



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF ADDISON COMMUNITY

Weekly E-Newsletter September 26, 2009

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

Birds of a Feather

I was driving down Montfort the other day and saw an interesting sight in front of the Jewish Family Services building across from WalMart. There was a small gaggle of Canadian Geese that had dropped in to rest a while prior to their journey further south. It was unusual, because they were just hanging out on this small patch of grass in the middle of all this activity and paving. They let me get pretty close to them and did not seem bothered that I snapped their picture. Unlike some of the other inhabitants of the area, they didn't even honk at me.



Spruill Park Dedication

We had the dedication of the park in Addison Circle on Sunday. A number of former council members were present to honor Lynn Spruill for her leadership and vision during her time on council and as mayor. Lynn lives in Starkeville, Mississippi which is where she grew up as a child. Lynn was a pilot for Delta Airlines while she was Mayor of Addison and has since received a law degree and a master's in public administration. She loves municipal management and is the City Administrator in Starkeville. Lynn's energetic style and love of learning helped her be a leader in the region. She became the President of the North Texas Council of Governments which is the regional planning agency for sixteen counties in the north Texas area. It was so good to see her and she was genuinely pleased and proud to be honored in this way. The park is a great addition to Addison Circle and I hope you will visit it soon.



North Texas Commission Meeting

We got to go to the new Cowboys Stadium on Tuesday for the first time. Mayor Chow is on the Super Bowl Host Committee, so he has been there for a lot of meetings. Our 22 hotels will benefit from the game and the numerous events that will happen over the months leading up to the Super Bowl in February of 2011. Jerry Jones and Roger Staubach spoke to us about using the stadium as an economic generator for the region and the importance of this event to north Texas. The Commission is a collection of communities and businesses that promote north Texas assets around the world. Oh, the stadium is incredible, just like you have heard. The scoreboard weighs a million pounds and seven people are in it when they have a game. I forgot to ask what they are doing in there during the game, but I guess they are operating it or something. They even have a bathroom in the scoreboard. It could get uncomfortable if you were suspended over the stadium for a couple of overtimes with no bath room. It is really pretty stunning and very flexible. They can do soccer, football, concerts, lunches, banquets and probably things we haven't even thought of yet. Anyway, it was fun to see everything. They gave us a tour afterwards and I got to see the Cowboys locker room. They had the field rolled up getting ready for a concert. I am pretty sure I could not kick a ball that would hit the bottom of the scoreboard.

Councilmember's Blake Clemens, Bianca Noble, Mayor Joe Chow, Tom Braun, and Don Daseke were in attendance at the event



The 2009-10 Budget

After about six months of work the City Council unanimously adopted the budget for next year that will go into effect on October 1st. The City Council adopted a budget that will maintain the high level of service we have grown to enjoy in Addison. The budget also enables us to complete the projects that are important to Addison's future and help us recover from the present economic conditions. The new tax rate at .496 is one of the lowest in the county. We will be working on new economic development initiatives to aid in that recovery and protect our Triple A bond rating. Thanks to everyone that provided input and guidance in that process.

Althea, Rose of Sharon – Hibiscus Syriacus

This is one of my favorite plants. It likes the heat and it has great blooms in late summer. This one is at the back door at Town Hall. They come in a couple of colors. My neighbors have a white one that I really like also.



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

Some folks have been asking about the 3 terrorist incidents we had in Les Lacs last week. I am happy to report that we had no terrorist incidents but did have three terroristic threat offenses from the same location. A terroristic threat occurs when one person makes a physical threat against another. All three of these incidents involved two neighbors who are not getting along. I appreciate those people who misread the crime summary and called or e-mailed me to get clarification.

On another note we had a busy but good Oktoberfest event! We made our usual number of event related arrests but the real story is what went on elsewhere in Town this last weekend! On Friday night right in the middle of the event we received a call that people were breaking into cars along Belt Line. Officers responded and confronted three suspects who were in the act of breaking into cars; all of whom fled in different directions on foot. After several short foot chases through various parking lots, all three suspects were apprehended! Some really good work by our patrol folks considering it was already a busy night.

As Mr. Whitehead mentioned in his e-News comments a couple of weeks ago, burglaries of vehicles are taking place in record numbers everywhere. I don't think it is so much the economy as it is people make themselves easy targets by the items they leave in cars. In the good'ol days about the only thing stolen from cars were in-dash stereos. To get a stereo out of a dash took a certain amount of skill and a little bit of time. Now days you hardly ever hear about a stereo being stolen; it's always GPS devices, laptop computers or golf clubs. To break a car window and reach in and grab these items takes no time or skill. Fact is as long as people continue to provide easy opportunities for thieves the problem is going to remain.

We also had another important arrest thanks to patrol over the weekend. They caught an armed robbery suspect in the act who was responsible for 5 business robberies in Addison and perhaps as many as 15 to 20 between Dallas, Farmers Branch and Carrollton! Again, some great police work by our patrol folks!

[Check out our newest web site - addisongreen.info](http://www.addisongreen.info)

We want to personally introduce you to Addison Green – www.addisongreen.info -- a relevant, informative new green initiative undertaken by the Town of Addison. We are committed to reduce our ecological footprint and this website is just another step in that direction. It is designed as a forum to spotlight green efforts throughout our community, educate our residents and businesses about emerging trends and provide valuable information that will aid the Addison community in living greener.

We hope Addison Green will become an important resource for you. Please let us know what you think about the website. We want this to be a useful tool for you so your input is invaluable.

[Oktoberfest fun follow-up](#)

With record crowds in spite of threatening weather on Thursday's opening, Addison once again celebrated Oktoberfest in grand style with yodelers, dancers, bratwurst, musicians, lederhosen, chicken dances and much, much more. Mayor Joe Chow tapped the keg on Friday evening. The traditional bier barrel rolling and bowling contests took place Saturday afternoon followed by a German Idol contest pitting aspiring yodelers against each other that evening. Sunday afternoon went to the dogs: the dog parade and then the dachshund races. Cookie Johnston was top dog, beating out 114 competitors and making her people, Noel and Jiyong Johnston, quite proud.





[Mary Kay 5K - Saturday, October 3](#)



A 5K to benefit the Mary Kay Foundation to raise awareness about domestic violence on Saturday, October 3 from 8:00 AM to noon.

Mary Kay Headquarters, 16251 Dallas Parkway, Addison, TX 75001

Visit www.mkacf.org for more information and [click here](#) for a map.

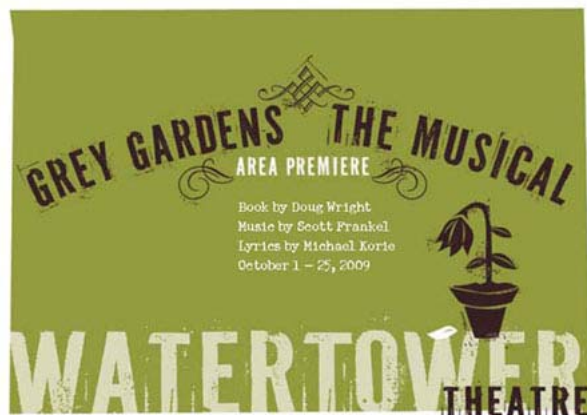
[Click here for road closure information.](#)

[WaterTower Theatre / October 1 - 25](#)

GREY GARDENS - THE MUSICAL

Behind the closed doors of a dilapidated mansion, alongside fifty cats and piles of rubbish, live Edith Bouvier Beale and her daughter "Little Edie" - the eccentric relatives of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Go inside the walls of two shockingly different worlds: the resplendent Grey Gardens of 1941 and the Grey Gardens of 1973 – a crumbling shadow of its former self. Based upon the groundbreaking documentary film by David and Albert Maysles, Grey Gardens is the hilarious and heartbreaking story of two women whose combative and codependent relationship is the one pillar in a constantly eroding house.

For more information visit www.watertow theatre.org



[Kittrell/Riffkind Art Glass](#)



KITRELL/RIFFKIND ART GLASS presents "One of a Kind", a 19th Anniversary celebration featuring unique works from artists nationwide. The festivities begin with an opening reception on Saturday, September 26th from 1-5 pm.

Door prizes, special workshops and demonstrations will continue throughout the exhibit until the show's end on October 25th.

Open Monday through Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Located at 5100 Belt Line Road, Suite 820, Dallas, TX.

Email artglass@kittrellriffkind.com or visit <http://www.kittrellriffkind.com/> or call at 972-239-7957.

[Chamberlain's Fish Market Grill](#)

Chamberlains Fish Market Grill - Japanese Steak and Seafood Cooking Demonstration and Wine Dinner.

Friday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

\$69.95 per person plus tax and 21% gratuity.

[Please click here to view the menu.](#)

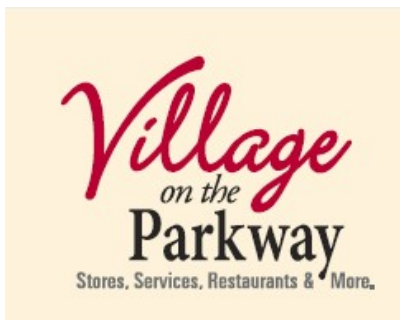
Reservations are required. Please call 972-503-3474.

Visit restaurant's web site at

http://www.addisontexas.net/where_to_eat/restaurants/chamberlains_fish_market_grill.asp



[Village on the Parkway - Concert](#)



Village on the Parkway will host a series of FREE concerts from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. on the newly built Village Main Stage (located on the east side of Bed Bath & Beyond). The schedule begins Thursday, October 1st with the great classic rock sounds of Suburban Legend. Thursday, October 8th Voodoo Blue, a Stevie Ray Vaughan tribute band will play. Energy

packed, no-holds-barred act, Snakeskin will perform on October 15th, and The Spread, a new and smoking hot band playing a great mix of new, alternative and classic rock, takes the stage October 22nd.

Guests are encouraged to visit the patio seating offered at Sherlock's, Blue Mesa, Friday's, Mercy Wine Bar and the other exciting restaurants featured at Village on the Parkway to enjoy the great sounds. Enjoy everything from sumptuous snacks to real meals at our great eateries while we "Rock the Village".

Visit www.thevillageontheparkway.com for more details.

Ferrari's Italian Villa

The Richardson Symphony Orchestra will delight diners at Ferrari's Italian Villa on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 pm by featuring the symphonic music of a string quartet.

A special harmonious dish of jumbo shrimp atop pasta, cherry tomatoes, basil and garlic with a glass of wine will be showcased at \$25.00.

Regular menu options will also be available. Reservations can be made by calling 972-980-9898.

Ferrari's is located at 14831 Midway Road.

[Click here to view their website.](#)

Addison Perks

Fall back in love again with this fabulous fall special from Addison Perks! What a perfect culinary pair to celebrate your perfect romantic pair than a dinner of surf and turf! Addison has the perfect perks this month with "Sea Some Steak" - September's Addison Perks!

The following restaurants are participating this month:

Andiamo Italian
Antonio Ristorante
Avanti Euro Bistro
Chamberlain's Fish Market Grill
Chamberlain's Steak and Chop House
Firefly Asian Grill & Sushi
Flying Fish
Healthy Choice Yogurt
Humperdink's
Jaxx Steakhouse
Joe's Italian Cafe
Kenny's Wood Fired Grill
Lawry's The Prime Rib
Lefty's
Masaryk Modern Mexican Kitchen
May Dragon
Memphis
Remington's Seafood Grill
Shuck 'n Jive
Truluck's Steak & Stone Crabs
ZuZu Handmade Mexican Food



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](#).

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