



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF ADDISON COMMUNITY

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

So You Think You Can Dance Addison?

The last couple of years I have attended the Dance Council's presentation of Taste Dance, Addison Style at the Addison Conference Centre. This year they are performing on Sunday, August 2 from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. You probably didn't know I was a great student of dance. That would be, because I am not, but I do appreciate it and it is amazing to see what people with training and more than a little bit of coordination can do. Unfortunately, I don't have much of either, but you will be surprised to see who does and a lot of those people, who are sort of just like you and me, get to demonstrate their talent. This happens after each group performs and is one of the reasons I hope you will come and see this wonderful production.

The trained dancers perform and then they invite anyone in the audience who wants to learn some of their dance steps, to participate in a lesson. The four performing groups are stellar and amazing to watch, but then they teach the audience and that is really fun to see. You don't have to dance. You can just watch, but lots of people really get into it and it is a sight! The kids love it and children under 5 get in free. It is only \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Taste Dance Addison Style started in 2002 and is in its eighth year.

The four groups performing this year are:

- Gocha & Shorena Center of Dance
- Maguire School of Irish Dance
- Dallas Ballet Company
- JK Wong Kungfu Tai Chi Academy Lion Dance

Eight bucks a piece for two hours of entertainment and free parking is a pretty good Sunday afternoon. It's a great date or outing for the family.

You can purchase tickets in advance by going to <http://www.thedancecouncil.org> or by calling 214 219-2290.

George H.W Bush Elementary School in Addison

DISD has given us permission to post some of the renderings of the new school concept plans that will be built at Loos Field in Addison. Click on this link to view the rendering and learn more about the school http://www.addisontx.gov/Departments/city_council/News_Articles/DISD_school.asp. The Pre K-5 school was officially named by the DISD school board and will open in September of 2011. WRA Architects of Dallas have presented some drawings to show some of their ideas and those were discussed at the public meeting the week before last. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Braun and Councilmember, Bianca Noble are leading the project from the town's perspective. Edwin Flores, our DISD School Board Representative said that the elder President Bush was very pleased to hear the Addison School had been named in his honor. The President has been a frequent visitor to Addison over the years. He was present for two functions at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum earlier this year and has a great affection for aviation. You may remember that the 41st President of the United States flew 58 combat missions in WWII and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Air Medals and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Is this really July?

I went to the baseball game in Arlington on Wednesday night and I could not believe the temperature. It was so pleasant and totally uncharacteristic of July in Texas. I am hoping that is a harbinger of good things to come for the Ranger's. They swept the series by winning three games against Boston and the game we saw was so fun. A double steal, a squeeze play on a great bunt from Andrus and two outstanding catches by Kinsler. I also got a foul ball, but it was only after some young man almost lost a hand batting it down. It just rolled over and hit me in the heel of my right foot. It really didn't hit me. It was more like a nudge, so I gave the ball to the young man that sacrificed his digits. My daughter said I needed to ask her before I give anymore foul balls away. It just seemed like the thing to do at the moment.

I was supposed to be talking about the weather. The cooler weather is a welcome relief, even though I know that we will probably pay for it with 90 degree temperatures in to October. There are those that say the Ranger's always wilt under the heat of Texas after the all star break, so maybe this year will be different. It feels different!

Addison Post Office

You have probably been reading about the US Postal Service and a lot of the pressures they are under, because of falling revenues in this economy. Our own post office has had those pressures too. They are not staffed exactly like they use to be, but they are still working hard to serve us. Donna and I experienced this service this week. We showed up to get new passports, so we can go to Canada in the fall. Mine had expired. You know that saying "If your kids can afford to travel, you can't!" That is the mode we have been in for over ten years, so we needed passports.

A nice lady named Denise Davis got us processed and on our way. She was pleasant, efficient and busy, but she took care of us. She is pretty exemplary of the service the employees at our post office have been providing for years. They are trying to do their best with less, so I hope you will give them a kind word of encouragement or thanks the next time you are in there. We are lucky to have our own post office and our own Postmaster. In the Fall we will be requesting that the people in the one remaining Dallas Zip Code be able to decide if they want to have 75001 also. I will tell you more about that as we get further along. Anyway, if the line is a little longer at the Addison Post Office and it takes you a couple of minutes more to mail something, just be patient and know that the employees at our post office are doing their best. In this economy, we may have to be more patient and kind in a lot of different situations. That doesn't seem like it would be a bad thing for us.

Appraised Values

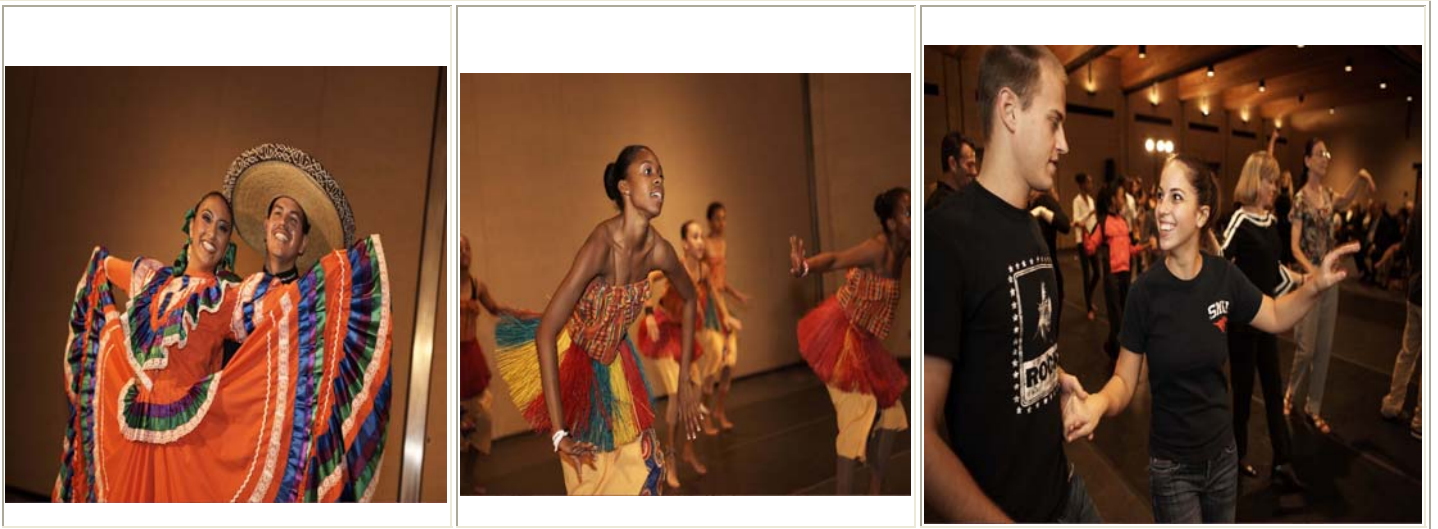
The Dallas County Appraisal District issued their latest information on Addison's appraised values and it was down 11% from last years appraisals versus the 5% we were projecting. Residential appraisals were only down 1%, but Commercial and Business Personal Property were the bulk of the reduction. What we pay in taxes is a combination of our appraisals and the tax rate. People tend to fixate on tax rates, but obviously appraised values are important also. The real question is how much money is the town collecting one year versus another? The other question is who is the Town collecting the money from; and I guess the most important question is, are you receiving good value for what you are paying?

Cities across the country have a lot of challenges in this economy, but so do businesses and individuals. We are going to focus on how we all get through this together. The next two months we will be talking about our plans to do just that and we will welcome your participation.

Conference Centre Trees

Over the years we have gradually lost over half of the trees that were originally planted around the Conference Centre on Addison Road. Mary Kay donated four beautiful Red Oaks to replace some of the London Planes we lost in front of the Stone Cottage. London Planes are like Sycamore trees and we really loved the look, but each summer they undergo stress and drop most of their leaves. We have removed most of them along Addison Road and Addison Circle Drive, but the remaining ones are slowly dying like the others. Some cities have banned the London Planes, because they cause people breathing problems from some of the things they drop. It is probably going to look a little stark for a while until we get them replaced with a more appropriate tree. I just didn't want you to be surprised if you drive by. We hate taking out any tree, but sometime we just can't avoid it if they are diseased or dying.

[Taste Dance - Addison Style!](#)



Dance Council will host four companies showcasing dance from around the world. This is a wonderful program and an opportunity to learn some new dance steps. Make plans to attend Sunday, August 2nd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The event will be held at the Addison Conference & Theatre Centre at 15650 Addison Road and will showcase the following:

Gocha & Shoreno Center of Dance
Maguire School of Irish Dance
Dallas Ballet Company
J. K. Wong Kungfu Tai Chi Academy (Lion Dance)

For more information visit www.thedancecouncil.org

[WaterTower Theatre](#)



[Unnecessary Farce](#) Paul Slade Smith

In a cheap motel room, an embezzling mayor meets with his female accountant while two undercover cops wait in the room next door to videotape the tryst. But there's some confusion as to who's in which room, who's being videotaped, who's taken the money, who's hired a hit man, and why the accountant keeps running around in her underwear. In the grand tradition of *Noises Off*, *Unnecessary Farce* is a side-splitting comedy sure to have you rolling in the aisles with laughter.

Visit
<http://www.watertowrtheatre.org/>
for more info.

[Summer Series](#)



July Jazz

Listen to some of the areas top jazz musicians while you picnic or dine at one of the Addison Circle restaurants, every Saturday in July. Admission is FREE. Located at Beckert Park (formerly Esplanade Park) and beginning at 8:00 pm.

July 25 - Breggett Rideau

[Visit this site for additional details](#)

[Cavanaugh Flight Museum - B-24 Rides](#)

Cavanaugh Flight Museum is now taking B-24 Ride Reservations for Saturday, July 25th.

Imagine 1944, crawling up into a B-24 Liberator. You are one of a ten man flight crew, young, far from home, climbing to altitude, 30 degrees below zero, flying missions in the fight to defeat tyranny and defend freedom. Experience flight on the Commemorative Air Force B-24A Liberator. Hear the rumble and roar of the engines, feel the wind in your face.

Honor the men and women of that era who rallied when America asked. Your flight donation keeps the memories alive by supporting this historic aircraft. Keep 'em flying!

For more information visit <http://www.cafb29b24.org/a/Book-A-Ride.htm>.

[Ferrari's Italian Villa](#)

July Sardinian Menu

Experience July in Sardinia at Ferrari's Italian Villa.

Monday through Thursday during the month of July, Francesco Secchi (who is from Sardinia) has devised a bill of fare that showcases Sardinian cuisine with wine - Vermentino (white) or Cannonau (red).

Each dish, which includes a glass of wine, is \$25.00.

[Click here to view the menu.](#)

Francesco Secchi will end his July in Sardinia special on a beautiful symphonic note by featuring a string quartet at Ferrari's Italian Villa Addison --

14831 Midway Rd

Addison, TX 75001 -- on

Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 PM.

The Richardson Symphony Orchestra will regale diners as they feast upon the July in Sardinia special of the night which is skewered grilled Sardinian sword fish with agro-dolce (sweet & sour) for \$25 --- this price is inclusive of a glass of wine.

Regular menu options will also be available

www.ferrarisrestaurant.com.

**Reservations Required and can be made by calling
972-980-9898.**

Chamberlain's - Celebrating Restaurant Week

Chamberlain's Fish Market Grill and Chamberlain's Steak and Chop House

Preview Week - August 14-16

**~ Three Courses Food with 10 Cane Rum "Electric Lemonade"
\$40.00 per person
Wine \$16.50 additional per person
(Any Three Glasses of Wine from the Restaurant Week Menu)
~ Specialty Course \$5.00 additional per person ~**

Restaurant Week - August 17-30

**~ Three Courses Food \$35.00 per person ~
~ Three Courses Wine \$16.50 additional per person ~
(Any Three Glasses of Wine from the Restaurant Week Menu)
~ Specialty Course \$5.00 additional per person ~**

To view the menu for each restaurant, click here:

[Chamberlain's Fish Market Grill](#)

[Chamberlain's Steak and Chop House](#)

Kittrell/Riffkind - Artist Demonstration Announcement

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Kittrell/Riffkind invites you to join artist Steve Scherer as he manipulates glass using a torch in the studio. Steve is best known for the fantastic glass creatures that he creates within clear glass orbs.

Grab a friend, come by on August 7 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, meet the artist and watch the magic as he transforms molten glass into objects of beauty!

5100 Belt Line Road, Suite 820
www.kittrellriffkind.com

972-239-7657



[Addison Perks](#)

Addison is always a blast with tons of things to see and do, but we really light up the sky with Kaboom Town! and our Addison Perks for July, "Blast off with Burgers!" There's nothing more patriotic than sharing your July with family, friends and fabulous burgers from any of our fantastic eateries!

The following restaurants are participating this month:

Burger House Hamburgers
Great Outdoors Sub Shop
Humperdink's
J's Breakfast & Burgers
Joe's Italian Cafe
Logan's
May Dragon
McDonald's
Stadium Cafe
Topz Healthier Burger Grill
Vernon's Grille



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 and CLICK on "Citizen Support Center".

[CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe.