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September 29, 2023

Council Updates

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendments Approved by Council

At the September 26 City Council meeting, Chief Financial Officer Steven Glickman presented Council with the second amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget. Each year, Finance staff reviews the budget to determine which items should be recognized with formal budget amendments. When budget variances occur that are outside of the authority of the City Manager, these adjustments are presented to the Council in the form of a budget amendment. The FY2023 budget was adopted by Council on September 12, 2022. This is the second amendment to the FY2023 Town of Addison annual budget.

The major General Fund items highlighted in the amendment totaled $741,000 but were offset by an equal increase in sales tax. These included transfers to the Facility Maintenance Fund, personnel costs in the General Services and Finance Departments, street maintenance, and replacement of a damaged bus shelter.

Additionally, the amendment authorized the City Manager to transfer unexpended appropriations and excess revenue from the FY2023 budget to the FY2024 Self-Funded Special Projects Fund. It also allocated funds from the prior year's Self-Funded Special Projects Fund encumbrances for several projects including new fire station bay door grill gates, Wheeler Bridge painting, and the Vitruvian Park Fitness Court.

A Utility Fund appropriation of $250,000 was approved to provide funding for higher than anticipated wholesale water purchases due to a hotter and dryer spring and summer than anticipated. These additional appropriations were offset by corresponding increased water sales revenue, resulting in a net impact to the Utility Fund of $0.

You can watch Council's budget amendment discussion here and read the presentation here.

Council Makes Appointments to Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

To support the Town's Comprehensive Plan update process, the City Council appointed a 25-member Advisory Committee at its September 26 meeting that consists of residents and business representatives, as well as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission and three legacy members. Legacy members are residents with a long history of service to the Town who can share context on how the Town has evolved. This committee will serve as a sounding board for staff and the consultant as they develop the new comprehensive plan.

Residents:
Aaron J. Benjamin
Al Cioffi
David Collins
James (Jim) Decuir
Kathryn Eriksen
Susan Halpern
Joseph Hornisher
Liz Oliphant
Conrad Ornstein
Jim Peck
Carol Rennesund
Tyler Sommers
Kathryn Wheeler
Tyler Wright

Planning & Zoning Representative:
Denise Fansler

Legacy Members:
Al Angell
Tom Braun
Jim Duffy

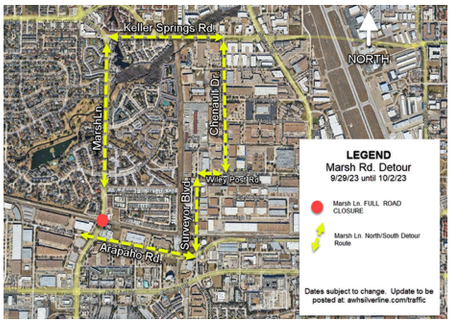
Business Representatives
Abigail Stoddart
Britton Wells
Kris Brown
Kris Hannon
Mark Godfrey
Patrick Arnzen
Taylor Bowen

This plan update will include formal and informal community engagement events, individual interviews and focus groups, as well as web-based engagement mechanisms that allow residents to engage in the process at their own convenience.

You can watch the Council's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee discussion here and read the presentation here.

Construction Corner

Three-Day Marsh Lane Closure Scheduled for 9/29 - 10/2



Archer Western Herzog (AWH), DART's Silver Line contractor, is planning a full closure of Marsh Lane at the railroad crossing just north of Arapaho Road from **Friday, September 29 at 8pm - Monday, October 2 at 6am**. The full closure is necessary to lay new rail across Marsh in one piece with no joints. Traffic heading north on Marsh will be detoured to Arapaho and traffic heading south onto Country Club. Please consider alternate routes during the closure.

Expect Road Closures on Quorum Drive on Saturday, September 30 for MK5K Race

19TH annual mk5k and one-mile fun run

Mary Kay is hosting a 5k and one-mile fun run on Saturday, September 30. Please be aware of road closures and expect delays around Addison Circle from 7am - 10am. The run will begin at 8am and most streets will re-open by 10am. A map and more information on alternate routes can be found here, but here are the highlights:

- **Quorum Drive** – Closed from the north side of Addison Circle to Westgrove Drive, including all intersections and driveway approaches in between.
- **Keller Springs** – Closed from Ledgemont to Dallas Tollway
- **Airport Parkway** – Closed from west side of Quorum Drive to Meridian Lane

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All Midway Road Traffic from Keller Springs to Lindbergh Switched to New Southbound Pavement

On Thursday, September 28, Midway Road traffic north of Belt Line Road was switched to the newly constructed southbound pavement from Keller Springs Road to Lindbergh Drive. There is now one lane of traffic in each direction and a continuous turn lane. This adjustment is designed to facilitate the renovation of the existing northbound lanes.

Drivers should pay close attention to the traffic control and lane assignments in this area and observe the location of signal heads and directional signage at the intersections. Please remember that the speed limit along this area is 40 MPH.

From Spring Valley Road to Belt Line Road, construction is progressing on the sidepath trail, retaining walls, and barrier-free sidewalk ramps. Final grading work, irrigation, landscape improvements, and traffic signal work will follow to complete this segment of the project. Installation of the new 16 inch waterline under the DART Right-of-Way is complete and final backfilling and testing should be completed within the next month.

You can register for Midway Road text updates by texting the word Midway to 888-777 or subscribe to email updates at www.Addisontexas.net/midway. Thank you for your patience as we strive to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

Around Town

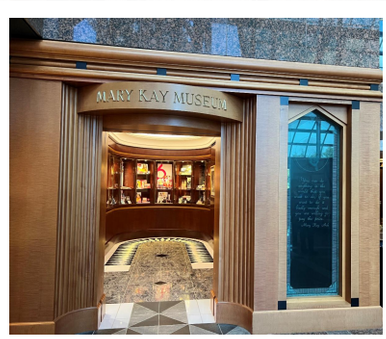
Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Dolce Paradiso with a Ribbon Cutting

On Wednesday, September 27, the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting event for Dolce Paradiso. Mayor Bruce Arfsten and Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Guillermo Quintanilla stopped by to congratulate the owners on joining the Chamber and thank them for calling Addison home for the past two years.

Dolce Paradiso is a bakery, café, and bistro located at 5030 Addison Circle. With beautiful custom cakes and a full breakfast and lunch menu, they are a favorite for those who live, work, and visit Addison Circle. You can find their menus and photos of their couture wedding and celebration cakes on their website.

Make sure to stop in and try their custom coffee blend next time you are in the Addison Circle district.

Mary Kay Museum Official Reopening Commemorates the Company's 60th Anniversary



On Wednesday, September 27, Mary Kay celebrated its 60th anniversary by honoring the legacy of its founder, Mary Kay Ash, during the grand re-opening of the Mary Kay Museum. Mayor Bruce Arfsten, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Guillermo Quintanilla, Council Members Nancy Craig and Marlin Willesen, and City Manager David Gaines toured the updated museum and heard Mary Kay CEO Ryan Rogers share some of the achievements of the organization over the past six decades.

The museum is a tribute to legendary businesswoman Mary Kay Ash, the incredible company she built, and the millions of women whose lives have been touched by her vision and success over the past 60 years. It is located on the ground floor of Mary Kay's global headquarters at 16251 Dallas Parkway and is open to the public from 9am - 4pm, Monday through Thursday.

Addison Appoints Latesha Dejua as New Director of Human Resources

The Town of Addison is pleased to announce the appointment of Latesha Dejua as the new Director of Human Resources, effective September 25. Dejua will be succeeding Passion Hayes, who has been promoted to the position of Deputy City Manager.

Dejua brings a vast amount of experience and expertise to her new role as HR Director, having demonstrated her exceptional leadership and strategic skills in both the private and public sectors throughout her career. Her impressive background includes a diverse range of roles, where she has consistently excelled in delivering results and fostering positive workplace environments.

Read More

Nationwide Emergency Alert Test Planned of October 4

FEMA plans to conduct a nationwide test of its Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) on **Wednesday, October 4** at approximately 1:20pm.

How will this affect you?

- Wireless phones should receive a test message accompanied by a unique tone and vibrations. The messages will read: “THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed.”
- If Spanish is the set language, the message will read, “ESTA ES UNA PRUEBA del Sistema Nacional de Alerta de Emergencia. No se necesita acción.”
- People listening to radio and television broadcasts will hear a one-minute test message similar to the regular monthly test. It will state: “This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, covering the United States from 14:20 to 14:50 hours ET. This is only a test. No action is required by the public.”

The purpose of the Oct. 4 test is to ensure that the systems continue to be effective means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly those on the national level. In case the Oct. 4 test is postponed due to widespread severe weather or other significant events, the back-up testing date is Oct. 11.

Trees Marked with Yellow Ribbons Part of the Town's Tree Inventory Project

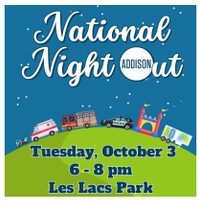
The Parks Department is implementing a new tree inventory software which will help the Town better manage Addison’s Urban Forest. Starting Wednesday, October 11, two arborists will be locating, cataloguing, and photographing a total of 7,500 trees in parks, trails, Rights-of-Way, Town facilities, and streetscapes in Addison. After a tree has been documented, a yellow ribbon will be tied around it to indicate that it has already been inventoried. The trees are not being removed and the ribbons will be discarded once the project is complete.

The goal is to inventory approximately 250 trees a day, so the work will take roughly two weeks to complete, weather permitting. Once the survey has been completed, the information will be uploaded into the new software and the Town’s GIS database.

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact Forestry Manager Matt Ansted at mansted@addisontx.gov.

Upcoming Events

Addison to Host a National Night Out Event in Les Lacs Park on October 3



Join Addison for a night of community at National Night Out! Get up close with fire trucks and learn about fire safety and explore police cars and meet our local officers. There will also be a food available for purchase from Ruthie's, free cotton candy, and more! Grab a lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy time in the park with neighbors.

Tuesday, October 3
6 – 8pm
Les Lacs Park

Howl-O-Ween AO Pop Up for Dogs

Come enjoy a free Paw-some Addison Outdoors program! Join us at Spruill Dog Park and get a photo of you and your best four-legged friend. There will be games and free photographs. Dress your pup up in its best costume for a costume contest! Prizes will be awarded.

Saturday, October 7
12 – 1pm
Spruill Dog Park

FREE Pop-Up Yoga Hosted By Addison Outdoors

Namaste and play with games and free yoga. Bring your mat and find your center for a yoga session hosted by Addison Circle Yoga. Yoga starts at 10:30am and games are available from 10 - 12pm. Food will be available through the Java & Hopps at the Addison Circle Park pavilion.

Saturday, October 7
10am - 12pm
Addison Circle Park

Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Hosts Mayors' Forum

The Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Mayors' Forum on October 12. Mayors from Addison, Carrollton and Farmers Branch will share updates about their respective cities.

Thursday, Oct 12, 2023
11:30am - 1pm
Vouv Meeting & Event Space
4445 Sigma Rd. Dallas TX 75244

Purchase Tickets Here

Next City Sips & Scoop is October 17

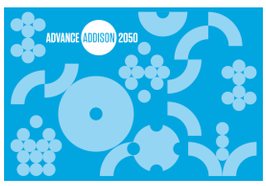
You are invited to Addison's next City Sips & Scoop event on October 17 in Addison Circle Park. Staff or City Council members will provide updates on Addison projects, events, and matters of interest during these monthly community events.

Tuesday, October 17
8:30am
Java & Hopps (Addison Circle Park)

SAVE THE DATE
Public Kick-off Meeting for the 2023 Comprehensive Plan on October 18

Join us at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 18 at the Addison Conference Centre at 15650 Addison Road for a Comprehensive Plan Community Kick-off Meeting. There will be a brief presentation by staff and the Town's planning consultant, Verdunity, and interactive stations to begin the community dialogue addressing growth and redevelopment, housing, infrastructure & mobility, social amenities, and fiscal sustainability through the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Wednesday, October 18
6:30pm
Addison Conference Centre



Corporate Field Day is October 19

Come compete with other Addison businesses for awards, prizes, and most importantly, bragging rights during 2023 Corporate Field Day. The fee is $200 per team. Businesses are allowed multiple teams.

Thursday, October 19
Addison Circle Park

Register Here

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
- Addison Instagram
- 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

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

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