



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF ADDISON COMMUNITY

Weekly E-Newsletter June 12, 2009

## [A Note from City Manager Ron Whitehead](#)

### Beckert Park Dedication

Many of the past and present city council members showed up for the dedication of Beckert Park.



Frank Klein, Diane Mallory, Glynda Turner, Ann Sudduth, Tom Braun, Bob Barrett, and Blake Clemens.



Ann Sudduth, Tom Braun, Scott Wheeler, Kimberly Lay, Rich Beckert, Greg Hirsch, Diane Mallory, Glynda Turner and Blake Clemens.



There was a very good crowd for the first Symphonic Saturday and the dedication of Beckert Park on June 6th!



Mayor Chow reads a proclamation honoring Rich Beckert as members of the Richardson Symphony prepare to play at the first Symphonic Saturday in Beckert Park.



**Sandy, Rich and Rebecca Beckert in front of the plaque in Beckert Park.**

## **[A Note from Police Chief Ron Davis](#)**

It has come to my attention that an alarm company by the name of American Alarm Co, Inc has been going door to door soliciting sales of alarm systems. At least one of the sales persons has intentionally or unintentionally misrepresented several facts related to alarms in general. To help you make an informed decision I am providing some information related to American Alarm Co, Inc specifically and about the alarm industry in general. Keep in mind that in no way am I endorsing or condemning any one company that provides alarm services, these are only the facts as I know them.

First, no alarm company has a permit to go door to door soliciting alarm sales in Addison. If you are approached, ask to see their permit. If they don't have one or it appears improper call the police immediately. Second, at least one sales representative from American Alarm Co, Inc has implied that sometime in the summer if your existing alarm operates off of a land phone line that it will stop working as all alarms will convert to digital / wireless technology. According to the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA), a professional organization dedicated to promoting professional ethics and standards among alarm companies, this is not true. In addition, mention was made by a sales representative that there have been several false alarms in some of our Addison homes and that the homeowners could face \$50 fines. Yes, we have false alarms and yes if you have more than five false alarms in a year you will be fined, but not for anything less than five.

The American Alarm Co, Inc has a 263 area code which is in North Carolina. Nothing unusual or wrong about an out of state firm working in Texas; however, the NBFAA does not list them as a member of their organization. That said, there are at least two other alarm companies that go by a name very similar to American Alarm Co, Inc that are members of the NBFAA, one of these companies is local. I have included two pamphlets provided by the NBFAA that provides excellent information on how to select an alarm company. I urge you to read them.

On the subject of alarms in general you often hear in the news about alarm companies and police departments at odds over false alarms, this is true; however, it is a love-hate relationship. When an alarm system works properly they are a great aid to law enforcement. Little is more satisfying to a police officer than to catch a real live burglar and alarms can play a big role in making that happen. Fact is a properly installed and monitored alarm system can be an important tool to help protect your property and family. The homeowner does have a responsibility to see that it is maintained and to use it properly. False alarms happen but excessive false alarms to one location tie up a tremendous amount of police resources and waste your tax dollars.

In closing I have shared with you information that I hope you will find useful should you decide to buy an alarm system or upgrade your current system. Again, I am not advocating buying or not buying an alarm system. I will be out next week so it will be a couple of weeks till I write again.

For general Alarm Information and Tips on Selecting an Alarm Company, [please visit this link](#).

## Severe Weather

During the thunderstorms we experienced Thursday morning some of you may have been unfortunate enough to have been stuck on Belt Line during the times the signal lights were knocked out. I received a couple of calls from people asking why we had officers at an intersection sitting in their cars not directing traffic when it was not raining particularly hard at the moment they passed by, good question. We did direct traffic and block a high water crossing for most of the morning. Facilitating traffic by working downed intersections is something we do frequently. The factors that we consider when deciding to work an intersection is the size of the intersection and do we have enough manpower to do it safely. Since all of our Belt Line intersections are large it takes more than one person to work them. Depending on our call load and the fact that sometimes we may have two or three intersections to work simultaneously we may not be able to get to some of them. Another factor is weather. If we have heavy rain like we had this morning our policy is that we will not direct traffic unless there is a threat of injury to the public; traffic jams as aggravating as they are work themselves out eventually, one of our officers getting run over is a different story. Directing traffic in good weather much less bad is dangerous enough. In the circumstance mentioned above the lighting strike detection equipment which we have in dispatch was indicating numerous cloud to ground lighting strikes in the immediate area hence the officers were advised to remain in their cars. Once I explained the reason to the people who had called in they understood. If you see us doing something that doesn't seem to make sense to you please call me. You may or may not agree with our reason but once you know why then you can decide if we made the right decision. Fact is sometimes we don't and we need to know that too!

### Offenses for Town May 31 - June 6, 2009

ARRESTS	
Arrest Clear Offenses	37
Arrest	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>
Single Family Homes	
Addison Place	0
Les Lacs	0
Midway Meadows	1
Theft	1
Oaks North/Bellbrook	1
Burglary Residence	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

Apartments	
Addison Circle	5
Aggravated Assault	1
Assault	1
Theft	1
Theft of Vehicle	1
Traffic	1
Bent Tree/Ledgemont	2
Criminal Mischief	2
BHC/Spring Valley/Marsh	0
Camden	0
Mirada	0
Sojourn/Addison Rd	2
Assault	1
Possession Marijuana	1
Waterford Court	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

All Other Areas	
Assault	6
Attempt Burglary Business	1
Burglary Commercial	2
Burglary Motor Vehicle	7
Criminal Mischief	2
Driving while intoxicated	2
Failure to ID	1
Forgery	1
Fraud	1
Public intoxication	14
Possession cocaine	1
Possession controlled substance	1
Possession marijuana	1
Possession paraphernalia	1
Reckless damage	1
Theft	5
Theft of Vehicle	1
Town ordinance	1
Traffic	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>

## What can Animal Control do for YOU?

Are you confused about animal laws and what constitutes responsible pet ownership in Addison? Michelle Laurence, the Town's animal control officer can help. On Saturday, June 27 at the Addison Athletic Club, Michelle will be available to answer all your questions. In addition you'll also meet Sgt. Byron Tilton and his K-9 partner, Shelby. They will demonstrate safety techniques you can use if you are ever involved in a biting situation. The program is free but you must call or stop by the Addison Athletic club to sign up for this program. Snacks will be served.

Date: Saturday, June 27  
Time: 10 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Place: Addison Athletic Club Muli-purpose room  
Fee: Free

## Fathers Day Weekend B-24 Liberator Bomber Rides

On Fathers Day Weekend, treat yourself or a special friend to a once-in-a-lifetime historic ride on the Commemorative Air Force B-24 Liberator Bomber.

The B-29/B-24 Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will operate Flight Experiences on Fathers Day Weekend, June 20 & 21. Tax Deductable Flight Donation. \$450 per person. Minimum Age 18 (or 13 with advance paperwork) 30-40 minute Flight Experience.

Advance Reservations: 432-413-4100 or [b24rides@gmail.com](mailto:b24rides@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.cafb29b24.org/a/Book-A-Ride.htm> for more information.

## Summer Event Series



### CINEMA IN THE CIRCLE - Now on Fridays

Bring a date or the whole family and spend an evening outdoors enjoying a month of Steven Spielberg movies projected on the large screen.

Admission is FREE. Fridays in June, 9 p.m. Bowl Stage at Addison Circle Park

- June 12 - The Goonies (PG)
- June 19 - Jurassic Park (PG 13)
- June 26 - Jaws (PG)

### Symphonic Saturdays - Now in June

Enjoy summer evenings under the stars in the beautiful Beckert Park (formerly Esplanade Park). Listen to live music from Dallas Wind Symphony and Richardson Symphony Orchestra while you picnic or dine in one of the great Addison Circle restaurants.

Admission is FREE. Saturdays June, 8 p.m.

Visit this site for additional details

## **Chamberlain's Steak and Chop House/Chamberlain's Fish Market Grill**

### **Chamberlains Fish Market Grill**

Chamberlain's Fish Market Grill will be open for Father's Day Brunch on Sunday, June 21 from 10:30 am. - 2:30 pm. And both Chamberlain's Fish Market Grill and Chamberlain's Steak and Chop House will be open for dinner from 5:00 - 9:00 pm serving our regular dinner menu with the following special available.

**\*\*Father's Day Special\*\***  
Filet Mignon and 3/4 lb of Alaskan King Crab Legs  
Served with Roasted Onion Mashed Potatoes  
\$29.95 for Dad's only

Please call 972-503-3474 to make reservations.

[\\*\\*Fish Market Father's Day Brunch menu attached.](#)

## **Ferrari's Italian Villa**

### **Italy on a Budget**

Dine every Tuesday night in June at Ferrari's Italian Villa and spend only \$15.00 for a glass of wine, entree and focaccia bread with Italy on a Budget specials featured each Tuesday night 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The specials are as follows:

June 16 - Manicotti All Fiorentina - pasta encased with ricotta cheese, spinach, roasted hazelnuts, cream, fresh tomato saue and parmigiano

June 23 - Vitello Maria Pia - veal scaloppini sauteed with mushrooms, fresh asparagus & cream; served with vegetable of the day

June 30 - Salmone Alla Griglia - grilled salmon entwined with Italian herbs and served with vegetables of the day

For more details, [visit](#)

## [Addison Perks](#)

Everyone has their own signature dance move - some do *The Mash Potato* or *The Twist*, but in Addison we "Do the Buntastic" with our Addison Perks for June! We show you our best moves with Sandwiches, Wraps and Pitas specials from several of our rockin' restaurants!

The following restaurants are participating this month:

Astoria Cafe  
Dunkin Donuts  
Dunn Bros Coffee  
Farnatchi Pizza and Oven  
Flying Fish  
Humperdink's  
May Dragon  
Quizno's Subs  
TwoRows Restaurant



Click on the link below to sign-up and stay tuned for next months great offers from Addison Perks.

To sign-up for ADDISON PERKS click here <http://www.addisontexas.net/>

## [Upcoming Meetings](#)

For a listing of upcoming 2009 Town Council meetings [click here](#).

## [Comments? Suggestions?](#)

To place comments and suggestions please to go [www.addisontx.gov](http://www.addisontx.gov) and CLICK on "Citizen Support Center".

[CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe.