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December 8, 2023

Council Updates

City Council Approves Special Use Permit for White Rock Chapel

At a Special Meeting on December 4, the Addison City Council approved a Special Use Permit request for White Rock Chapel to allow a religious institution at 5555 Celestial Road. Former slaves and their descendants established the original White Rock Chapel east of the creek in 1884. After enduring flooding for years, the church moved to its current location in 1918 on land donated by a white landowner who frequently worshipped with their congregation. The property is currently owned by Dr. Donald Wesson and his family who plan to continue to use the site as a church and provide associated educational programming addressing the unique history of the site, congregation, and its relationship to the surrounding area.

Improvements to the site include interior and exterior modifications to the Worship Hall, a new pavilion, new landscaping, a small water feature internal to the site, pedestrian pathways, and improvements to the parking lot. The church will utilize both the existing Fellowship Hall and Worship Hall. There are no renovations proposed to the existing 618-square-foot Fellowship Hall which includes an assembly area, kitchen, restroom facilities, and storage area. There are improvements planned to the interior floor plan and exterior façade of the Worship Hall, but no expansion of the existing building. The structure is 1,961 square feet and will accommodate a 54-occupant assembly hall, an office, restroom facilities, a classroom, and a storage area.

The church's decomposed parking lot will be modified to accommodate two handicap-accessible spaces and will have a total of 18 spaces on site (including the handicap spaces). Per the Town's on-street parking regulations, parking on Celestial Road and Winwood Road is prohibited.

More than 70% of the site is landscaped open space, significantly exceeding the required 20%. Additionally, 72 new trees (47 shade trees and 25 ornamental trees) will be installed throughout the site to provide screening from adjacent properties. A bioretention pond is also proposed at the southeast corner of the site.

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

Upcoming Public Hearings

The following Public Hearings will take place at the December 12 City Council meeting that will be held at the Addison Conference Centre. The agenda will be posted [on the Town's website](#) three days prior to the meeting.

- **Case 1899-SUP/14665 Midway Road, Suite 155 (Career Discovery Academy).** Hold a public hearing, present, discuss, and consider action on a request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for property located at 14665 Midway Road, Suite 155, that is currently zoned Local Retail (LR), to allow an educational institution.
- **Case 1902-SUP/3795 Belt Line Road (McDonald's).** Hold a public hearing, present, discuss, and consider action on a request to amend Special Use Permit (SUP), Ordinance No. 097-044, for property located at 3795 Belt Line Road, that is currently zoned Planned Development (PD), to allow modifications to the development plan.

December Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Canceled

Due to a lack of agenda items, the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 13 has been canceled.

Unified Development Code (UDC) Sections Available for Review through the End of December



Addison is currently reviewing and updating its development regulations to clarify them and ensure they align with the Town's long-term goals and vision. The draft section related to "Signs and Wireless Communication Facilities" (WCF) is now available on addisonudc.org. **Comments can be sent to udc@addisontx.gov for consideration through December 31.** The UDC Advisory Committee met to discuss these sections at their November 15 meeting. You can [watch their discussion here](#).

Advance Addison 2050

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



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Take the Vision, Values, and Priority Outcomes Survey 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

Public Safety Updates

[Hide Lock Take this Holiday Season and Beyond](#)



As the holiday season approaches, the Addison Police Department is urging the community to take extra precautions to safeguard their vehicles from potential burglaries. Here are some vital tips to ensure your car remains secure during this festive season.

1. Hide Your Valuables:

One of the easiest ways to deter thieves is to keep your valuables out of sight. When parking your car, make sure to store any valuable items such as bags, electronics, or gifts, in your trunk or use a cargo cover. Thieves are less likely to target vehicles that don't display tempting items.

2. Lock Your Car:

It may sound like common sense, but it's worth repeating: always lock your car when leaving it unattended. Whether you're shopping, visiting friends, or attending holiday gatherings, taking a moment to secure your vehicle can make all the difference.

3. Take Your Keys:

Leaving your keys in the ignition or easily accessible within the car is an open invitation to potential thieves. Always keep your keys with you, even if you're just warming up your vehicle during cold weather. Avoiding this simple mistake can prevent car theft.

4. Choose Well-Lit Parking Spots:

Opt for well-lit and populated parking areas whenever possible. Thieves are less likely to target vehicles in places with high visibility and foot traffic. Parking in a well-lit area adds an extra layer of security.

5. Report Suspicious Activity:

If you notice any individuals behaving suspiciously around your vehicle or in the vicinity, don't hesitate to contact the Addison Police Department by calling 911 or *247 from your cell phone. Prompt reporting can help prevent thefts and ensure a safer community.

Being vigilant and following these safety measures can go a long way in ensuring a secure holiday season. If you would like to display one of these Addison-branded Hide Lock Take

Around Town

Puttshack in Village on the Parkway is Now Open



Immerse your senses in a high-tech game of mini golf at [Puttshack](#). The new two-story, 32,000-square-foot social entertainment venue is full of unique experiences including globally-inspired cuisine, hand-crafted cocktails, and innovative spaces. Play on one of their four 9-hole courses complete with automatic scoring and unique gameplay or check out their new Challenge Hole. Addison will officially be the first Puttshack location to offer a never-before-seen game experience called the Challenge Hole – highlighting Puttshack's innovation and tech advancements.

Santa & Mrs. Claus Came to Town ... (of Addison)





Addison Circle Park rang in the holidays for Addison residents with the annual Holiday in the Park event on Sunday, December 3. Festivities included pictures with Santa (and Mrs. Claus), breakfast catered by Blue Mesa, live pony rides, inflatables, balloon art, face painting, stilt walking characters, arts and crafts, and photo ops throughout the park. The Elf Market made its debut, showcasing kid entrepreneurs who set up and sold their items for all the visitors. The Parks & Recreation Department brought out their Activity Trailer, Public Works & Engineering decked out a bucket truck and backhoe with lights and decorations, and Development Services provided games, an activity wheel, and giveaways. Finally, the DART Silver Line team provided coloring books for all!

Over 380 pictures with Santa were snapped, close to 1,000 hot breakfast plates served, and over 1,800 cups of Dutch Bros hot chocolate and coffee were given out. Many thanks to our volunteers who helped work the event, Dutch Bros for providing complimentary hot beverages, and to the many residents who came to celebrate the season.

This year marked the 30th anniversary of the Town's resident holiday brunch. Over the past three decades, there have been two constants at the event: Mrs. Claus, aka former Council Member Mary Dolan, and our photographer Chris Kraft. We would like to extend a special thank you to them for sharing their time and talents with the Addison community over these many years. Together they have played an important role in creating holiday memories for generations of Addison residents.

Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus are available for [download here](#) at no cost, but you can also purchase prints and packages.

Rotary Clubs Present Check for Santa's Heroes



Before Thanksgiving, the Rotary Club of Addison and the Rotary Club of Addison Midday teamed up to host a Pancake Breakfast to raise money for Santa's Heroes. On Tuesday, December 5, the Clubs presented a check for \$500 to Assistant Police Chief Mike Vincent, Fire Admin Battalion Chief John Lage, Assistant Fire Chief Fred Calhoun, and Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Winkler. A big thanks to both organizations for supporting this holiday outreach initiative.

The speaker at the meeting was Addison City Manager David Gaines who shared how he became involved in city government and his journey to the Addison City Manager's Office.

Addison Council Participates in Salvation Army's North Texas Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge

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HELP FILL THE RED KETTLES



Addison City Council Members are supporting Mayor Arfsten this weekend in the Salvation Army's North Texas Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge. You can find them ringing the bell in front of Kroger at 3770 Belt Line Road on Saturday, December 9 from 10am - 6pm.

Whether it's food for hungry families, vital financial assistance for individuals seeking affordable housing, or those navigating the challenges of poverty and homelessness, all funds raised support local programs and people who find themselves facing uncertainty and hopelessness. *Love Beyond Christmas* is this year's holiday theme and the Salvation Army's commitment to provide hope and help to neighbors in need 365 days a year.

If you can't make it out to the store on Saturday, you can support Team Addison by making an [online donation here](#).

Upcoming Events

Vitruvian Lights Runs Through January 1



Vitruvian Park transforms into a magical holiday wonderland during Vitruvian Lights. The lights will be on daily from 5pm – 11pm through Monday, January 1, 2024. Free parking Monday - Thursday is available onsite at Vitruvian Park in the Park Road and Ponte Avenue parking lots.

Free parking Friday - Sunday is available at the following locations:

- Vitruvian Park – Park Road and Ponte Avenue parking lots
- Alfred J. Loos Sports Complex – 3815 Spring Valley Road

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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[List of Restaurants](#)

[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

[Watch City Council Meetings](#)

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

[Register your Security Alarm](#)

[Report a Problem with Addison FixIT](#)

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