and painting and will take approximately 1.5 weeks, depending on weather. Thank you for your patience!

[Register for Winter Break Open Play at the Athletic Club](#)



**Dec. 26 -
Jan 6**

WINTER BREAK OPEN PLAY



Time

**2:00pm -
4:00pm
Mon - Fri**



The 411

- ✓ Gym Time
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Snack Provided
- ✓ E-Sports (T/Th)



Cost

\$5/day
Pre-registration is recommended

Ages: 6 - 12

972-450-7048 Addison Athletic Club Register TODAY!

Take a break from the kids during the holidays by dropping them off at the Athletic Club for a couple of hours. You get to put your feet up while we will keep their feet moving! The cost is only \$5 per day and sessions will be held from 2pm - 4pm on Monday through Friday from December 26 to January 6. Pre-registration 48 hours in advance is recommended to guarantee your place.

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/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

[Volunteer](#)

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

[List of Restaurants](#)

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300, Option 2

[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

[Request Bulk Trash Pickup](#)

[Watch City Council Meetings](#)

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

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

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