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November 17, 2023

Council Updates

City Council Plans Special Meeting for Monday, December 4

The City Council has scheduled a special meeting on Monday, December 4 to consider a Special Use Permit request for White Rock Chapel. The Public Hearing will take place at the Addison Conference Centre and begin at 7:30pm. The agenda will be [posted on the Town's website](#) three days before the meeting.

Council Discusses Grant Program for Residential Perimeter Fences

In August, the City Council directed staff to research grant programs other cities offer to help cover the maintenance of masonry perimeter screening walls in residential areas. At the November 14 Council Meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Janna Tidwell shared findings from additional research conducted since the August presentation. She also outlined a possible grant program that would require an 80 / 20 match (80% funded by the Town and 20% funded by the resident or homeowners association) for the repair of masonry screening walls that is limited to typical maintenance repairs.

Council will consider the adoption of the grant program at a future meeting.

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

Radisson Hotel to Rebrand to Hampton by Hilton



The Radisson Hotel, a 101-room hotel located at 4960 Arapaho Road, opened in Addison in 2000. At its November 14 meeting, the City Council approved a zoning amendment request to allow renovations to the property that include a modernized building entry and updated materials throughout the façade, as well as enhanced lobby, restaurant/bar, and fitness areas. The hotel plans to rebrand to a Hampton by Hilton. The improvements are needed to meet the Hampton by Hilton design brand standards.

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

Addison City Council Approves Redevelopment Request for Former Call Center Site



At its November 14 meeting, the Addison City Council approved a second redevelopment request for the former call center site located at 16675 Addison Road. The site spans 12.22 acres and is situated at the southwest corner of Addison Road and Excel Parkway.

Council approved a two-phase redevelopment request for the site this summer. The first phase included converting the existing 138,000-square-foot call center into a multi-tenant office/warehouse structure. Phase II proposed a second 97,000-square-foot multi-tenant office/warehouse structure within the existing concrete parking area.

Lovett Industrial, a Houston-based real estate developer with a local office in Addison, is in the process of acquiring the property and has expressed its intention to complete the project as a single phase. The new request approved by Council on Tuesday night will amend the existing Planned Development to allow minor modifications to the development standards and adopt an updated development plan for the entire site (Phases I and II). Tenants for this site have not yet been identified.

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

Council Approves Master Lease Agreement with DART for Transit Center Property

In June 2021, the City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with DART that set forth the terms and conditions for the potential inclusion of the 5.5+- acres of DART-owned land in the Addison Circle area as part of the transit-oriented development around the new Addison light rail station. DART's property holdings include the existing transit center and the adjacent office building. At its November 14 meeting, the City Council approved a Master Lease Agreement, the terms of which are in accordance with the approved ILA.

Some of the major provisions in the lease include:

- An initial term of 49 years, with two 25-year extension options.
- A Pre-Development Period of up to 60 months for the Town to select a master developer, who in turn must acquire financing and complete the surveying/zoning/planning/platting and permitting process, during which time DART receives no base rent.
- The Town and DART will enter into a set of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions that prohibit noxious uses on all properties but promote the development of a high-density, mixed-use transit-oriented development.
- DART's ongoing bus and rail operations must be accommodated and continued as part of the development.
- The Town has exclusive authority to solicit proposals from developers, to select the master developer and enter into a sublease for DART's property and associated development agreements.

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

New Utility Rates Reflected on November Bill

On July 12, 2022, the City Council adopted an updated utility rate model that anticipates a 4.5% annual rate increase for Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 - 2028. Staff reviews the utility rate model annually to ensure the rate adjustments are appropriate. The increase anticipated for FY 2024 was approved by Council at the [September 12, 2023 meeting](#). The average residential customer will see an increase of \$2.88 per month, but rates may vary based on usage.

In addition, the trash and recycling fees are scheduled to increase from \$13.24 to \$14.28, 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.

Deadline for Boards, Commissions, and Community Partners Applications is November 30

Are you interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment, or as a Community Partner? [Applications](#) for these volunteer opportunities are now available and will be accepted until 5pm on November 30.

The Council will discuss appointments at its December 12 meeting. Please direct any questions to City Secretary Irma Parker at 972-450-7017 or iparker@addisontx.gov.

[Apply Here](#)

Advance Addison 2050

Take the Advance Addison 2050 Vision Values and Priority Outcomes Survey for a Chance to Win \$50!



Take Survey #2, Vision, Values, and Priority Outcomes, on AdvanceAddison.com!

Your participation and input are valuable resources that will take our community to the next level. [This survey](#) is a critical step in the community engagement process for this plan and will cover the following topics:

- Community Perception
- Community Vision, Guiding Principles, and Desired Outcomes
- Land Use & Development Character
- Housing and Neighborhoods
- Economic Development & Revitalization
- Mobility and Connectivity
- Infrastructure, Public Amenities, and the Environment

The project team will use the input gathered from this survey to develop initial scenarios, which will be discussed and refined further in future in-person and online activities. Once a consensus vision for the future has been achieved, innovative planning strategies will be developed to guide the long-term implementation of that vision. Your progress can be saved if you need to complete the survey in more than one sitting. It will be open through December 31. **Complete the survey to be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to an Addison business.**

We are looking forward to planning Addison's future with you!

[Take the Survey](#)

Around Town

Hidden Heroes Breakfast Honors Community Champions Breaking Barriers and Building Hope



Last week, Metrocrest Services hosted a Hidden Heroes Breakfast to celebrate ordinary but extraordinary people in our community who are breaking barriers and building hope for neighbors in need. Mayor Bruce Arfsten was joined at the event by Deputy City Manager Passion Hayes, Fire Chief David Jones, and Assistant Fire Chief CJ Alexander.

Funds raised at the event will help empower individuals, families, and seniors to break barriers and build hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Town Pivots Priorities Based on Spruill Dog Park Survey Results



Thank you to all the pet owners who participated in the Town's survey about converting Spruill Dog Park to artificial turf. Based on your overwhelming feedback, we have decided not to proceed with the artificial turf project. Your voices have guided us towards a different approach to enhancing the park.

New Focus Areas:

1. **Pet Fountain Drainage:** We will connect the pet fountains to a drain line on Marcus Avenue to resolve the below-ground fountain drainage sump from overflowing.
2. **Storm Drain Improvement:** Upsize the storm drain line at the park's southern edge to help alleviate drainage issues.

3. Tree Enhancement: Adding more trees using Tree Mitigation Funds to provide shade and improve the park's environment.

What's Next:

We are actively developing plans and bids for these improvements, with implementation set for spring.

Thank you for your invaluable input, and we look forward to creating a better park experience together.

Last Weekend to Catch *Chaplin, the Musical*



WaterTower kicked off its 28th season with a regional premiere of *Chaplin the Musical* on November 8 at the Addison Theatre Centre. The show is based on the real-life story of Charlie Chaplin, the iconic film actor, writer, producer, and director. The new musical spans the comic's entire career, from Chaplin's first performance as a child in 19th-century London to his tearful acceptance of an honorary Academy Award in 1972. It documents the beloved actor's rise to fame and the people who shaped his life.

The show runs through November 19. Learn more and purchase tickets at watertowrtheatre.org.

Thanksgiving Day Trash Service Pushed to Friday



Service slides over one day.

Thursday collections
will be completed
on Friday.



Since Addison's normal trash collection day falls on Thanksgiving Day, service will be pushed to Friday, November 24. Trash collection on November 24 will begin at 7am. Please do not put trash or recycling items out any sooner than 6pm the night before collection day, per Town Ordinance.

Questions? Please contact CWD Customer Service at 972-392-9300/Option 2.

**Winter Shutdown of Outdoor Water Fountains in Addison Parks Begins
December 4**



The Parks Department has scheduled the shutdown and winterization of all 30 outdoor water fountains starting December 4. This process is not as simple as just shutting off the water. Staff must insulate many parts of the fountains to keep them from freezing and damaging the equipment during cold weather. The fountains will remain inactive until the week of April 1, 2024.

During this period, we suggest the community bring their own water when visiting Addison's parks, including the dog parks and trails, throughout the winter months.

[Registration Open for Thanksgiving Break Camps](#)

A vertical poster for Thanksgiving Break Camp. At the top is the Addison Parks and Recreation logo. The title 'Thanksgiving Break Camp' is written in a large, orange, cursive font. Below the title, it lists activities: 'SPECIAL GUESTS - GYM TIME - CRAFTS - OUTDOOR TIME'. A red banner says 'LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!'. A light blue box contains the schedule: 'MONDAY - ROBERT GARDEN ART', 'TUESDAY - CHEFSVILLE COOKING', and 'WEDNESDAY - SKYHAWKS SPORTS'. Below that, it specifies the location: 'ADDISON ATHLETIC CLUB MULTIPURPOSE ROOM' and the time: '6 - 12 YEARS OLD 8AM - 5PM'. At the bottom, a yellow banner says 'NOVEMBER 20 - 22 | \$25/DAY'. The background features a sunburst pattern in orange, yellow, and blue, with decorative stars.

The Addison Athletic Club is hosting Thanksgiving Break Camps from November 20 - 22 for kids ages 6 -12 years. Activities include crafts, gym and outdoor time, and special guests. Make sure to stop by the Athletic Club front desk to reserve a spot!

Addison Eats

[A New Tradition this Thanksgiving in Addison](#)



Thanksgiving is a time to gather as family and friends and sit down to a meal. Too often

the stress of hosting takes away from what really matters. Create a new tradition by catering this holiday season from one of Addison's restaurants. From ready-to-eat traditional holiday meals to a Thanksgiving brunch, Addison is your one-stop shop to being the hostess with the mostess.

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Vitruvian Lights Tree Lighting



Come watch Santa "flip the switch" at the Vitruvian Lights Tree Lighting at 6pm.

**Saturday, November 18
6 - 11pm
Vitruvian Park**

The merriment continues with a Vitruvian Lights first, a performance by Vocal Majority, as well as food trucks and vendors, FREE photos with Santa, holiday characters, and an elf balloon artist. Letters to Santa returns and we welcome Mrs. Claus as well as live reindeer for fantastic holiday photos.

[Learn More](#)

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Addison residents are invited to a morning of holiday fun in Addison Circle!

**Sunday, December 3
10am - 1pm
Addison Circle Park**

In addition to breakfast and a picture with Santa, enjoy the following:

- Live Pony Rides
- Holiday Inflatables/Bounce Houses
- Arts & Crafts
- Snow Globe Photo Op, plus some fun Santa's Town Buildings
- Balloon Artist

Residents should have received a postcard in the mail. Your postcard is your ticket for brunch and photos with Santa. Please call 972-450-7000 with any questions.



[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

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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[Report a Problem with Addison FixIT](#)

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