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March 25, 2022

Council Update

AMLI/Stream Finalist for Addison Circle Transit Oriented Development

At its March 22 meeting, the City Council directed the City Manager to move forward with negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Addison and AMLI/Stream for the Town's Addison Circle transit-oriented development project. For more than three decades the Town has been anticipating the arrival of DART rail service in Addison. In preparation for its arrival, the Town has been accumulating property and planning for how that property might be used as part of a transit-oriented development project.

In 2018 the City Council adopted a plan that identified the vision and development principles for the property surrounding the contemplated DART rail stop. In 2020 the Town hired Cushman and Wakefield to serve as real estate advisors for the process that would select a master developer to make the Council's vision a reality.

In October of 2020, the City Council also appointed Council Members Braun, Quintanilla, and Walden to serve with Town staff and Cushman and Wakefield on a Selection Committee to guide the solicitation of qualified developers through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. An RFP was released to the development community in April 2021 and ultimately five development teams submitted proposals. After a review of all five proposals, the Selection Committee recommended that the City Council narrow the

candidates to two finalists that would further refine and submit development concepts for consideration.

As a result of this extensive selection process, the City Council narrowed the finalist pool to a lone finalist and directed the City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding that will outline the initial terms that will govern the relationship between the Town and the master developer team. Once complete, it will be presented to the City Council for consideration and approval. At the time the Memorandum of Understanding is presented to the Council, a more comprehensive review of the overall developer selection process will be presented to the public.

You can watch the Council's master developer discussion here.

Council Approves Construction Contract for Redding Trail Drainage and Amenity Improvements

In May of 2021, Addison executed two professional service agreements to begin to address issues along Redding Trail. The first was for engineering services related to drainage improvements, including grading for a drainage swale, constructing a concrete pilot channel, and restoring landscaping within the segment of the Redding Trail Corridor that is adjacent to Canot Lane. Funds were allocated for this project in the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022) Stormwater Fund budget.

The second agreement was for landscape architecture services for proposed amenity improvements along Redding Trail including the replacement of wood timber retaining walls with a modular concrete wall system, replacement of concrete pavers at two seating areas with clay pavers, replacement of existing wood benches, and refurbishment of the landscape around the seating nodes. Funds for the proposed amenity improvements were approved by voters in the 2019 Bond Election and are included in the FY2022 budget.

At its March 22 meeting, the City Council approved a contract with North Rock Construction for \$453,579 to complete both the drainage and amenity improvements. Including engineering work and contingency funds, the total combined budget for both projects is approximately \$585,000.

You can watch Council's Redding Trail Drainage discussion here.

Public Safety Update

Are You Registered for Addison Alert



On Monday, March 21, a total of ten tornadoes were reported in North Texas, including one that briefly touched down in Carrollton. Residents who were registered for <u>Addison</u> <u>Alert</u>, received emails, texts, and phone calls about the tornado warning in the area. Addison's emergency warning system is designed to provide citizens with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. Users can receive time-sensitive messages on their home, mobile or business phones, by email, or via text messages - you select the communication method that works best for you.

Here is an important user tip: the system will continue to notify you on all of the channels you have selected *until you acknowledge receipt*. Emails include a link, texts include a request to respond with "yes", and phone calls request that you press a key. Once you do this, you will stop the notification cycle for that incident.

Texas weather can be unpredictable, but if the Town can't reach you, we can't alert you. Please consider registering today if you have not already.

Click Here to Register for Addison Alert

Business Pulse

Meeting Planners Converge on Addison

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Left to right: Jason J. Galui, Mayor Joe Chow, and MPI President Robert Sanchez, CMP

On Thursday, March 24, the Renaissance Hotel in Addison hosted approximately 70 members of the Meeting Professionals International (MPI) Dallas Chapter for lunch. This group works with large companies and organizations in helping to organize big meetings and conferences throughout the country. It was an opportunity for the hotel to showcase its property and Addison. Mayor Joe Chow provided a welcome and encouraged them to consider Addison for their clients' future events. The mayor was joined by Orlando Campos, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, and Alisha Holmberg, Tourism Manager. The Town provided a gift bag to all participants which included two free passes to Taste Addison. Jason J. Galui, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Retired and SMU Professor, provided the keynote address to the group.

Around Town

Addison Road Closure at the DART Rail Crossing Takes Place This Weekend



DART's contractor Archer Western Herzog has rescheduled the closure of Addison Road between Arapaho Road and Lindbergh Drive for Friday, March 25 at 9pm until noon on Monday, March 28. The scheduled closure is needed to complete the replacement of the DART rail line and concrete pavement approaches to the railroad crossing at Addison Road.

We apologize for any inconvenience. For questions or concerns, please contact Archer Western Herzog Project Manager Marvin Jackson at (214) 585-7308 or Addison Senior Construction Inspector Phillip Willis at <u>pwillis@addisontx.gov</u>.

You're Invited to Touch a Truck



Have you ever wanted to get up close and personal with some of the heavy machinery you see Addison staff using around Town? Addison Touch-a-Truck is your chance! Come enjoy this free hands-on experience and explore all types of heavy machinery, emergency response vehicles, and more! Bring the family to the Addison Conference Centre parking lot at 15650 Addison Road on Saturday, March 26 from 10am - noon.

Addison Outdoors Presents a Pop-Up at the Park on April 2



Join the Addison Athletic Staff in Addison Circle Park on Saturday, April 2 for a Pop-Up event from 10am - noon. Head out to the park for food, games, and free yoga (from 10 - 11am).

The Athletic Club is Hiring for Summer Jobs



Do you know any high school or college-aged young adults who are looking for a summer job? The Addison Athletic Club is now hiring seasonal lifeguards and summer camp counselors. Find more details and apply on the <u>Town's website</u>.



Dallas Water Utilities Continues Clean-up Work Along White Rock Creek

Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) has completed its leak repairs along the White Rock Creek bed, but site restoration is a complicated process. They are currently working on the engineering drawings for reconstructing the creek bank which will include the potential

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installation of gabion baskets like the one pictured above. Once engineering is completed, their team will begin the remainder of the site restoration process including site grading, reestablishing sod, and repairing any other damage created by their activity.

DWU is working closely with our Parks and Recreation and Public Works and Engineering Departments to ensure that the work adheres to Addison's high standards.

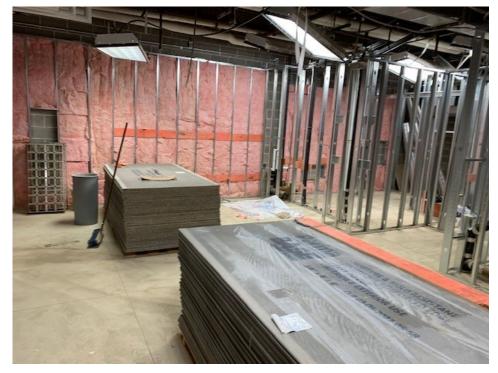
If you have additional questions, please contact DWU staff:

Ryan Corbello 214-766-7643 ryan.corbello@dallascityhall.com

You can also contact Addison's Director of Public Works and Engineering Services Shannon Hicks at 972-450-2849 or by email at shanks@addisontx.gov. Thank you for your continued patience.



Athletic Club Renovation Update



The Athletic Club renovation is on track and right now the contractor is working in almost every part of the club. Here's a quick update on the progress:

- The track railings are almost completed the contractor is fabricating the curved section now.
- The track surface will be installed after the railing is complete.
- The basketball backboards and goals all have been replaced and every backboard is now a glass backboard.
- Inground plumbing for the hot tub is almost complete.
- Drywall for the locker rooms will be installed soon.
- The contractor is nearing the completion of the roofing work.
- The upstairs lobby fitness areas and office space flooring will be going in next week.

You can find more project details at <u>www.addisontexas.net/clubrenovations</u> and register text updates by texting **ClubReno** to 888-777. Athletic Club staff also shares renovation pictures weekly on the <u>Club's Facebook page</u>.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work to improve our club.

The Addison Parks Department Needs Your Help With Egret and Heron Control



Herons left to right: Yellow-Crowned Night Heron, Little Blue Heron, and Black-crowned Night Heron



Egrets left to right: Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, and Great Egret

The Parks and Recreation Department is asking residents to help deter egrets and herons from forming nesting colonies (rookeries) in Addison. Urban rookeries can cause noise, odor, public health hazards, and damage to property. Because egrets and herons are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, it is unlawful to harm or kill them or their eggs. However, there are things that residents can do to help by following these four simple steps:

- 1. Egrets and herons like dense tree canopies and nest in trees that are 20 feet tall or greater. They like areas with contiguous canopy where large trees have grown together. You can be a big part of the solution by heavily thinning out the interior branches of your trees so they have 75% density or less. If possible, prune trees so they do not touch other trees.
- 2. Familiarize yourself with what egret and herons native to our area look like.
- 3. If an egret or heron is on your property, they may be scouting for a location to build a nest. Noise is an effective tool to deter them from nesting. The Town recommends clapping two pieces of wood together to make rapid sharp cracking sounds each time egrets or herons are on your property.
- 4. If an egret or heron is beginning to build a nest, in some cases the Parks and Recreation Department can help deter the birds or remove the nest if eggs have not been laid. Please notify us if you think you have seen an egret or heron beginning to build a nest by emailing Matt Ansted at <u>mansted@addisontx.gov</u>. It's helpful if you include in your email the location, a description of the bird, and a photo if possible. You can also report sightings on <u>Addison's FixIT app.</u>

Thank you for your help controlling the egrets and herons in Addison.

The Odd Couple Comes to WaterTower Theatre



WaterTower Theatre presents the Tony award-winning classic *The Odd Couple* March 30 - April 10. This comedy, which inspired both a hit movie and a TV series, centers around two unlikely roommates, uptight neat Felix Ungar and easygoing, disheveled Oscar Madison. Learn more and purchase tickets at https://watertowertheatre.org/

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:

- <u>www.addisontexas.net</u>: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and departmentspecific updates on department pages
- www.addistontexas.net/covid19: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources
- <u>www.addisontexas.net/Midway</u>: Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates
- <u>www.addisontexas.net/ClubRenovations</u>: Find information on the Addison Athletic Club renovations and subscribe for project email and text updates
- <u>www.addisonalert.com</u>: 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
- <u>Visit Addison Facebook</u>
- Addison Twitter
- <u>Visit Addison Twitter</u>
- <u>NextDoor</u>

Addison Newsletters: For a description of and to subscribe to all of Addison's newsletters, click <u>here</u>.

If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at <u>marketing@addisontx.gov</u>.

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall: 972-450-7000

Volunteer

Non-emergency Police Dispatch: 972-450-7156 **List of Restaurants**

Addison News

Missed Trash: 972-392-9300, Option 2

Request Bulk Trash Pickup

Athletic Club: 972-450-7048

Addison Website

Sign up for Addison Alerts

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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