



December 13, 2024

City Council Updates

Addison Officers Recognized for with Life Saving Awards



At the December 10 City Council meeting, Police Chief Chris Freis recognized Addison Police Officers for their heroic actions in two separate incidents that saved lives.

On July 25, 2024, Officers Sidwell and Tingue were patrolling the 4200 block of Belt Line Road when they found an unconscious woman in a vehicle. Suspecting an overdose, they administered two doses of Narcan, reviving her and preventing a likely fatal outcome.

That same day, Officers Sidwell and Cearlock responded to a 911 call reporting an unconscious man at Motel 6. Upon arrival, they administered two doses of Narcan to the man, who had ingested Fentanyl. Their quick response and teamwork restored the man to consciousness, saving his life.

The officers' professionalism, awareness, and commitment to the Addison community were commended, with both incidents highlighting the importance of proactive and compassionate policing. Thank you to Officers Sidwell, Tingue, and Cearlock for their continued commitment to Addison.

Addison Circle Park Vision Plan Presented to Council



At the December 10 City Council meeting, representatives from OJB Landscape Architecture unveiled the Addison Circle Park Vision Plan. Driven by a desire to be Authentically Addison, this plan reimagines the park as a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable space that fosters community connections and celebrates Addison's unique identity.

The Advisory Committee developed the following Vision Plan Statement to guide their efforts:

"Our vision for the re-imagined Addison Circle Park is to build upon the success and innovation of the original park, fostering growth and evolution. We aim to create a welcoming, vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable space that enriches the lives of all residents and visitors. Our vision is to encourage community connections, embrace innovation, and celebrate nature."

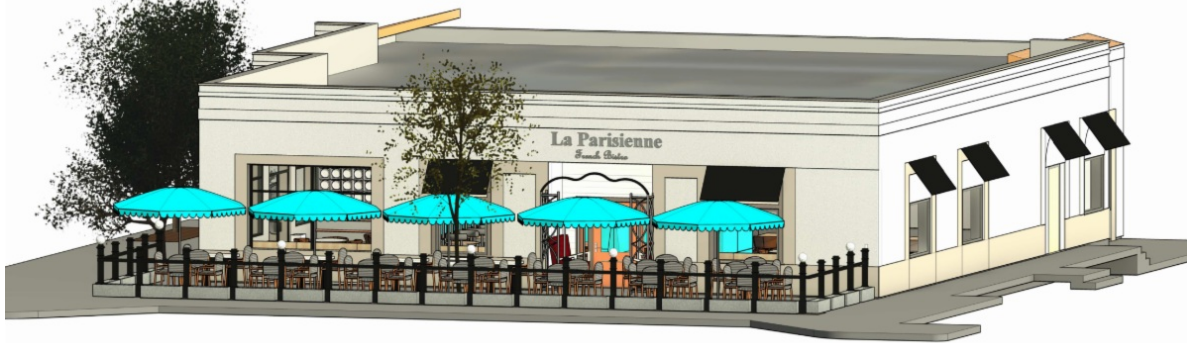
The plan's objectives are:

- Design for year-round activities and events of all sizes.
- Increase daily visitorship and encourage visitors to linger longer.
- Integrate the park with surrounding developments and venues, treating Addison Circle Park and the Conference and Theatre Centre as a cohesive unit.
- Preserve areas essential for Addison's signature events while enhancing spaces for recurring programming.

The metrics of success include a commitment to a robust activation plan of free programs and events, achieving a Level 1 arboretum certification, complementing surrounding venues, supporting local businesses, and maintaining operational excellence.

You can [watch the Council's Addison Circle Vision Plan discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

La Parisienne French Bistro Coming to Village on the Parkway



At its December 10 meeting, the City Council approved a Special Use Permit for La Parisienne French Bistro, a full-service restaurant offering a chic Parisian dining experience. La Parisienne will combine two currently vacant spaces in Village on the Parkway, 5100 Belt Line Road, to create a 4,804-square-foot restaurant with an additional 600-square-foot outdoor patio.

This new addition to Addison will serve brunch, lunch, dinner, and daily tea service, with plans to host live saxophone and jazz performances on weeknights. With seating for 191 guests and a menu that reflects the charm of Paris, La Parisienne is set to become a must-visit destination. This will be the second location for La Parisienne, following its successful debut at The Star in Frisco.

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

Council Appoints Members to Airport Master Plan Steering Committee

In July, the Council approved a \$1,050,000 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant from the FAA, administered by TxDOT Aviation, to fund a comprehensive update of Addison Airport's Master Plan. This funding includes a 10% matching share of \$105,000 from the Airport Fund.

To guide the Master Plan update, two committees will oversee the process. The Executive Committee, consisting of the consultant team, staff, and TxDOT Aviation representatives, will handle the project's administration and management. The Project Steering Committee (PSC), will provide a platform for public participation and input. At the December 10 City Council meeting, each Council member selected two representatives to serve on the PSC. These Council appointments will join 12 airport business representatives selected by staff to create the 26-member committee.

The Master Plan update emphasizes public engagement to shape the future of Addison Airport. There will be several opportunities for public input during the development of the updated plan.

Council Appointments

- Schnell Blanton (DeFrancisco)
- Al Cioffi (Gardner)
- Mike Gelhausen (Gardner)
- Allan Guarino (Liscio)
- Elizabeth Jones (Craig)
- Kimberly Lloyd (Arfsten)
- Tomas Maerli (Willesen)
- Julio Noriega (Arfsten)
- Neil Resnik (DeFrancisco)
- Zubair Shaikh (Freed)
- Sharon Simmons (Freed)
- Heather Snyder (Willesen)
- Richard Teza (Craig)
- Kathryn Wheeler (Liscio)

Airport Representatives

- Patrick Arnzen, Thrust Flight
- Dallas Beaty, Atlantic Aviation
- Tom Chandler, AOPA Representative
- Jill Cole, American Flyers
- Will Cutter, Cutter Aviation
- Steve Hadley, NBAA Representative
- Jamie Munoz, Galaxy Aviation
- Stacy Muth, Ameristar Jet
- Hamp Reed, Stature Aviation
- Andrew Rietschel, AQRD
- Eric Stolpman, Sky Harbour
- Jeff Zimmerman, Million Air

You can [watch the Council's Airport Master Plan Committee discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Makes Appointments to Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment

The City Council made appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment at its December 10 meeting. Each committee has seven members who can serve up to three consecutive two-year terms. Terms expire at the end of the calendar year.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Appointments

Jimmy Niemann (nominated by Council Member Freed) was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Kimberly Lloyd (nominated by Mayor Pro Tempore Gardner) and Curtis Green (nominated by Council Member DeFrancisco) were appointed for their first term.

You can [watch the Council's Board of Zoning Adjustment appointment discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

Denise Fansler (nominated by Mayor Pro Tempore Gardner) was reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Tyler Wright (nominated by Council Member DeFrancisco) and Alan Then (nominated by Council Member Freed) were appointed for their first term.

You can [watch the Council's Planning and Zoning Commission appointment discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Upcoming Public Hearing

The following public hearing will be held at the December 17 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Meetings take place at the Addison Conference Centre, 15650 Addison Road, and begin at 6pm. Agendas are posted [on the Town's website](#) three days before the meeting.

- **PUBLIC HEARING** Case 1927-Z/3953 Belt Line Road Rezoning. Hold a public hearing, present, discuss, and consider action on a request to rezone a 1.55-acre property, located at 3953 Belt Line Road, from Planned Development (PD) Ordinance No. 083-071 to Local Retail (LR) zoning district, for an existing multi-tenant retail center.

Around Town

A Magical Night at Addison's Holiday Tree Lighting





Addison kicked off its Rockin' Around the Circle festivities on Friday, December 6, with the first-ever Holiday Tree Lighting in Addison Circle Park. The park transformed into a dazzling winter wonderland, filled with holiday magic and joy.

Thousands gathered to enjoy lively music by the Emerald City All Stars, cozy carriage rides, the enchanting Holiday Wish Floating Lantern release, and, of course, the tree lighting that marked the start of a bright new tradition. Mayor Bruce Arfsten was joined on stage by Jolly St. Nick for the countdown, making the moment even more special.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this unforgettable evening as we celebrated the season in true Addison style.

Celebrating Our Board and Commission Members



On Thursday, December 5, Addison hosted a special appreciation party at Town Hall to thank everyone who served on a board or commission this year. This gathering was a chance to celebrate the dedication and hard work of these community leaders who play a vital role in shaping Addison's success.

Thank you to all our board and commission members for your invaluable contributions. We are grateful for your service and look forward to continuing our work together in the coming year!

Visit with New Taipei International Youth Ambassador Overseas Leadership Program



A group of teens from the New Taipei International Youth Ambassador Overseas Leadership Program recently visited Addison's Town Hall to learn about local governance and compare it to their hometown of New Taipei City. During their visit, the students presented Mayor Arfsten with a sustainability initiative signed by the mayors of both cities. They also engaged in a lively Q&A session, asking about Addison's operations, special events, economic development, and sustainability efforts. Former Mayor Joe Chow helped facilitate this exchange which highlighted a shared commitment to fostering global partnerships and environmental responsibility.

Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Hosts Annual Holiday Party at Million Air



On December 11, the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual holiday party at Million Air. Mayor Bruce Arfsten, Mayor Pro Tempore Darren Gardner, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Nancy Craig, and Council Members Howard Freed and Dan Liscio joined Chamber President Michael Gallops to celebrate the season.

The event provided an excellent opportunity for local business leaders to connect, strengthen relationships, and celebrate the community's economic growth and collaboration over the past year.

Halal Guys Officially Opens December 14



The Halal Guys is opening its newest location at 5000 Belt Line Road in Addison on Saturday, December 14! The Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, December 13 to mark the occasion. Town officials including Mayor Bruce Arfsten, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Nancy Craig, Council Member Dan Liscio, and City Manager David Gaines attended to welcome the owners to Addison.

This is the ninth Texas location for the brand and the fifth in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Opening day festivities will include free food, music, and giveaways. The Halal Guys menu features its signature American Halal dishes, including platters and sandwiches with chicken, falafel, or beef gyro. Desserts including baklava, cheesecake, and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies are perfect to finish off your meal.

Welcome to Addison, Halal Guys!

Holiday 911 Request from Metrocrest Services



The Metrocrest Services holiday store is critically low on toys, and they need the community's support to help 2,500 local children this holiday season. You can drop off new toys through December 18 to ensure no child goes without a gift.

Donation Drop-Off:

Metrocrest Services

1145 N Josey Ln, Carrollton, TX 75006

M – F from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Saturday from 9 AM – 12 PM

You can also shop on Amazon and toys will be shipped directly to the agency. Every donation makes a difference.

[Metrocrest Services Amazon Wish List](#)

Upcoming Events

Plano Symphony Orchestra's *Festive Legends: Holidays Around the World*
The Addison Performing Arts Centre
December 15

Dancers from McClane School of Irish Dance and Pure Movement Dance join the Plano Symphony strings in a 45-minute celebration of holiday carols, traditions, and fun. Kids can join the action on stage, enjoy a Christmas sing-a-long, and hear 'Twas the Night Before Christmas!

Arrive early to earn a Plano Symphony fun patch and explore instruments at the Instrument Petting Zoo in the lobby.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Holiday Sip & Paint
The Addison Performing Arts Centre
December 19

Join Fernando The Artist for an evening of art, drinks, and good company. No artistic skills are needed. Grab a drink from the bar and follow along with Fernando as he guides you through painting a picture of your choice. Perfect for a night out with friends and family.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Grandma Got Run Over by What?
The Addison Performing Arts Centre
December 20-21

This entertaining murder mystery dinner

party will have accusations flying like snowballs! Join us and see if you can get to the bottom of this Christmas mystery. Ugly Sweater attire is encouraged - there's a contest included with prizes!

[Purchase Tickets](#)



A Groovy Christmas **The Addison Performing Arts Centre** **December 20 - 22**

6 o'clock Dance Theatre Presents *A Groovy Christmas*. This holiday season you're invited to an immersive, holiday show – rather, a party to be exact – where the lines between performers and guests will blur.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

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
- addisontx.gov/weather: This inclement weather page includes information on finding your main water shut off, reporting a gas leak, and protecting your pipes.
- 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

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