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**April 1, 2022** 

# **Council Update**

Last Day to Register to Vote in May Election is April 7



Texas law requires eligible voters to register by the 30th day before Election Day. The voter registration deadline for the May 7 Election is April 7. You can check your voter registration status and print a voter registration application on the <u>Dallas County Elections</u> website

Dallas County's Election website reminds voters that in Texas, you cannot register to vote online. If you use an online "voter registration" service that pre-populates your information, you must print and mail it to the county where you are trying to register. The address for Dallas County is:

Elections Administrator Michael J. Scarpello 1520 Round Table Drive Dallas 75247

# **Addison Town Meeting - April 14**



Make plans to attend the Spring 2022 Town Meeting on Thursday, April 14 at 7pm at the Renaissance Hotel. The City Council will share updates on things taking place around Town. If you can't attend in person, you can watch the meeting on the <u>Town's website</u>.

We will be collecting new and gently used games, toys, and coloring supplies (see list below) for the George Bush Elementary school store at the event. Students earn "Bush" bucks for good behavior and get to redeem them in the student-run Patriot Galleria. This video of some of the student ambassadors gives more background on the project.

Below is a list of the most requested items from their students.

- 1. Games (Checkers, Uno, Connect 4, etc.)
- 2. Puzzles
- 3. Playdough, Kinetic Sand, Clay
- 4. Craft kits (rock painting, friendship bracelets, etc.)
- 5. Art supplies (crayons, paints, etc)
- 6. Coloring books
- 7. Toys (action figures, cars, dolls)
- 8. Outdoor toys (basketballs, soccer balls, jump ropes)
- 9. Any Science or STEM kits
- 10. Plushies (any stuffed animal or character)
- 11. Small items-key chains, pencils, stickers, mini hand sanitizers, bracelets, etc.

Donations can also be dropped off at Town Hall or either Fire Station through April 15.

# **Around Town**

# Spectrum Drive Road Closure at Railroad Tracks Begins April 4



Beginning on Monday, April 4, Spectrum Drive will be closed from Arapaho Road to McEntire Place while DART's Silver Line contractor rebuilds the at-grade double tracks and concrete pavement approaches for the Spectrum Drive rail crossing. We apologize for any inconvenience, but by completely closing the road, the work can be done much faster than the Addison Road crossing. You can expect an increase in construction noise around the operations until the road reopens in mid-May.

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 <a href="mailto:pwillis@addisontx.gov">pwillis@addisontx.gov</a>.

**Spring Cleaning!** 



Our Public Works crews are doing some spring cleaning. You may see a few lane closures around Town as they make some needed concrete repairs. We appreciate your patience as we spruce up our sidewalks and roads. For questions, please contact Streets and Traffic Operations Manager Juan Gutierrez at jgutierrez@addisontx.gov.

# **Touch-a-Truck Event Draws Big Crowds**





On March 26, Addison hosted a Touch-a-Truck event in the Addison Conference Centre parking lot. This free hands-on experience gave kids of all ages an opportunity to explore Addison's heavy machinery, emergency response vehicles, and more! Thanks to everyone who joined us for this fun, new family event.

**Vendor Spots for Community Garage Sale Still Available** 



Addison is hosting a Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 23 from 9am - 2pm along Festival Way, just south of Addison Circle Park. There are still limited vendor spots available for residents interested in selling used household or personal articles such as furniture, toys, books, or clothing. The cost is only \$20 and you can register on the <a href="Town's website">Town's website</a>.

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



Namaste and play this weekend with Addison Outdoors. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 2 to join us for food, games, and FREE yoga in Addison Circle Park. Bring your mat and find your center for a yoga session hosted by Addison Circle Yoga from

10am - 11am. After your free session, head to the Addison Outdoors pop-up trailer from 11am - 12pm for giant Jenga, corn hole, and much more.

# **Get Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny on April 2**



Bring your furry friend down to Les Lacs Park on Saturday, April 2 from 10am - 11:30am and get their picture with the Easter Bunny! Four-legged family members must be leashed at all times, and current on their vaccinations.

**Annual Easter Eggstravaganza Scheduled for April 9** 



Join us at Les Lacs Park on April 9 from 10am - 11am for Addison Park and Recreation's annual Easter Eggstravaganza! Bring your baskets and family for a morning of fun! Catch the Easter Bunny for a family photo!

### **Addison After Dark: Fiesta Noche**



This Easter weekend Addison After Dark is bringing Rio Carnival to Texas with samba dancers, festive costumes, and a live fire show. On April 16, grab your friends and head to

Addison Circle Park for dance lessons, empanadas, and much more. Find a festive souvenir in the Mercado and come dressed in your best carnival-inspired outfit to dance the night away. We will see you at 7pm for samba, sights, and street tacos! For more information and to see the musical lineup, visit <a href="AddisonAfterDark.com">AddisonAfterDark.com</a> or Visit Addison's event Facebook page.





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 <a href="Town's website">Town's website</a>.

The Addison Parks and Recreation 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 <a href="mailto:mansted@addisontx.gov">mansted@addisontx.gov</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:Addison's FixIT app.">Addison's FixIT app.</a>

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

## **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 departmentspecific updates on department pages
- www.addistontexas.net/covid19: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources
- <a href="https://www.addisontexas.net/Midway">www.addisontexas.net/Midway</a>: Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates
- www.addisontexas.net/ClubRenovations: Find information on the Addison Athletic Club renovations and subscribe for project email and text updates
- <a href="https://www.addisonalert.com">www.addisonalert.com</a>: 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 <u>here.</u>

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

**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

**Stay Connected** 









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