



Public Works and Engineering Director Shannon Hicks gave Council an update on key operations, capital improvement projects, and bond projects for Fiscal Year 2023 at the January 24 City Council Meeting. Some of the highlights included:

- Nearly \$1.7M on Addison Road full-depth repairs have been completed and \$496K
- in Dallas County grant funding has been received • Painting Wheeler (Arapaho) Bridge rails, swoops, and arches is scheduled for
- Spring 2023
- Completed 1,100 fire hydrant inspections and painted one-third of the hydrants blue in FY22, the next round of inspections will begin in the spring of 2023, and the second third of hydrants will be painted blue
- Began construction in mid-November of the \$3.3 million Rawhide Creek ADA and Drainage Improvements Project with anticipated completion in Fall 2023
- Alpha Road Connector Project began in April 2022 and is anticipated to be
- completed in March 2023 • Southbound lanes of Midway Road Reconstruction Project from Belt Line Road to Proton Drive are under construction, anticipated major paving operations south of Belt Line Road to be completed by spring of 2023, and major paving operations
- north of Belt Line are expected to begin in the next few weeks • Right-of-Way easement acquisitions underway in Keller Springs Road Reconstruction Project.

You can watch the Council's Public Works and Engineering Update here and read the presentation here.

**Council Designates Addison Conference Centre as Addison Vote Center** for May 2023 Election

The City Council adopted an Ordinance calling the May 6, 2023 General Election at its January 10 Meeting. Not included in the Ordinance was the designation of Early Voting and Election Day voting locations or Vote Centers. Historically, Fire Station # 1 on Airport Parkway has been designed as an Early Voting and Election Day Vote Center, with Fire Station # 2 on Beltway Drive being used as an Election Day Vote Center. Because these sites do not meet ADA standards, Dallas County is planning to eliminate them.

At its January 24 meeting, the Council opted to designate the Addison Conference Centre as the sole Early Voting and Vote Day location in Addison. Addison voters will also be able to vote at any Dallas County Vote Center.

You can watch Council's vote location discussion here and read the presentation here.

## **New P&Z Commissioner Appointed**

At its January 24 meeting, the City Council appointed Diane Chavez to fill the unexpired term of Planning and Zoning Commissioner Nancy Craig. In accordance with Addison's Charter, Nancy submitted her resignation when she officially filed to run for Council in the May 2023 election. Diane's term will expire in December 2024.

You can watch Council's P&Z discussion here

Candidate Packets for May 2023 City Council Election Now Available



### Packets to file for the May 2023 City Council election are available in the City Secretary's office at Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm. The packet can also be <u>downloaded on the Town's website</u>. The last day to file is on Friday, February 17 at 5pm. Please contact City Secretary Irma Parker at iparker@addisontx.gov or 972-450-7017 with any questions.

For more information on the May 2023 municipal election click here.

#### **Community Meeting to Discuss Addison's Housing and Redevelopment** Policy Scheduled for February 15



In response to questions regarding the Town's approach to its housing and redevelopment policy by a group of residents, a special community meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at the Addison Conference Centre to discuss the topic in more detail. Below is the schedule:

- **5:30pm 6pm:** Town Staff Available at Stations to Discuss a Variety of Topics
- Related to Housing and Redevelopment • 6pm: Formal Presentation Followed by an Opportunity for Community Input

### **Construction Corner**

Rawhide Creek Basin Drainage Project Update





In November 2022, Addison Public Works and Engineering began the construction work of Rawhide Creek Basin Drainage and associated American Disability Act (ADA) Improvements. The project involves installing the new drainage system adjacent to Rawhide Creek Basin to alleviate the neighborhood's potential flooding and ponding issues.

This month, the contractor (Texas Standard) is working on excavation work for the detention system, installing a junction box along the Trail Park corridor, and lowering the main water lines at various street locations to avoid conflicts with the proposed new storm drainage system. Impacted water customers will be notified in advance of brief scheduled shutdowns of the water main that are necessary to complete the water line lowering work.

The contractor is ready to pour concrete for the detention system foundation base and anticipates the delivery of the detention storm trap drainage system to start the installation of the storm drainage structure by the first week of February. If weather permits, the final project completion and closeout are expected by the end of September.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the Town of Addison's Capital/Development Projects Manager, Wilson Kakembo, at <u>wkakembo@addisontx.gov</u> or by calling (972) 450-2870. You can find more information on the project and register for email and text updates at www.addisontexas.net/rawhide

# **Around Town**

**Residents Welcome Addison's New City Manager** 



Addison hosted a Meet and Greet for the new city manager on Wednesday, January 25 at the Athletic Club. Many thanks to the residents who dropped by to welcome David Gaines to Addison. If you missed the event, feel free to stop by Town Hall or email David at dgaines@addisontx.gov to say hello and share your thoughts about Addison's future.



On Thursday, January 19, the Economic Development & Tourism Department hosted their monthly Meet and Greet at the Aberdeen Building located at 14841 N. Dallas Parkway. The 314,289-square-foot office building is home to Bottle Rocket Studios, National Bankruptcy Services, Venturity Financial Partners, and several other companies. People who work in the office building were provided with complimentary hot chocolate and sweets during the lunch hour. They were thanked for working in Addison, and the staff answered questions about the Town. Economic Development Manager Lauren Williams, Tourism Manager Amber Patterson, and Economic Development Manager Orlando Campos were joined by new City Manager David Gaines. Employees were excited to feel welcomed by the community.

**Silver Line Revenue Service Date Pushed to 2026** 



On January 19, DART and its design contractor Archer Herzog held a community meeting at the Addison TreeHouse to provide an update on the Silver Line. In addition to sharing information on the progress of the Addison Station, road rail crossings, and the Arapaho bridge construction, they informed those in attendance that the date for revenue service has been pushed to 2026. Unexpected delays in construction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including labor shortages and a nationwide shortage of appropriate steel and concrete, as well as major design changes involving the rail crossings at Hillcrest and Coit roads, have extended the planned opening of the Silver Line project. Service testing is currently scheduled to begin in late 2025, with the start of revenue service planned for late 2026.

You can read the presentation here.

WaterTower Presents The Play That Goes Wrong



Goes Wrong, opens February 1 at the Addison Theatre Centre. This Oliver Award-winning comedy is a hilarious hybrid of Monty Python and Sherlock Holmes. Welcome to opening night of The Murder at Haversham Manor where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. With an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines), it's "TONS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!" according to the HuffPost. Buy your tickets now to see The Play that Goes Wrong, running February 1 - 12.

Valentine's Day at the Club Means Cookies, Crafts, and Cards



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