WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ADDISON

May 3, 2024

Council Updates

Council and P&Z Discuss UDC Update

At a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, the City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) discussed the <u>Administrative Procedures</u> and <u>Districts & Uses</u> sections of the Unified Development Code (UDC). The Town has engaged Clarion Associates to review Addison's current development regulations and to create a new UDC. The UDC drafting and review process is comprised of the four code drafting phases listed below, a testing phase, and public review and adoption of the final UDC document.

- 1. Zoning Districts and Uses
- 2. Development and Design Standards
- 3. Signs and Wireless Communication Facilities
- 4. Administration and Procedures

During the April 30 meeting, the Council and P&Z also revisited the Zoning Districts and Uses section. Following this meeting, the project team will analyze feedback received throughout the drafting process to prepare the consolidated draft UDC. The draft document will be available for public review and feedback in early Fall.

You can learn more about Addison's UDC Update at <u>AddisonUDC.org</u> and submit comments to: <u>udc@addisontx.gov</u>.

You can watch the UDC discussion here and read the presentation here.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Visit the Virtual Engagement Rooms on AdvanceAddison.com



We're ready for another round of community feedback! The Advance Addison Virtual Rooms are now open through May 19. There are two rooms and each one consists of several stations, allowing you to provide feedback through ranking exercises, visual preference selections, mapping activities, and general comments. The video above shows how to navigate the site.

A. Addison's Vision Room

In this room, you can provide input on the three areas of Addison's identity (values, assets, and aspirations), as well as the draft Vision Story.

B. Place Types and Development Character Room

In this room, you can use the first mapping station to drop pins on areas you feel should be preserved, enhanced/evolved, or redeveloped. You can also select images that you believe are representative of different place types, and then use the final mapping station to provide feedback on the place types map.

We encourage everyone who loves Addison to visit the rooms and shape Addison's future!

Visit the Virtual Rooms

You're Invited to the next Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) Meeting

Anyone who loves Addison is welcome to attend the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting on Thursday, May 9 at the Addison Conference Centre (15650 Addison Road). The meeting will begin at 6pm, and will also be broadcast live and recorded for viewing afterward. The agenda will be posted <u>here</u> three days before the meeting.

Public Safety Update

LexisNexis Community Crime Map Back Online

The Town of Addison Police Department (APD) uses a platform called <u>LexisNexis Community</u> <u>Crime Maps</u> to serve as a tool to create awareness of crime in the community. In Spring 2023, APD's connection with LexisNexis stopped populating crime data. After months of APD and LexisNexus working to resolve this issue, the system was finally reconnected last week.

An important note when using the Community Crime Map:

The pins reflecting reported criminal activity are anonymized for privacy purposes and only represent the initial reported crime. Oftentimes, what actually occurred is different from what was initially reported to the Police, but due to data flow and coding issues, the map is not capable of reflecting any changes in the report type that are made after the initial report is submitted. As such, the crime map data is in no way intended as a representation of official crime statistics and is inappropriate for use in crime analysis, litigation, or any other official proceedings. Users interested in official crime statistics for analytical or legal purposes should submit a written <u>Open Records Request</u>.

Construction Corner

Full Tollway Closure Planned for Friday, May 3 at 10pm to Saturday, May 4 at 5am

Dallas North Tollway North- and southbound DNT lanes closed overnight May 3-4 for DART Silver Line construction





NTTA plans to close the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) at Keller Spring from 10pm on Friday, May 3 until 5am on Saturday, May 4. These closures are needed for concrete placement on the DART Silver Line light rail and pedestrian bridges. The following areas will be affected:

- All lanes of southbound Dallas North Tollway (DNT) from the Keller Springs Road/Arapaho Road exit ramp to the entrance ramp from Belt Line Road
- All lanes of northbound DNT from the Belt Line Road/Arapaho Road exit ramp to the entrance ramp from Keller Springs Road
- The southbound entrance ramps from Trinity Mills Road and Keller Springs Road and the exit ramp to Belt Line Road
- The northbound entrance ramps from Spring Valley Road and Belt Line Road and the exit ramp to Keller Springs Road

Detours:

• **Southbound detour:** Drivers will take the Keller Springs Road/Arapaho Road exit ramp and continue on Dallas Parkway (the DNT frontage road) to reenter the

DNT from the entrance ramp from Belt Line Road

 Northbound detour: Drivers will take the Belt Line Road/Arapaho Road exit ramp and continue on Dallas Parkway to reenter the DNT from the entrance ramp from Keller Springs Road

Around Town

Meet and Greet for Police Chief Candidates is Tuesday, May 7

Please join us for a Community Meet and Greet with the finalists for Addison Police Chief on Tuesday, May 7 from 5:30 – 7pm at the Addison Conference Centre. Your input is an important part of this process. Below are the four candidates being considered for the position:



Christopher J. Freis

Chris Freis currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Police for the Duncanville Police Department. Throughout his law enforcement career, he served the city as a Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer, SWAT Team Leader, Use-of-Force Instructor, and Department Firearms Instructor. <u>Read more</u>.



Wendell Mitchell

Assistant Chief Wendell Mitchell currently serves the Town of Flower Mound, the third-largest department in Denton County. With 30 years of law enforcement experience, he has served as the Assistant Police Chief in Flower Mound since 2011. He has led all aspects of the Flower Mound Police Department and served in various functions, including criminal investigations, patrol, professional standards, SWAT, crime prevention, and community services. <u>*Read more*</u>.



Carol Riddle

Carol Riddle is a police executive with 24 years of law enforcement experience and a licensed Texas Master Peace Officer. She began her public safety career in January 2000 with the Arlington Police Department, honorably serving for 21.5 years. In 2021, Carol was appointed the Assistant Chief of Police for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and most recently served as the Chief of Police. *Read more*.



Addison Interim Police Chief Mike Vincent has served the Addison Police Department (APD) for nearly 20 years. After obtaining his bachelor's degree in marketing from Texas A&M University, Chief Vincent began his career in policing at APD where he gained progressive leadership experience, rising through the ranks as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief. *Read more*.

Mike Vincent

Women's Business Forum Focuses on Mental Health



At the April 26 Metrocrest Chamber's Quarterly Women's Business Forum, women in the public safety field had courageous conversations about tackling mental health. Addison Fire Department Administrative Manager Monica Hernandez joined police officers from Farmers Branch and Carrollton to share their experiences managing mental health challenges in stressful careers. Mayor Bruce Arfsten, Council Members Darren Gardner and Nancy Craig, and numerous Addison staff came out to show their support for these public safety professionals.

Taste on the Tarmac Event Raises Funds for Metrocrest Services Sack Summer Hunger Program



Taste on the Tarmac officially kicked-off the Taste Addison season on Friday, April 26 at Galaxy FBO. Sponsored by Oncor, the elevated tasting experience brought the private, public, and non-profit sectors together to provide a platform for future culinary and hospitality professionals and raise money for Metrocrest Services' Sack Summer Hunger Program.

The stars of this celebration were CFBISD high school culinary arts students who competed by making their best Taste Bite. However, there was a twist in this culinary competition. Half of the ingredients used in creating the Taste Bite had to be items typically donated to a food pantry. Entries were voted on by guests for the People's Choice Award and celebrity judges of the evening: Addison Mayor Bruce Arfsten, Farmers Branch Mayor Terry Lynne, Carrollton Mayor Steve Babick, and Coppell Mayor Wes Mays. Additional Taste Bites were provided by Chamberlain's Steak & Fish.

The overall winning team will have the opportunity to pop-up in the Tasting Hut the weekend of Taste Addison. All of the participants are coordinating a give-back day to the Metrocrest Services Food Pantry where Chef Chamberlain will join for a mentoring session.



Park Clean-Up A Big Success



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Park Cleanup event on Saturday, April 27. The 34 volunteers at Les Lacs Park collected 20 bags of trash and the 19 people at Addison Circle Park collected 10 bags of trash. A special thanks to LTIMindtree for making this an employee volunteer event. The next cleanup is scheduled for Saturday November 2.

Transforming Trash into Treasure





In addition to the volunteers who cleaned Addison Circle Park and Les Lacs Park on Saturday, April 27, residents also participated as vendors in the Community Garage Sale. More than 100 people dropped by to check out the selections of pre-loved trinkets and treasures. Dozens of people also took advantage of the Shred and Recycle Round-Up to dispose of a variety of items in a safe and sustainable way. More than four tons of documents were shredded on-site.

Thank you to everyone who came out and made Addison a better place to live, work, and play!



Last week, in honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week, Addison seized the opportunity to express gratitude to our dedicated volunteers through various gestures of appreciation. Each volunteer received a plant for both Earth Day and Volunteer Appreciation. On Friday, April 26, nearly 50 volunteers gathered for a come-and-go celebration at the Addison Conference Centre. A heartfelt thank you goes to the Addison Chick-fil-A for generously donating sandwiches for this event!

The spirit of celebration extended into this week when the Town hosted a dinner at Addison Airport on Monday, April 29 for Town Hall volunteers.

Are you interested in joining our exceptional team of volunteers? We're currently seeking volunteers to lend a hand at Taste Addison. Learn more and sign up here.



Mayor Bruce Arfsten joined Carrollton Mayor Steve Babick, Coppell Mayor Wes Mays, and Farmers Branch Mayor Terry Lynne at the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce's 30th Annual Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 2 at the ICR Discovery Center to recognize the National Day of Prayer. They were joined by Bishop Edward Burns from the Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

April Showers Bring May . . . Mosquitoes



To help Addison residents reduce the number of mosquitoes on their property, and to protect themselves from mosquitoes, the Addison Environmental Health Division is offering free Mosquito Dunks and Mosquito Repellent to Addison residents. The dunks and repellent are available at Town Hall, the Addison Service Center, and the Addison Athletic Club.

In order to control mosquito breeding sites all citizens must be willing to be a part of the process. We encourage all citizens to help by doing the following:

- 1. Get rid of all standing water.
 - Empty, remove, cover, or turn upside down any container that will hold standing water (bottles, tires, cans, flower pots, buckets, etc.)
 - Change water in pet dishes, wading pools, and bird baths several times a week.
 - · Cover trash cans so they will not collect water.
 - Repair leaking plumbing, hoses, and outside faucets.
- 2. Keep doors, porches, and window screens in good condition to help keep mosquitoes out.
- 3. Avoid mosquito bites while outside by wearing long sleeves and pants.
- 4. Repellents with DEET are recommended, but directions must be followed carefully.

Win Tickets to Taste Addison in the Earth Day Scavenger Hunt



Win Tickets to Taste Addison and some Addison swag in the 2024 Earth Day Scavenger Hunt! Each clue will lead to a sign with a letter on one side and an Earth Day fact on the other. When you decipher a clue and find a letter, take a photo with the letter side of the sign (please leave the signs in place so others can play too). Once you've found all the clues and taken photos with each, create an Earth Day photo collage.

You can find all the clues and instructions on submitting your finished collage <u>here</u>. Signs will be in place through May 13 and the deadline to submit your collage is 5pm on May 13.

Vote for Addison Kaboom Town! in USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards



Addison Kaboom Town! has been nominated for <u>Best Place to See Fireworks</u> as part of USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards again this year!

Communities across the United States will be voting on their favorites until ballots close on Monday, May 13 at 11:59am EDT. Addison Kaboom Town! fans are encouraged to <u>cast their</u> <u>votes DAILY here</u>.

Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events



May the Court Be With You Saturday, May 4 9am - 11am Addison Fitness Court

Join us for a free Star Wars-themed demo at the Addison Fitness Court on Saturday, May 4 from 9 - 11 am. There will be giveaways, a workout, and more!

Police Chief Candidate Meet and Greet Tuesday, May 7 5:30 - 7pm

Please join us for a Community Meet and Greet with the finalists for the Police Chief position on Tuesday, May 7 from 5:30 – 7pm at the Addison Conference Centre. Your input is an important part of this process.



Homelessness Seminar

CITIZENS EDUCATION SEMINAR HOMELESSNESS Addison conference Centre Monday, May 13 6:30PM

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Join us for a Citizens Education Seminar on Homelessness on Monday, May 13 at 6:30pm at the Addison Conference Centre. Representatives from Metrocrest Services and Housing Forward will be present to answer questions.

Taste Wellness Day Saturday, May 18 9 - 11am Addison Circle Park

Taste Addison is teaming up with Addison Outdoors to bring you a Saturday of fun fitness experiences. With AO Pop-Up Yoga, Goat Yoga, wellness vendors, and the tenacre park to explore, get a taste of summer fitness in Addison!



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>www.addisontexas.net</u>: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and departmentspecific updates on department pages.
- <u>www.addisontexas.net/Midway</u>: Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates.
- <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
- Visit Addison Facebook
- Addison Twitter
- Visit Addison Twitter
- <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

Volunteer

List of Restaurants

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:

	972-450-7156	Addison News	
	Missed Trash:	Community Crime Map	
	972-392-9300, Option 2		
	Request Bulk Trash Pickup	Watch City Council Meetings	
-	<u>Vequest buik masii rickup</u>	Addison's PEG Channel	
	Athletic Club:	(channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,	
	972-450-7048	channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)	
	Addison Website	Register your Security Alarm	
	Sign up for <u>Addison Alerts</u>	Report a Problem with Addison FixIT	
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