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January 12, 2024

### Addison Offices Closed on January 15 for MLK Day

Town offices, including the Athletic Club, will be closed on Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. If you need to reach staff when offices are closed, please call the non-emergency public safety number at 972-450-7156.

Trash and recycling collection will not be disrupted by the holiday and will be picked up as usual.

## Council Updates

### January 17 is the First Day to File for the May 2024 Election

Packets to file for the May 2024 City Council election will be available beginning Wednesday, January 17 in the City Secretary's office at Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm and [on the Town's website](#). The last day to file is Friday, February 16 at 5pm. Please contact Interim City Secretary Valencia Garcia at [vgarcia@addisontx.gov](mailto:vgarcia@addisontx.gov) or 972-450-7017 with any questions.

Find more information about the May 2024 municipal election [here](#).

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### Kimley-Horn Associates Selected to Evaluate Options for Pedestrian Crossing over Dallas North Tollway at Belt Line

Addison's [City-Wide Trails Master Plan](#), adopted by Council on May 25, 2021, identifies the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) as presenting the greatest obstacle to providing safe and convenient active transportation access between west and east Addison. Addison west of the DNT is experiencing tremendous growth with Addison Airport, the DART Silver Line and Cotton Belt Trail, the Quorum Art Walk, and the Addison Circle Park transit-oriented development. Likewise, Addison east of the DNT is seeing substantial redevelopment in Village on the Parkway and Prestonwood Place.

At its January 9 meeting, the City Council approved an agreement with Kimley-Horn Associates to perform a feasibility study to review options for providing a pedestrian and bicycle crossing along Belt Line Road over DNT. The main purpose of the project is to provide safety and comfort for pedestrians crossing the DNT while reducing barriers and providing access to major destinations in west and east Addison. A secondary goal of the project is to create a landmark that identifies Addison and is visible from the main lanes of the

DNT. The North Central Texas Council of Governments and the Texas Department of Transportation fully support and provide funding opportunities for active transportation projects using similar criteria stated above. This study would provide information necessary for a grant application.

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

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## Council Receives Public Works and Engineering Update



Public Works and Engineering Director Shannon Hicks provided Council with an update on the department's key operations, capital improvement projects, and bond projects for Fiscal Year 2024 at the January 9 City Council meeting. Some of the highlights of the presentation included:

- Addison has been awarded a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant for nearly \$600,000 for signal improvements at the Belt Line Road and Business Avenue intersection.
- Construction is set to begin on the Keller Springs reconstruction project in early 2024.
- Progress is being made with irrigation, trail, retaining walls, and traffic signals on the south side of the Midway Road project and the northbound lanes from Belt Line Road to Keller Springs are under construction. The anticipated substantial completion of the entire project is still on schedule for Spring 2024.
- The Rawhide Creek ADA and Drainage Improvement project was completed in December 2023.
- Design is underway for the Quorum Drive and Montfort Road reconstruction projects.

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

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## Members Recognized



Mayor Bruce Arfsten recognized outgoing members of the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals during the January 9 City Council Meeting.

- Planning & Zoning Commission:

- Robert "Bob" Catalani
- Juli Branson
- Board of Zoning Adjustment
  - Gary Krupkin
  - Ed Copeland

Many thanks to these residents for sharing their time and their talents with the Addison community.

You can [watch the presentations here](#).



# TAKE THE WEBSITE SURVEY



The Addison City Council recently approved funding to update [Addison's website](#). The website is a primary communication channel with residents, businesses, contractors, and visitors so community input is key to its success. Please take five minutes to share how you use the current website and how we can improve your experience.

[Website Survey](#)

## Advance Addison

[Community Input is Key to Advance Addison Efforts](#)



**ADVANCE ADDISON 2050**  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



## JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY MEETING #2!



**YOUR INPUT WILL SHAPE THE VISION  
FOR ADDISON'S FUTURE.**

Thursday, January 25 at 6pm  
Addison Conference Centre  
15650 Addison Rd Addison, TX 75001



Join us at 6pm on Thursday, January 25 at the Addison Conference Centre at 15650 Addison Road for an Advance Addison Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop. This meeting is open to everyone who loves Addison and serves as an essential part of the community engagement process. Your input will help the project team shape the initial options for vision, guiding principles, and priority outcomes for the future of Addison's built environment.

### **Agenda**

6 – 6:30pm – Brief presentation from the project team and a live poll to rank Addison's values.

6:30 – 8pm – Opportunity for community input at interactive stations with printed exercises and an online mapping tool. The input provided will shape Addison's vision, guiding principles, and priority outcomes for the future of the Town's built environment.

Learn more at [www.AdvanceAddison.com](http://www.AdvanceAddison.com)

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**Advance Addison Team is Hitting the Streets**

# ENGAGEMENT TOUR SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

8–9:30am Dunn Brothers Coffee 3725 Belt Line Rd Addison, TX 75001	12–1pm Ida Claire 5001 Belt Line Rd Dallas, TX 75254
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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

8–9:30am Java & Hopps 4970 Addison Cir Addison, TX 75001	12–1pm Hawkers Asian Street Food 5100 Belt Line Rd #430 Dallas, TX 75254
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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

8–9:30am Ascension Coffee 14131 Midway Rd Addison, TX 75001	12–1pm Astoria Caffe and Wine Bar 15701 Quorum Dr Addison, TX 75001
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The Advance Addison team wants to ensure that the voices of people who live, work, and play in town are represented in their current survey, so they are hitting the streets the week of January 23. You'll find them at some of your favorite restaurants and coffee spots. When you do, please stop by, fill out the survey, and make your opinions heard.

The online survey will also be available through the end of January. Learn more at [www.AdvanceAddison.com](http://www.AdvanceAddison.com).

[Take the Survey](#)

## Around Town

[Cold Weather is Heading to DFW. Are you Ready?](#)

# THE 5 P's OF COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS



The National Weather Service forecasts hazardous cold weather from late this weekend into early next week, with wind chills below zero. In preparation for the cold snap, make sure you have a plan to protect your People, Pets, Plants, and Pipes. The Fire Department also encourages residents to [practice smart fire safety](#).

You can find some inclement [weather tips and resources](#) on the Town's website, including how to:

- [Protect Your Pipes](#)
- [Locate Your Main Water Shut-Off](#)
- Report a [Water Leak](#), [Power Outage](#), or [Gas Leak](#)

Please follow local news stations regularly for weather updates. Addison will post any road, bridge, or office closures on its website at [www.addisontexas.net](http://www.addisontexas.net). If you need immediate assistance, call 972-450-7156 or \*247 from your cell phone to reach emergency dispatchers.

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**Ardy's in Addison Circle is Officially Open**



On Tuesday, January 9, [Ardy's](#) celebrated their new Addison Circle location with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Mayor Bruce Arfsten, Mayor Pro Tempore Eileen Resnik, and Council Members Nancy Craig and Darren Gardner gathered to welcome this new restaurant to Addison.

Ardy's Grill bills itself as an unpretentious counter-serve spot offering Middle Eastern-style salads, sandwiches, and grilled meats. Its 4.9-star Google rating is a testament to how quickly this new dining hole is becoming a local favorite. When you visit, don't forget to put your phone in "phone jail" so you can score a free cream puff after your meal.

Welcome to Addison, Ardy's!

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### Saying Goodbye is Hard to Do



On Tuesday, January 9, the City Council held a small reception to recognize the retirement of City Secretary Irma Parker to thank her for her dedication to the Addison community. Parker was appointed in June of 2018 and has been an integral part of the executive team managing Addison's records retention program, responding to open records requests, documenting Council meetings, actions, and activities, and so much more.



## Volunteers Needed to Assist with Metrocrest Services Point-In-Time Count for the Metrocrest area



Volunteers are needed on the evening of January 25 to help with the 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) count. The PIT count is a nationwide event that brings together volunteers, community leaders, and street outreach workers to conduct a census of persons experiencing homelessness. Metrocrest Services will conduct the 2024 PIT count in Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, and Farmers Branch. Volunteers will work in teams alongside a street outreach expert to walk designated areas collecting census data. The information collected will help us understand the extent of homelessness in the Metrocrest area and provide data on Metrocrest Services' efforts to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. Email [volunteermanager@metrocrestservices.org](mailto:volunteermanager@metrocrestservices.org) by Friday, January 19, to learn more and sign up to join the Metrocrest Services PIT Count Volunteer Team!

## Addison Eats

Texas de Brazil Celebrating 25 Years



Salim Asrawi, co-founder and owner of Texas de Brazil, holds a skewer of flank steak at the restaurant's original location in Addison. The Brazilian restaurant offers all-you-can-eat, grilled meat carved at the table. Photos by Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

## Carving an empire built for meat lovers

In 1998, Salim Asrawi's vision seemed audacious — launching a Brazilian steakhouse empire from a small kitchen in Addison, TX. Fast forward to today, the 56-year-old president of [Texas de Brazil Corp.](#) now oversees a \$460 million family-owned chain with 66 restaurants globally, reaching as far as Saudi Arabia and South Korea. Asrawi's journey began with skepticism from banks regarding his Belt Line Road location choice, but he knew he found something special in Addison.

Undeterred, he, alongside his mother and uncle, invested \$500,000 to open the first Texas de Brazil. In 2024, that original location is celebrating its 25th anniversary. An Addison gem by any measure, Texas de Brazil is a place to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, holiday parties, promotions, and much more because every visit is a festive and unforgettable culinary experience. You can read more about Asrawi's remarkable journey in this recent [Dallas Morning News profile](#).

### Upcoming Events



**City Sips & Scoop**  
Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30am  
Dunn Brothers  
3725 Belt Line Road

The Town is hosting monthly City Sips & Scoop events where Addison staff and/or City Council members provide the community with updates on Addison projects, events, and matters of interest.

Swing by to get the inside scoop on Addison happenings!

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**DART Biannual Community Meeting**  
Thursday, January 18

7:00pm  
Addison Conference Centre

You are invited to attend an in-person biannual community meeting to review the progress of the DART Silver Line Regional Rail Project. DART and the design-build contractor, Archer Western Herzog (AWH), will be on hand to outline the latest design and construction developments and answer your questions. The project will provide regional rail service along the 26-mile-long Silver Line corridor from DFW International Airport to Plano.



**CPR/AED Training**  
**Saturday, January 27**  
**8:30 - 10:30am**  
**Addison Athletic Club**

The Addison Athletic Club is teaming up with the Addison Fire Department to offer an American Heart Association-certified CPR/AED class. Learn lifesaving skills and receive a certification that lasts for two years. The cost is \$25. Please register at the AAC front desk.

For more information or general questions, contact Fitness Supervisor Anna Weir at [aweir@addisontx.gov](mailto:aweir@addisontx.gov).

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**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](http://www.addisontexas.net): Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department-specific updates on department pages.
- [www.addisontexas.net/Midway](http://www.addisontexas.net/Midway): Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates.
- [www.addisonalert.com](http://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](mailto: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](#)

Sign up for [Addison Alerts](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[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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