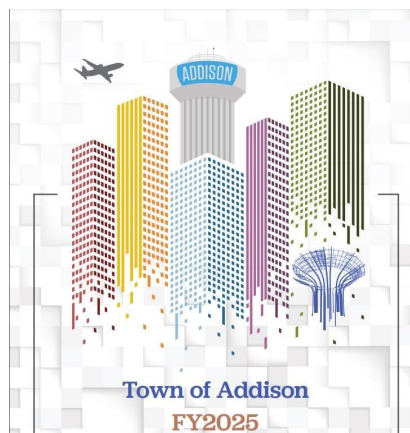




September 13, 2024

Council Updates

Council Adopts Fiscal Year 2025 Budget



Following a second public hearing at its September 10 meeting, the City Council approved the Town of Addison's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and approved a tax rate of \$0.609822 per \$100 of valuation which is the same as the FY 2023 and 2024 tax rate.

Of the total tax rate, \$0.439822 is dedicated to maintenance and operations, which is a decrease of over one cent from the Fiscal Year 2024 tax rate for maintenance and operations, and \$0.170000 is dedicated to debt service payments. The debt service portion of the tax rate is increasing due to the issuance of Certificates of Obligations and loans from the State Infrastructure Bank which are replacing funding that was approved by voters in the 2019 Bond Election at a lower borrowing cost.

The new budget takes effect on October 1 and includes the following significant items:

- \$138,409 for a Theatre Manager position as recommended by the Theatre vision study
- \$175,000 for Kellway Pump Station Maintenance
- \$163,375 for a Construction Inspector
- \$110,000 for Airport GIS Contractual Services
- \$196,000 for Parks Planned Asset Replacement
- \$30,000 for mental health screenings for Fire Department
- \$100,000 for Neighborhood Vitality Grant Funding
- \$156,000 for Local Trail Connection and Park Schematic Design
- \$248,000 for Wayfinding Signage Master Plan

The FY 2025 proposed capital improvements budget totals \$51.02 million. Significant projects include:

- Vitruvian West Streetscape and Bella Lane Extension (\$0.90 million)
- Keller Springs Reconstruction (\$8.00 million)
- Les Lacs Pond Improvements (\$4.38 million)
- Vitruvian Park Phase 6, Block 301, 302, and 303 Improvements (\$1.90 million)
- Quorum Drive Reconstruction (\$10.00 million)
- Monfort Drive Reconstruction (\$4.19 million)
- Beltway Drive Trail (\$1.70 million)
- Airport Road Reconstruction (\$3.40 million)
- North Texas Emergency Communications (NTECC) Facility (\$0.20 million)
- AAC Outdoor Pool Restrooms/Perimeter Fence Renovations (\$0.60 million)
- Westgrove & Quorum Bicycle Lanes and Airport Viewing Area (\$0.56 million)
- Police and Courts Facility (\$3.50 million)
- Service Center Lobby Renovations (\$0.23 million)
- Arapaho Road/Surveyor Boulevard and Systemwide Traffic Signal Improvements (\$0.22 million)
- Conference Center Renovations (\$1.50 million)
- AMI Water Meter Modernization (\$3.15 million)
- Reconstruction of Jimmy Doolittle Drive (\$1.00 million)
- Eastside Airport Service Road Reconstruction (\$1.49 million)
- Airport Fuel Storage Expansion (\$3.37 million)

You can [watch the Council's budget discussion here](#), [read the budget presentation here](#), and the [tax rate presentation here](#).

Council Authorizes Issuance of Bonds

At its September 10 meeting, the City Council authorized the issuance of Certificates of Obligation for the following projects:

- \$3,400,000 for construction of a new 23,000 square foot public safety communications facility for the joint dispatch center created and owned by the Cities of Coppell, Farmers Branch, and Carrollton along with the Town.
- \$1,150,000 for a replacement Spartan Fire Engine.
- \$850,000 for Addison Grove incentive payments for public infrastructure. Town staff anticipates that Addison Grove will qualify for the first two incentive payments in late 2024 or early 2025. Each incentive payment is \$2,083,333. The Town set aside \$3,000,000 between fiscal years 2017 and 2019 to cash fund half the incentive payments. To date, those funds have earned slightly over \$300,000 in interest.
- \$5,300,000 for Stormwater Fund capital improvement projects supported and serviced by Stormwater Fund revenue. These projects include reconstruction of Keller Springs Road (\$2,800,000) and Les Lacs Pond Improvements (\$2,500,000)

The bonds were issued for 20 years with an interest rate of approximately 3.58% as well as a premium of \$804,213 which resulted in a lower principal issuance amount of \$10,015,000. After payment of bond issuance costs, the Town will still receive the \$10,700,000 million in project funds needed for these projects. Addison is one of only 11 cities in Texas with a AAA with both Moody's and S&P.

You can [watch the Council's bond issuance discussion here](#).

Special Events Director Gives Oktoberfest Sneak Peak



At the September 10 City Council Meeting, Special Events and Theatre Director Abby Morales gave the City Council a preview of Addison Oktoberfest 2024. The event kicks off on in Addison Circle Park on Thursday, September 19 and runs through Sunday, September 22. While classic Oktoberfest favorites like Paulaner beer, authentic German food, and great entertainment return this year, here are just a few of the changes festival-goers can look forward to at this German Fare with a Texas Flair:

- Host and Prost Networking event takes over the Partyhalle on Thursday night.

- New Party Zelt tent features another original Oktoberfest bier, Hacker Pschorr, plus live entertainment from bands like Brave Combo.
- The theatre entrance will be the backdrop for a live Glockenspiel.
- The carnival makes a come back.
- Kaffe and Kuchen expands and takes over the Stone Cottage.
- The Biercadia arcade can be found in the Theatre lobby, while the Stiefel Studio silent disco takes up residence in the Studio Theatre.
- A new Texas Prost stage will be located in the heart of the north lawn, while the Lederhosen Lounge can be found in the courtyard between the Theatre and Conference Centre (and will offer music with a more of a Texas flair).
- A carousel on the main plaza, right next to the Hof Play kids area and root biergarten.
- There's not a bad seat in the house for the games this year with the addition of stadium seating.

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

New Murals Planned for Exterior of Austin's Bar-B-Que



Council approved a Meritorious Exception for Austin's Bar-B-Que at its September 10 meeting to allow for the installation of three murals on the east and west facades of their restaurant, located at the northwest corner of Addison Road and Keller Spring Road. The murals will cover a total area of 285 square feet (Sign A: 9 ft x 18 ft, Sign B: 3.75 ft x 12 ft, and Sign C: 6.85 ft x 11.33 ft). The artwork is non-commercial, featuring Texas-themed imagery such as a Texas longhorn. The murals will be visible from both Addison Road and Keller Spring Road.

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

Upcoming Public Hearings

The following Public Hearings will take place at the September 17 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Meetings begin at 6pm at the Addison Conference Centre, 15600 Addison Road.

- Hold a public hearing, present, discuss, and consider action on a request to amend Special Use Permit (SUP), Ordinance No. 022-26, for property located at 4580 Belt Line Road, that is currently zoned Local Retail (LR), to allow modifications to the development plan. Case 1921-SUP/4580 Belt Line Road (Toasted Yolk SUP Amendment).
- Hold a public hearing, present, discuss, and consider action on a request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for property located at 5100 Belt Line Road, Suite 732, that is currently zoned Planned Development (PD), through Ordinance No. 023-03, to allow a restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. Case 1923-SUP/5100 Belt Line Road, Suite 732 (Nouveau).
- Hold a public hearing, present, discuss, and consider action on a request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for property located at 5100 Belt Line Road, Suite 410A, that is currently zoned Planned Development (PD), through Ordinance No. 023-03, to allow a restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. Case 1922-SUP/5100 Belt Line Road, Suite 410A (Landmark Grill).

- Hold a public hearing, present, discuss, and consider action on a request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for property located at 5312 Belt Line Road, that is currently zoned Planned Development (PD), through Ordinance No. 496, to allow a restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. Case 1920-SUP/5312 Belt Line Road (Hachi Restaurant)

Public Safety Non-Emergency Number Changes October 1

To better serve our community, beginning October 1 the new Public Safety non-emergency number will be:

469-289-3270

When Addison joined the North Texas Communications Center (NTECC), our existing non-emergency number (972-450-7156) was forwarded to the new dispatch center. Because the transfer goes through two different networks (Spectrum and ATT) before it reaches NTECC, we've had several outages recently. This change will allow more reliability for this important communication channel. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Around Town

DART Hosts Annual General Meeting in Addison



During the recent General Meeting at the Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel, attended by the Addison City Council and City Manager, DART President & CEO Nadine Lee delivered her second annual State of the Agency address. Lee announced that transit-oriented developments within the DART service area generated nearly \$1 billion in direct spending and created 11,000 jobs between 2019 and 2021, according to a study by the University of North Texas Economic Research Group.

The study, led by Dr. Michael Carroll, assessed real estate development within a quarter-mile radius of DART stations, highlighting the economic benefits these developments bring to the region. The event, sponsored by Archer Western Construction, also featured Addison Mayor Bruce Arfsten and DART Board Chair Gary Slagel as speakers.

Addison Remembers 9/11



On Wednesday, September 11, the Addison Fire Department hosted a 9/11 memorial service. Back before radios and pagers, bell tolls were used by fire departments to communicate. Honoring this treasured tradition, AFD used its bell to recognize those fallen first responders who lost their lives 23 years ago as a result of the 9/11 tragedy.

Celebrating a Decade of Innovation with Divergence Academy



The Town of Addison had the pleasure of visiting [Divergence Academy](#) this week, where we learned about the incredible work they are doing to shape the future of tech talent with expert-led training boot camps for AI, cloud, and cybersecurity. For ten years, Divergence Academy has been a key player in Addison's community, starting out in the Treehouse before moving

to its current 12,000-square-foot location at 14665 Midway Road in 2020.

Since their founding, 1,200 students have graduated from Divergence, gaining critical skills from 45 instructors—all of whom are working professionals in the field.

A huge thank you to Sravan Ankaraju and the entire team at Divergence Academy for your commitment to education and veterans right here in Addison! Your work is truly helping shape the next generation of tech leaders.

Checking In on the Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel



Mayor Bruce Arfsten and City Manager David Gaines met on Thursday, September 13 with Renaissance Dallas Addison General Manager Brian Short and Director of Sales & Marketing Francie Syron. The Addison team provided updates on the Town's efforts to improve pedestrian safety over the North Dallas Tollway, the Quorum Drive project, and other initiatives that will benefit the hotel and its guests.

The Renaissance plays a vital role in Addison's economy, with its expansive 100,000 square feet of meeting space, including a 25,000-square-foot ballroom, making it a key destination for large conferences and events. These gatherings not only draw thousands of visitors to the hotel but also contribute significantly to Addison's hospitality and retail sectors.

Addison Community Supports Metrocrest Services



The Town of Addison is proud to support Metrocrest Services in their important mission to assist those in need. Metrocrest Services recently wrapped up their "Let's Roll" toilet paper challenge, and thanks to the generosity of Addison's residents, we have collected dozens of rolls of toilet paper. Additionally, since last fall, we have been gathering plastic bags, a crucial item for Metrocrest's food pantry. Thanks to our community's efforts, thousands of plastic bags have been donated.

A big thank you to the volunteers who have been transporting these donations from the Addison Athletic Club to Metrocrest Services in Carrollton. Your efforts are invaluable!

If you'd like to contribute or assist, please contact us at volunteers@addisontx.gov.

Road Closures for Oktoberfest



It's time for Addison Oktoberfest! Thank you for your patience during the park closures for set-up and tear-down, as well as road closures that occur to produce Addison Oktoberfest in Addison Circle Park.

For public safety, while setting up and tearing down, the Special Events Department kindly asks all visitors interested in Addison Circle Park to utilize a neighboring park within the District. Additional parks include Spruill, Bosque, Beckert, and Parkview. For more information about these parks please visit: AddisonTexas.net

Monday, September 16

- Festival Way from Addison Road to Quorum Drive will close at 6am.
- Addison Circle from Addison Road to Witt Place will close at 6am.

These streets are anticipated to re-open on Monday, September 23 by 3pm.

Thursday, September 19

- Addison Circle from Addison Road to Addison Circle roundabout will close at 6am.
- Quorum Drive from Morris Avenue to Arapaho Road will close at 6 am.
- Witt Place from south of the parking garage entrance/exit to Addison Circle will close at 6am.
- McEntire Place from Quorum Drive to Lewis Place will close at 6am.

These streets are anticipated to re-open on Monday, September 23 by 2pm.

Questions regarding road or park closures? Please feel free to contact the Special Events office at 972-450-2800. For more information on the event, please visit AddisonOktoberfest.com.

Registration is Open for Corporate Field Day



Get ready for some healthy competition because Corporate Field Day, hosted by Addison Outdoors, is back on October 17! Registration is now open for Addison businesses to step out of the office and onto the field for a day of teamwork and fun. Compete for awards, prizes, and, most importantly, bragging rights. Looking for ways to get more involved? Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Register today at VisitAddison.com/AO.

Upcoming Events

Vitruvian Salsa Festival
Vitruvian Park
September 14
6-10pm

Enjoy the final evening of the Vitruvian Salsa Festival. Enjoy live entertainment with Zone D' Mambo, salsa lessons, food trucks, vendors, and more.



Addison Oktoberfest
Addison Circle Park
September 19 - 22

Get ready to raise your stein at Addison Oktoberfest! For over 30 years, we've been blending Bavarian tradition with Texas flair. From polka beats and the dachshund dash to authentic German food and bier, it's a celebration you won't want to miss. Prost, y'all!

Get more details and purchase tickets at



Coffee with a Cop
Oak'd BBQ | 4525 Belt Line Road
Wednesday, September 25
10am

City Sips and Scoops is introducing a new program this month - Coffee with a Cop! Have questions for your local police officers? Want to connect with the community? Now's your chance! Stop by and meet Police Chief Chris Freis and Addison's men and women in blue.



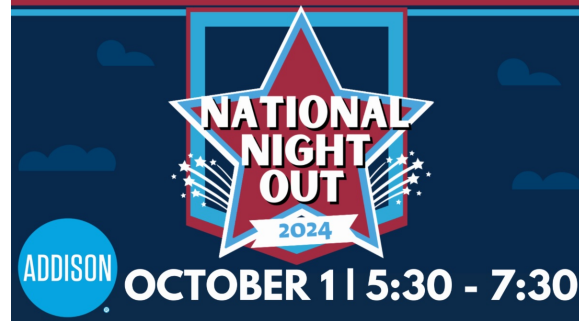
Barks and Beats
Addison Circle Park
Thursday, September 26
7 - 9pm

Join us along with your four-legged friend for a fun Barks and Beats at Addison Circle Park. Enjoy socializing with other pet parents and live music presented by Addison Outdoors.

National Night Out
Les Lacs Park
Tuesday, October 1
5:30 - 7:30pm

Come on out and meet your neighbors and

Town of Addison staff! This event is part of a national community-building campaign to bring the community together. Celebrate with food, games, and more!



Addison Circle Park Vision Plan Community Meeting Addison Conference Centre Thursday, October 3 5:30 - 7:30pm

We are creating a new vision for Addison Circle Park and want to hear from you! Please join us for a community engagement meeting to discuss what the future of Addison Circle Park should look like.

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:

- www.addisontexas.net: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department-specific updates on department pages.
- www.addisontexas.net/Midway: Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates.
- 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

[Volunteer](#)

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300, Option 2

[Request Bulk Trash Pickup](#)

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

[Addison Website](#)

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[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

[Watch City Council Meetings](#)

[Addison's PEG Channel](#)
(channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,
channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

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