WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ADDISON

November 22, 2024

Town Offices Closed on November 27 and November 28 for Thanksgiving

The Town offices, including the Athletic Club, will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. *Thursday's trash collection will be pushed to Friday.*

If you need assistance when offices are closed, please call the non-emergency public safety number at 469-289-3270.

Council Updates

CFO Delivers Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024 Update

Addison's financial policies require the publication of a financial report 60 days after the end of each fiscal quarter. The financial and investment reports CFO Steven Glickman presented to the Council at its November 12 meeting covered the financial performance for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1 - September 30, 2024). Some key highlights included:

- General Fund revenue totaled \$51.4 million, which is 105.9 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- General Fund expenditures totaled \$47.4 million, which is 97.2 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- Sales tax collections totaled \$17.3 million, which is 109.7 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- The Hotel Fund had revenue of \$7.0 million, an increase of \$467 thousand from this time a year ago. Hotel Fund expenditures totaled \$6.7 million.
- Performing Arts expenditures are at 100 percent due to the full payment of the WaterTower Theatre grant.
- Special Events revenues totaled 122.1 percent and expenses totaled 108.3 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- Airport Fund operating revenue totaled \$7.9 million or 108.9 percent and operating expenditures totaled \$5.5 million or 90.2 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- Utility Fund operating revenue totaled \$16.8 million or 103.1 percent and expenditures totaled \$15.8 million or 96.1 percent of the fiscal year budget.
- Stormwater Fund revenue and expenditures are in line with historical averages.

The <u>Fourth Quarter Investment Report</u> adheres to the Town's Investment Policy as adopted by the Council and is in keeping with all State laws. You can <u>watch the Council's quarterly</u> <u>update discussion here</u>, <u>review the presentation here</u>, and <u>read the Financial Report here</u>.

2024 Special Events Recap



2024 Special Events Wrap-Up

November 12, 2024

At the November 12 City Council Meeting, Special Events & Theatre Director Abby Morales shared an operations and financial reconciliation for the 2024 Taste Addison, Addison Kaboom Town!, and Addison Oktoberfest events. Addison's 2024 special events showcased a diverse lineup of new experiences which increased participation from local businesses and interest from sponsors.

You can watch the Council's 2024 events discussion here and read the presentation here.

New Utility Rates Reflected on November Bill

In July 2022, the City Council adopted an updated multi-year utility rate model that anticipates a 5.5% annual rate increase for Fiscal Years (FY) 2025 - 2028. Staff reviews the utility rate model annually to ensure the rate adjustments are appropriate. The Council approved the increase anticipated for FY 2025 at its September 10, 2024 meeting.

The average residential customer will see an increase of \$3.70 per month, but rates may vary based on usage. In addition, the trash and recycling fees are scheduled to increase from \$14.28 to \$14.83, per the Town's contract with CWD. The new utility rate went into effect on October 1 and will appear on the utility bill residents will receive in November. The CWD rate change took effect on November 1 and will be reflected on the December utility bill.

Around Town

Oncor Tree Trimming

Recently, Oncor trimmed trees near electric lines along Belt Line Road and Montfort Drive. Unfortunately, the Town did not receive the customary advance notice regarding this work, which meant Town staff was not able to be present during the pruning process. As a result, we have concerns regarding the quality of the work completed.

We have shared these concerns with Oncor's arborist and regional representatives, and we have been assured that communication around future tree trimming activities in Addison will be improved. While we cannot undo the work that has already been done, we are actively

collaborating with Oncor to address the identified deficiencies and ensure the work meets the expected standards.

We understand Oncor's authority to remove branches within ten feet of a service line and five feet from a grounding line. However, it is important to us that the trimming is done in a way that adheres to both regulatory requirements and sound arboricultural practices. We will continue to work with Oncor to ensure that these standards are met moving forward.

Oncor is planning more pruning work in November on Bedivere Ct., Bellbrook Dr., Belt Line Rd., Buckingham Ct., Celestial Rd., Gillis Rd., Langland Rd., Hampton Ct., Inwood Rd., Paladium Rd., and Winnwood Rd. They are required to place a door hanger notification at each home where pruning will occur. Impacted homeowners should have already received notification.

We will continue to work with Oncor to prevent similar issues in the future.

Citizen Self Service Portal Maintenance Scheduled for November 24 - 27



The Town will perform maintenance on the online permit portal, Citizen Self Service, from Sunday, November 24, through Wednesday, November 27. During this period, the portal will be unavailable. For assistance or questions, please contact Development & Neighborhood Services at 972-450-2880.

Addison Leaders Celebrate Diwali



On Thursday, November 14, Mayor Bruce Arfsten, Mayor Pro Tempore Darren Gardner, and Volunteer Coordinator Suchi Rao attended a Diwali celebration hosted by Hindus of DFW. Diwali is one of the most cherished festivals in Hindu culture and it celebrates the triumph of good over evil. The event featured a dinner and various festivities, with local mayors, leaders, and organizations from across DFW in attendance. The night began with Mayor Bruce Arfsten, along with other local mayors, delivering speeches and lighting the Diya lamp, a symbol of the triumph of light over darkness.





Addison Airport hosted its bi-annual tenant luncheon on November 20. Approximately 290 burgers were enjoyed by airport tenants, staff, and City Council members. This popular event brings together airport tenants and businesses, providing an opportunity to network and meet neighbors.

Les Lacs Pond Renovation Update



The Les Lacs Pond project is slightly ahead of schedule, despite two periods of rainy weather. Texas Standard Construction, known for its extensive experience with similar projects, has efficiently maximized progress during dry and mild conditions. As a result, the new sidewalk additions are complete, along with the new drainage flumes connecting the east and south side cul-de-sacs to the pond.

This week and into early next week, the focus is on completing the pond deepening and removing excess soil before Thanksgiving. After the holiday weekend, work will shift to installing the clay liner and beginning construction on the pond retaining walls.

Click the drone video above to see the latest progress and current activity.

There are several ways to follow the project's progress:

- Register for email updates
- Subscribe to text updates by texting LESLACS to 888-777
- Follow the Town of Addison Facebook page

Wall Removal and Temporary Fencing for Beltway Drive Improvements



To facilitate improvements to Beltway Drive and the Beltway Drive Trail to the south of Addison Grove, the Town has requested that a section of the existing masonry wall be removed. This will include 255 linear feet of wall that is generally located immediately west of the terminus of Magnolia Street (shown in pink in the diagram).

Demolition is currently scheduled to begin on December 5 and is anticipated to take approximately one week to complete. During this time, a temporary chain link fence will be used as a construction barrier. After the wall has been removed, a temporary 8-foot-tall wood fence will be constructed on the property line to screen ongoing construction activity. The temporary wood fence will be removed following the completion of the adjacent townhomes.

If you have any questions, please contact Lesley Nyp, Director of Development and Neighborhood Services, at 972-450-2880.

Rock the Holidays In Addison!



We are Rockin' Around the Circle during Addison's month-long holiday celebration in the Addison Circle District! The activities include:

- <u>Carriage Rides</u> through Addison Circle
- □ Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6 with live music from Emerald City All Stars
- □ Holiday shows like *Grandma Got Run Over by What*? and *Frozen Jr.*
- □ Feliz Navi-DOG, for pet pictures with Santa!
- □ Sip and Paint Nights with Fernando The Artist
- □ A Plano Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert and much more!

Plan your holiday adventures today at www.VisitAddison.com/holidays.

Rockin' Around the Circle

We Need Residents to Light Up Addison Circle for the Holidays!



For the first time ever, we're introducing horse-drawn carriage rides through the Addison Circle District, from November 29 – December 22. And, what's a carriage ride without some dazzling decorations along the route?

We're challenging all Addison Circle residents who live along the carriage route to bring your A-game and transform your homes into the ultimate winter wonderlands. The goal? Spread cheer, dazzle the neighbors, and maybe score the grand prize: a FREE carriage ride for up to 9 people! This is your time to shine, sparkle, and out-elf the competition!

Book Your Carriage Ride

Addison Community Camera Program

The Addison Police Department (APD) has launched a new Community Camera Program in collaboration with Flock Safety, inviting residents and businesses to register their security cameras. By sharing the locations of their cameras with the APD, participants can help enhance public safety and aid in criminal investigations. Registered cameras are not live-streamed, and investigators only request access to video footage if an incident occurs nearby.

APD Launches Community Camera Program

Similar programs around the country have strengthened community safety by enabling law enforcement to gather crucial evidence quickly during emergencies. Participating supports Addison's commitment to a secure, connected community. Learn more or register your camera by visiting <u>Addison Community Camera Program</u>.

Register Your Camera

Temporary Closure of Spruill Dog Park for Drainage Repairs



Spruill Dog Park will be closed from Monday, November 25 through Wednesday, November 27 so the contractor can address final drainage punch list items. This work is expected to be completed by November 27, weather permitting.

We appreciate your patience as we work to ensure the project meets all requirements of the plan. While it was our intent to test the drainage and complete all work before reopening, unexpected circumstances delayed this process. Our contractor's wife went into labor a little earlier than expected and he was understandably pulled away.

Thank you for your understanding as we make these final corrections to enhance the park.

Upcoming Events

Vitruvian Lights Lighting Ceremony Vitruvian Park Saturday, November 23 6 – 10pm

Vitruvian Park transforms into a magical holiday wonderland during Vitruvian Lights from Saturday, November 23, 2024 – to Wednesday, January 1. Don't miss the tree lighting ceremony on November 23 featuring



the Jordan Kahn Orchestra. Find parking information and more details on the <u>Vitruvian</u> <u>Park website</u>.

Holiday in the Park Addison Circle Park Sunday, December 1 10am - 1pm

This year's Holiday in the Park is brimming with festive fun! Addison residents are invited to have a special photo with Santa, enjoy live pony rides, and explore giant holiday inflatables. Kids will love making magic reindeer food, writing letters to Santa, and meeting holiday characters who'll be strolling through the park for photo ops. With balloon artists and face painters adding extra holiday cheer, it's a day full of magic for everyone!





Cake Topper Lighting Thursday, December 5 The Addison Performing Arts Centre Party from 4 - 7pm, Lighting at 5pm

This event kicks off the Rockin' Around the Circle festivities with an exciting countdown to light up the Theatre's iconic two-story glass entry, creating the perfect backdrop for your holiday photos. Hear holiday tunes from Vocal Magic throughout the evening. This magical moment will also include our Holly Jolly Bar, where guests can enjoy festive treats, drinks, and plenty of holiday cheer.

Addison Circle Tree Lighting Friday, December 6 6-8pm Addison Circle Park

The Addison Circle Holiday Tree Lighting is making its grand return! Join us for a magical evening with:

- Live holiday tunes from the Emerald City All Stars
- Carriage rides through the Addison Circle District (purchase required)
- Photos With Santa
- S'mores and Hot Cocoa
- Holiday Wish Floating Lantern

Please bring new and unwrapped adult socks, blankets, canned food, and toys to donate to DART's Stuff a Bus drive to bring the holiday magic to those in need.



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:

- <u>addisontx.gov</u>: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department-specific updates on department pages.
- <u>addisontx.gov/projects</u>: Find information on major projects around town, including a map, status updates, and more
- <u>www.addisonalert.com</u>: 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
- <u>Visit Addison Facebook</u>
- Addison Twitter
- <u>Visit Addison Twitter</u>
- <u>NextDoor</u>

Addison Newsletters: For a description of and to subscribe to all of Addison's newsletters, click <u>here.</u>

If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at <u>marketing@addisontx.gov</u>.

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:

<u>Volunteer</u>

List of Restaurants

Addison News

Community Crime Map

Watch City Council Meetings

Addison's PEG Channel (channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,



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