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October 25, 2024

Council Updates

Special Council Work Session Planned for November 7

The City Council typically cancels its second meeting in November and December due to holiday conflicts. However, in order to keep projects moving, they will be holding a Work Session on Thursday, November 7. Moving forward, monthly Work Sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Agendas will be posted [on the Town's website](#) three days before the meetings.

Congratulations to the Citizens Academy Class of 2024



The City Council recognized the members of the 2024 Citizens Academy at its October 22 meeting. These 14 residents have spent the last four Saturdays learning about all aspects of city government from fire safety to budget. Thank you for your time and dedication. Congratulations!

Mary 'Meg' Ackerman
Jenny Apperti
Schnell Blanton
Chris Bohme
Mike Gelhausen
Curtis Green
Allan Guarino
Scott Hunt
Kimberly Lloyd
Sharron O'Neill
Robert Poer
Wendy Poer
Rhonda Sellers
Andrew Thresher

You can [watch the certificate presentation here.](#)

City Council Approves New Ordinance for Developer-Funded Parks and Trails

At its October 22 meeting, the Addison City Council approved an ordinance introducing new guidelines for developer-funded recreational areas, including parks and trails. The ordinance addresses the growing need for open spaces as the town continues to experience residential and commercial development.

Developed with input from the Council, town staff, and a Public Advisory Committee, this policy ensures that Addison can maintain its high standard of parks and trails while accommodating future growth. The ordinance, initially discussed during work sessions on

June 25 and August 13, updates parkland dedication requirements, introduces a fee-in-lieu option for land dedication, and establishes a park development fee.

Key Components of the Ordinance:

- **Parkland Dedication Requirements:** Developers of residential projects that increase dwelling units must dedicate 1 acre of parkland for every 100 new units. The land must meet specific criteria, such as being near existing open space or aligning with the Town's Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS) Plan.
- **Fee-in-Lieu of Land Dedication:** When land dedication is not feasible, developers may pay a fee of \$5,360 per dwelling unit, with a 30% discount. These funds will be used for acquiring land for parks and trails and will be managed in a dedicated fund.
- **Park Development Fees:** Both residential and commercial developments that increase dwelling units or commercial space will be subject to park development fees. Residential developments will pay \$2,549 per dwelling unit (with a 30% discount), while commercial fees will range from \$0.58 to \$1.34 per square foot. The collected fees will support the development of parks and open spaces.

The ordinance also provides developers the opportunity to earn credit for private park development and to make public park improvements in place of paying park development fees.

Long-Term Planning for Parks and Trails

This ordinance is based on recommendations from the Town's PROS Plan, which identified the need for updated land and funding strategies to meet Addison's long-term parks and recreation goals. The process began in April 2023 when Addison engaged consultant 110% Inc. to analyze parkland dedication requirements and development fees.

You can watch the Council's Parkland dedication discussion here and [read the presentation here](#).

City Council Approves Ordinance Prohibiting Aggressive Dog Training on Town Property

At its October 22 meeting, the Addison City Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Town's Municipal Code to prohibit aggressive dog training on all Town-owned property. The ordinance is part of an ongoing effort to enhance public safety and welfare, following a recent incident that highlighted gaps in the current regulations.

The ordinance defines aggressive dog training as "training for any form of protection including personal or area protection by the apprehension or warding off an individual or other animal by means of barking, threatening gestures, biting, or restraining by use of teeth." The new law prohibits this type of training on all Town property, including parks, streets, sidewalks, and even Addison Airport property.

This change was first discussed at a City Council work session on September 24, 2024, where staff presented the need to address potential risks posed by such training in public spaces. The ordinance provides an exemption for certified peace officers who may need to conduct this type of training as part of their official duties. Otherwise, any person who engages in aggressive dog training on Town property will be in violation of the law and could face penalties.

You can watch the Council's aggressive dog ordinance discussion [here](#).

Volunteers Needed for Addison Airport Master Plan Steering Committee

Addison Airport is beginning the process of updating its Airport Master Plan (AMP) and is seeking community volunteers to serve on the Project Steering Committee (PSC). The AMP is a critical planning tool required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure that airports receiving federal funding remain up-to-date in their development and operations. The last AMP update for Addison Airport was completed in 2016, and rapid growth since then has

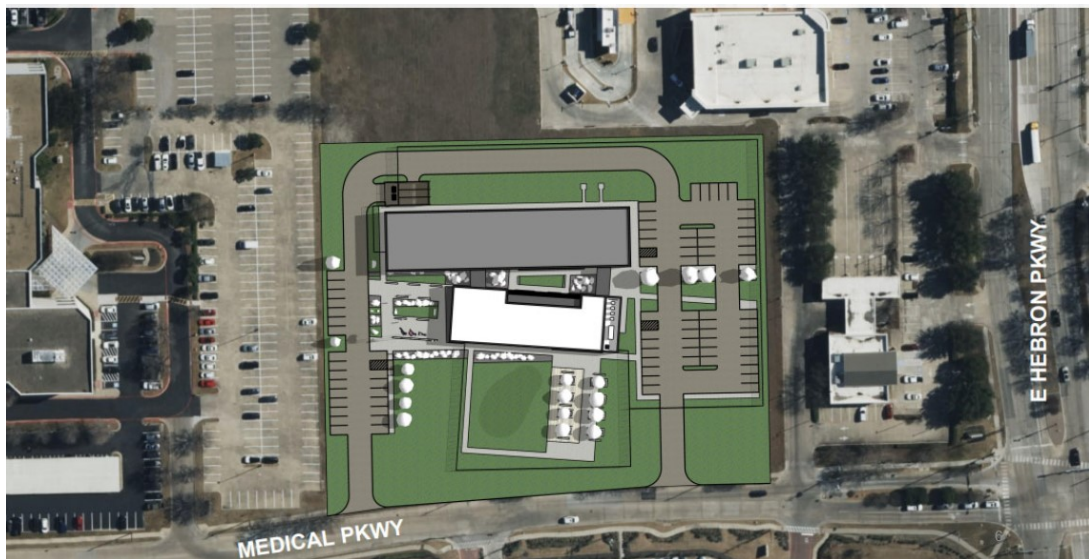
made a new update essential.

A key component of this process is public involvement, and the PSC will play a vital role in representing community interests. The PSC will be composed of airport and community stakeholders, including Addison residents and business representatives. The committee will provide valuable input and ensure that the updated AMP reflects the needs and concerns of the local community.

The Town is inviting residents and business owners who are passionate about the future of Addison Airport to apply for one of these important volunteer positions. The application will be available on the Town's website through November 15 and the Council will make appointments at the December 10 City Council meeting.

[Apply Here](#)

Council Approves Agreement for Land Purchase for New Emergency Communications Center



At its recent meeting, the Addison City Council approved a resolution authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with Metrocrest Hospital Authority and the cities of Farmers Branch, Coppell, and Carrollton for the purchase of property to construct a new North Texas Emergency Communications Center (NTECC) facility. The NTECC, which provides vital public safety communications services, is approaching the end of its 15-year lease, prompting the need for a long-term solution to meet future operational needs.

The ILA marks a significant step toward building a dedicated facility for NTECC, which has been operating in leased space since its inception in 2014. An analysis conducted by NTECC's Executive Director revealed that constructing a new facility would save an estimated \$24.8 million over 30 years compared to continuing the lease. After considering these findings, the NTECC Board of Directors, comprised of the city managers from Addison, Farmers Branch, Coppell, and Carrollton, voted in favor of building a new center.

The selected site for the new NTECC facility is an undeveloped parcel of land owned by the Metrocrest Hospital Authority, located near Medical Parkway and Hebron Parkway. The total cost of the land, including closing fees, is \$3.2 million. Addison's share which is based on the Town's average percentage of calls for service, is 16.807% or \$537,824. To fund this project and the future construction costs, the Addison City Council has approved the issuance of \$3.4 million in Certificates of Obligation.

All four of the cities have approved the ILA so the next step is for the NTECC Board to approve the final construction cost by April 2025. Construction is expected to begin in October 2025, and the new facility will start providing public safety communications services

by October 2028.

You can watch the Council's NTECC discussion here and [read the presentation here](#).

City Council to Move Ahead with Next Steps for Tollway Pedestrian Crossing Plan



At the October 22 City Council meeting, staff presented the latest progress on the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) Pedestrian Crossing Feasibility Study at Belt Line Road. This study represents a key step in improving pedestrian and bicycle access across the Dallas North Tollway (DNT), addressing one of the most significant barriers to safe and convenient active transportation between west and east Addison.

The feasibility study stems from the City-Wide Trails Master Plan (CWTMP), adopted by the Council in May 2021, which highlights the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) as the greatest obstacle for active transportation between west and east Addison. Specifically, Chapter 5 of the CWTMP emphasizes the need for a safer crossing at the Belt Line Road overpass, where a shared-use path for pedestrians and cyclists could dramatically improve access across the tollway.

In the FY2023/2024 budget, funding was set aside to examine potential solutions. Engineering firm Kimley-Horn Associates was brought on board to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best approach for creating a pedestrian and bicycle crossing along Belt Line Road. Their work includes structural and roadway analysis, preliminary and final conceptual design, and 3D renderings to help visualize the crossing.

A key feature of the study was the closure of the southside bridge U-turn at Belt Line Road, which allowed traffic engineers to observe pedestrian and vehicle activity during peak hours.

The data gathered will guide recommendations on future signal adjustments and ensure traffic safety.

Beyond enhancing pedestrian and cyclist safety, another goal was to create a recognizable landmark that will identify the town to drivers along the Dallas North Tollway. The next phase will involve coordinating with the City of Dallas, including the use of Dallas right-of-way, to move the project closer to fruition and explore funding mechanisms.

You can watch [the Council's Tollway crossing discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Deadline for Boards and Commissions Applications is November 22

Are you interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment? Applications for these volunteer opportunities are now available and will be accepted until 5pm on November 22. The Council will discuss appointments at its December 10 meeting. Please direct any questions to City Secretary Valencia Garcia at 972-450-7017 or vgarcia@addisontx.gov.

[Apply Here](#)

Les Lacs Pond Improvement Updates

Hybrid Duck Safely Relocated During Pond Improvement Efforts




The Les Lacs Pond Improvement Project is making great progress, thanks to our highly motivated contractor. As part of the dewatering process, a small group of ducks, including the community's beloved hybrid duck, relocated to the shaded west bank of

the pond. On Wednesday, Addison Animal Services conducted a careful, low-stress capture of the hybrid duck who was immediately transported to the North Texas Wildlife Center. This reputable 501(c)(3) organization is well known for its excellent wildlife care and rehabilitation. The hybrid duck will receive attentive care and have the chance to socialize with other waterfowl. Learn more about the North Texas Wildlife Center [here](#).

Restricted Access at Les Lacs Pond Construction Site

X: 0 in
Y: 0.02 in
DANGER
ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION SITE

AREA CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Per City Ordinance 58-35
No person shall enter closed areas.
Report violators by calling Addison's
Non-Emergency Number:
**469-289-3270**

The Les Lacs Pond Construction project is moving at a fast pace. The temporary construction fence around the site defines the boundaries of the restricted area that should not be entered by anyone who is not working for the contractor. It is extremely unsafe for people to enter and walk around the site during construction hours and after. Out of the utmost regard for the safety of our residents, we have asked the contractor to report any breach into the restricted area to the Addison Police Department. Cameras are also being placed around the site to ensure the area is secured after hours.

Around Town

Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne Visits Metrocrest Chamber



The Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce hosted Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne at its offices on Monday, October 21. During her visit, the Congresswoman provided a legislative update and participated in a Q&A session. Mayor Pro Tempore Darren Gardner and Volunteer Coordinator Suchi Rao attended the event, where the Congresswoman connected with the community and shared updates.

Addison Economic Development Team Hosts Bisnow Event at Spectrum Center



On Wednesday, October 23, the Addison Economic Development team hosted the Future of DFW Office event, organized by Bisnow, at the Spectrum Center, a premier office suite in Addison. Mayor Bruce Arfsten delivered the welcome speech, and Economic Development

Director Wayne Emerson kicked off the event with an informative panel discussion. The team, including Economic Development Analyst Emilio Montalvo and Economic Development Manager David Chavez, engaged with attendees, networked, and shared exciting insights about upcoming developments in Addison. Additionally, Mayor Pro Tempore Darren Gardner, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Nancy Craig, and Council Members Chris DeFrancisco, Dan Liscio, and Marlin Willesen were in attendance, along with City Manager David Gaines and Assistant City Manager Ashley Shroyer. Bisnow, the world's leading business-to-business platform for the commercial real estate industry, reaches more than 11 million readers and hosts over 650 events annually.

Spooky Celebrations and Festive Fun: Halloween and Día de los Muertos Deals & Events in Addison!



It's that time of year again when ghosts, goblins, and ghouls come out to play—and Addison's favorite spots are embracing the spooky spirit! Whether you're in the mood for a Halloween soirée, trivia night, or celebrating Día de los Muertos with music and face painting, there's something for everyone. Here's your guide to the best Halloween and Día de los Muertos events and deals in Addison this year.

Spooky Good Deals and Events

Sign up for the Next Community Clean Up Day



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, November 2
10am - 12pm

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

We are accepting individual
and group volunteers. Email
volunteers@addisontx.gov for
more information.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP CLEAN:

Les Lacs Park
Winnwood Park
Vitruvian Park
Addison Circle Park

AddisonTx.gov/ParkCleanUp

Join us for Addison's townwide Cleanup on Saturday, November 2 from 10am to noon. We'll be working together to keep our parks beautiful. Choose from Les Lacs, Winnwood, Vitruvian, or Addison Circle Park as your cleanup location. Please [RSVP](#) so we can ensure we have enough supplies at each site.

[Sign Up](#)

[Share Your Thoughts on Public Art in Addison](#)

The Town of Addison and Addison Arbor Foundation would like your input regarding public art in Addison! This input will help guide decisions for future art installations within the Town. Please help us by providing your thoughts in this [short survey](#) before November 4.

[Take the Public Art Survey](#)

[Submission Deadline for Addison Fire Stations Mural Contest is October 31](#)



MURAL ART CONTEST ADDISON

HOW IT WORKS

- Submit your mural design artwork for the outside walls of Fire Station 1 and Station 2.
- Designs should reflect themes related to the Addison Fire Department and our community.
- The Fire Department will pick the top designs and then open the voting to the public through social media.
- Two winning artists will be chosen.

THE PRIZE

- The winning artists will bring their visions to life by painting their mural design on a station wall. Addison Fire Department will fund all the necessary art supplies.
- The artists will become a permanent part of Addison's history!

Fire Station 1
Wood Panel Surface
Dimensions: 93" x 97"

Fire Station 2
Wood Panel Surface
Dimensions: 96" x 94"

Scan the QR Code to register and submit your artwork!

Important Dates

- Submission Deadline**
10/31/2024
- Voting Opens**
11/01/2024
- Winners Announced**
11/08/2024

LET'S CREATE SOMETHING UNIQUE TOGETHER!

Are you an aspiring artist, or do you know someone with a creative spark? The Addison Fire Department is looking for local talent to bring two blank canvases to life — one wall at each of Addison's fire stations! We're inviting artists to submit designs that reflect themes related to the Addison Fire Department and the Addison community.

The finalists will be chosen by the department. The fun part? The public will decide the winners through voting on social media! The winning artist will bring their vision to life and their design will become an important part of Addison's history. All necessary art supplies for the winner will be provided by AFD.

Submit your design by October 31 for a chance to leave your mark on our town. Voting opens on November 1, and the winners will be announced on November 8. Don't miss your opportunity to showcase your art!

[Submit Your Design](#)

Upcoming Events

National Drug Takeback day
Addison Athletic Club
Saturday, October 26
10am - 2pm

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day reflects the DEA's commitment to Americans' safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse.



and opioid addiction from ever starting.
Learn more at www.dea.gov/takebackday

Adoption Event
Lazy Dog Cafe
5100 Belt Line Road
Saturday, October 26
1 - 4pm

Help local pets find their furever homes.
Meet some of Addison's adoptable animals
at Lazy Dog Cafe.



Fall Town Meeting
Addison Conference Centre
15650 Addison Road
Tuesday, October 29
7pm

Join the Mayor and Council at the Fall Town Meeting to learn more about the projects going on around Addison.

Halloween Bash
Addison Circle Park
Wednesday, October 30
6 - 8pm

The Addison resident Halloween Bash has moved to Addison Circle Park! Join us for tricks and treats plus inflatables, music, and more at this fun family event.



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:

- addisontx.gov: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department-specific updates on department pages.
- addisontx.gov/projects: Find information on major projects around town, including a map, status updates, and more
- 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:
469-289-3270

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300, Option 2

[Request Bulk Trash Pickup](#)

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

[Addison Website](#)

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[Volunteer](#)

[List of Restaurants](#)

[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

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(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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