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I. IDENTITY OF COMPLAINANT # 23564

1 COMPLAINANT NAME (REQUIRED)	MS/MRS/MR	FIRST	JAMES	MI	F.
	NICKNAME	LAST	JIM	DUFFY	SUFFIX
2 COMPLAINANT PHYSICAL ADDRESS (REQUIRED)	ADDRESS	APT / SUITE #	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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	972	998-5078		jfdgroup@flash.net	

II. IDENTITY OF RESPONDENT

6 RESPONDENT NAME (REQUIRED)	MS/MRS/MR	FIRST	Todd	MI	
	NICKNAME	LAST	Meier	SUFFIX	
7 RESPONDENT POSITION OR TITLE (REQUIRED)	Mayor, Town of Addison, Texas				
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III. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

Include the specific law(s) or rule(s) alleged to have been violated. The Texas Ethics Commission has jurisdiction to enforce only the following laws: (1) Title 15 of the Election Code; (2) Chapters 302, 303, 305, 572, 2004 of the Gov't Code; (3) § 334.025 and § 335.055 of the Local Gov't Code; (4) Subchapter C, Chapter 159 of the Local Gov't Code, in connection with a county judicial officer who elects to file a financial statement with the commission; (5) § 2152.064 and § 2155.003 of the Gov't Code; (6) § 306.005 of the Gov't Code.

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IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

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State the facts constituting the alleged violation(s), including the dates on which or the period of time in which the alleged violation(s) occurred. Identify allegations of fact not personally known to the complainant, but alleged on information and belief. Please use simple, concise, and direct statements.

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III Nature of Alleged Violation

Addison Mayor Todd Meier has violated the Election Code¹ by using Addison resources to publish "political advertising" in a Town-owned and Town-funded newsletter that is distributed to Addison residents via email. The newsletter is also stored and made available on the Town of Addison's website.

Complainant makes specific reference to the Texas Election Code, Title 15, titled "Regulating Political Funds and Campaigns." First, the act applies to officeholders:

Sec. 251.002. Officeholders Covered

(a) The provisions of this title applicable to an officeholder apply only to a person who holds an elective public office and to the secretary of state.

(b) For purposes of this title, a state officer-elect or a member-elect of the legislature is considered an officeholder beginning on the day after the date of the general or special election at which the officer-elect or member-elect was elected. This subsection does not relieve a state officer-elect or member-elect of the legislature of any reporting requirements the person may have as a candidate under this title.

Tex. Election Code, §251.002(a), (b) (emphasis added).

Fundamentally, this complaint originates with Chapter 255, titled "Regulating Political Advertising and Campaign Communications." Section 255.003 states:

§ 255.003. Unlawful Use of Public Funds for Political Advertising

(a) An officer or employee of a political subdivision may not knowingly spend or authorize the spending of public funds for political advertising.

Tex. Election Code, §255.003(a).

The code defines "political advertising" as follows:

(16) "Political advertising" means a communication supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election to a public office or office of a political party, a political party, a public officer, or a measure that:

(A) in return for consideration, is published in a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical or is broadcast by radio or television; or

(B) appears:

(i) in a pamphlet, circular, flier, billboard or other sign, bumper sticker, or similar form of written communication; or

(ii) on an Internet website.

Election Code, §251.001 (16)(A),(B) (emphasis and highlighting added).

¹ Texas Election Code, Chapter 258.

In addition, this commission has promulgated Texas Ethics Commission Rule 26.2 regarding newsletters of public officers. In relevant part, the rules state that a newsletter is not "political advertising" if:

- (1) It includes no more than two pictures of a public officer per page and if the total amount of area covered by the pictures is no more than 20 percent of the page on which the pictures appear;
- (2) It includes no more than eight personally phrased references (such as the public officer's name, "I", "me", "the city council member") on a page that is 8 ½" x 11" or larger, with a reasonable reduction in the number of such personally phrased references in pages smaller than 8 ½" x 11"; and
- (3) When viewed as a whole and in the proper context:
 - (A) Is informational rather than self-promotional;
 - (B) does not advocate passage or defeat of a measure; and
 - (C) does not support or oppose a candidate for nomination or election to a public office or office of political party, a political party, or a public officer.

Ethics Commission Rule 26.2(1)-(3).

The Ethics Commission also publishes "A Short Guide to the Prohibition Against Using Political Subdivision Resources for Political Advertising in Connection with an Election," which emphasizes that "it is important to remember that the Texas Election Code prohibits the use of political subdivision resources to produce or distribute political advertising in connection with an election." Further:

"Not only does this mean that the political subdivision may not purchase or authorize the purchase of new materials for use in creating political advertising, it also means that a political subdivision would violate the prohibition by using existing paper and machinery to generate, display or distribute political advertising."

"Also, it is not permissible to use or authorize the use of the paid time of an employee of a political subdivision to create or distribute political advertising."

Pamphlet, p. 2. These comments regarding elections resonate in particular here, where Addison is conducting an election for three council seats on May 7, 2016, and it is very clear that Mayor Meier is supporting the three incumbents. Complainant urges that no amount of discussion with Meier or Addison officials has caused any adjustment in the content of Addison's Town-owned and taxpayer-funded newsletter, which Complainant urges contains political advertising on a consistent basis.

The Ethics Commission has considered issues relating to newsletters authored by public officials in the past. In Advisory Opinion 476, the Ethics Commission addressed the appropriate analysis:

"The critical issue in determining whether an advertisement is 'political advertising' is whether it is a communication supporting or opposing a candidate or a public officer. Whether a particular communication supports or opposes a candidate or a public officer is a fact question."

Ethics Advisory Opinion 476 (2007), citing Ethics Advisory Opinion 102 (1992). Further:

"A factor in determining whether a particular communication supports or opposes a public officer is whether the communication provides information and discussion of official activities without promotion of the public officer. The mere fact that the name of a public officer or the picture of a public officer appears in a newsletter would not determine whether the communication constitutes political advertising. However, the context and frequency with which the name or picture appears are relevant to making that determination."

Ethics Advisory Opinion 476 (2007). In Opinion 476, the Ethics Commission reviewed a council newsletter and calculated the number of times the councilmember's photo appeared and the percentage of the pages it covered. The Ethics Commission also reviewed the number of times the councilmember's name appeared as well as the typeset of the name (i.e., bolded and/or larger typeset). The Ethics Commission ultimately concluded that the newsletter "is a self-promotion of the public officer and thus, when viewed as a whole, constitutes support of a public officer for purposes of 'political advertising' as defined in section 251.001(16) of the Election Code." *Id.* The Ethics Commission therefore held that the use of public funds to pay for the newsletter was prohibited by the Election Code. The Ethics Commission further commented:

"We stress that whether a particular communication supports or opposes a candidate or a public officer is a fact question that can be answered only when the communication is viewed as a whole. However, a public officer's newsletter that excessively uses pictures in which the public officer appears will almost always be political advertising. In our opinion, a public officer's newsletter that contains no more than two pictures of the public officer per page is not excessive use if the total amount of area covered by the pictures is no more than 20 percent of any page on which the pictures appear. Additionally, we caution on the use of personally phrased references, such as the use of the public officer's name, in particular when those references are set apart from other text."

Id.

In Ethics Advisory Opinion 506, the Ethics Commission held that a refrigerator magnet constituted "political advertising." From a factual standpoint, the Ethics Commission noted:

The refrigerator magnet at issue prominently displays an individual photograph of a public officer standing in front of a representation of a city seal. Below the photograph, the name of the public officer appears in a print type size that is larger than any other text on the magnet. Additionally, the magnet includes the name of the public office held, the public officer's contact information, and the Internet website address for information about the public officer on the city's website. The magnet also prominently features the phrase "DEDICATION to . . ." and a list of three items relating to activities of the public office: (1) Timely Constituent Response! (2) Responsible City Spending! (3) Standng up for residents, businesses, and for what is right andjust! After the first item appear the words "Our #1 Priority."

Id. (bolding added). The bolded language in particular will be applicable to an examination of the newsletters at issue in this case, where Meier consistently bolds and draws attention to matters favoring his perceived allies on the council, and disparaging and/or criticizing perceived foes on the council.

Ultimately, the Ethics commission made the following comments regarding the issue of the refrigerator magnet:

"In our opinion, the refrigerator magnet is a self-promotion of a public officer because the name and photograph of the public officer appear in an unduly conspicuous way and the three-item list promotes the public officer's priorities. When viewed as a whole, the magnet constitutes "political advertising" as defined in section 251.001(16) of the Election Code and for purposes of section 255.003 of the Election Code. Consequently, public funds may not be used to pay for the magnet.

Id.

IV Statement of Facts

Addison Mayor Todd Meier ("Meier") has violated the Government Code, the Election Code and the Ethics Commission Rules by using Addison resources to publish "political advertising" in a Town-owned and Town-funded newsletter that is distributed to Addison residents via email each Friday (the "Newsletter").

Addison has an election coming up on May 7, 2016. Six residents have filed and are currently candidates for three seats. Meier is supporting three incumbent councilmembers, with the clear hope of preserving his majority on the council.

In Newsletters distributed on February 26, 2016 and March 4, 2016, Meier characterized the upcoming May election as follows:

We will be having a City Council election this spring in Addison. Filing for the May 7 election has closed and current Council Members Mayor Pro Tempore Janelle Moore, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore David Heape and Council Member Mary Carpenter will be standing for reelection. Running against them are Al Angell, Jim Duffy and Paul Walden.

Newsletters, February 26, 2016 and March 4, 2016 (bolding is original).¹ This description is inaccurate and completely misleading. The fact that three candidates are incumbents and three are not does not in any way change the character of the election, i.e., there are six residents running for three seats. It is not three incumbents and three citizens. It is six citizens for three spots.

The purpose of the description is to lend support to the three Meier-supported incumbents. It is political advertising, and was distributed using taxpayer resources. That is improper.

The description also makes a point of using the titles of the Meier-supported candidates, again trying to influence voters and thereby support these three elected officials/candidates. Further, the description omits any reference to Mr. Duffy's prior service on the Addison Council, Mr. Walden's prior service on the Farmer's Branch Council, and Mr. Angell's prior service on the Addison Planning and Zoning Commission. Again, the description is one-sided and constitutes political advertising as defined by the statute.

On March 4, 2016, Complainant wrote an email to Meier demanding that an appropriate correction be sent to all those who received the Newsletters.² Meier responded on March 5, 2016, stating that he would wait until the next Newsletter, but would then "outline the parameters of the election this next week more explicitly."³

To start, the notion that the description above simply needed to be "outlined more explicitly" demonstrates that Meier is acting with clear intent. The description above doesn't need "outlining." It is blatantly misleading and needs to be retracted and corrected. If Meier is going to mention the

¹ These Newsletters are included as Exhibits A and B. Note as well that Mr. Angell's name was misspelled in the February 26th Newsletter.

² See Exhibit C, Duffy Email.

³ See Exhibit D, Meier Email.

election in a Town-owned and taxpayer funded publication, it needs to be described accurately. Further, the suggestion that Meier can use titles of incumbents without identifying the same council service among other candidates again evidences the intent to find explicit and implicit ways to support Meier's favored incumbents. Again, the intent and design is to favor the Meier-supported incumbents by touting their credentials, even as the other three candidates have identical or similar credentials that are intentionally omitted. It is political advertising.

On March 11, 2016, the next edition of Addison's Newsletter was published. It contained no retraction or correction of the two prior Newsletters. Again, this confirms Meier's intent to allow the public to be misled, and to provide support to the incumbents he is supporting.

Complainant asks the Ethics Commission to find that Meier has violated the Election Code and that the two referenced newsletters constituted political advertising as that term is defined in applicable Texas law and the Ethics Commission's rules.

Complainant asks for expedited consideration and relief, in light of the May 2016 election.

V - EXHIBIT LIST

No.	Document
A	February 26, 2016 Addison Newsletter
B	March 4, 2016 Addison Newsletter
C	March 4, 2016 Email, Duffy to Meier
D	March 5, 2016 Email, Meier to Duffy
E	March 11, 2016 Newsletter

From: "Town of Addison" <webmaster@addison.tx.gov>
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 4:01 PM
To: >
Subject: Update from Mayor Todd Meier, 2.26.16



Dear Neighbor,

It's been another exciting week in Addison as we head toward our Special Events season with **Taste Addison back with us on May 13-15**. Preparations are well underway with plans for the best one ever! This is the time of year when much of the hard work of our Parks team comes to life with the blooming of our Addison tulips! Check out this picture of our Service Center and please be sure to send us your favorite Addison pics and we will include them in our newsletter next week.

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Council News

There were a number of very interesting topics for our Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 23. During our Work Session we reviewed the staff's report and recommendation for a **small increase in our airport fuel flowage fee** to be effective on April 1 this year. That fee has not been changed since 1994 and is the source of important revenue for maintaining our airport at very high standards. As mentioned above, our staff presented detailed plans of all the food, music and fun headed our way with the return **this year of Taste Addison on May 13-15.**

We also received a staff report on the **life cycle cost analysis of our police vehicles**; there was significant media interest in this topic, which means we are still reaping media interest from the innovative use of Volvos as our Addison police cars back in the 1980s. After our **first ever and very informative life cycle cost analysis**, the staff recommended that we move forward with the Ford Explorers as our choice for this year. The Council will take up that recommendation at our first meeting next month.

The Council gave direction to our City Manager to move forward with additional work with Mr. Larry Kanter of Kanter Financial Forensic after hearing Mr. Kanter's **disconcerting and ultimately encouraging update.** After a review of his extensive credentials for his work, Mr. Kanter read his remarks

to the Council and included reference to specific examples of what he found as part of a brief PowerPoint presentation. I encourage you to **watch the video including the very well informed questions from our Council Members.** We have attached a link to the video [here](#).

A few of the key points that resonated with me include: "In general, **when a system of internal controls is poor, bad things happen.**" In referring to his early work in 2014 Mr. Kanter said, "...in fact the Town's accounting systems lacked what are considered to be basic elements of a well-designed accounting system. Our work indicated that **the Town was at risk of an inability to detect and prevent fraud, waste and or misapplication of assets.** We observed that the Town's finance department was significantly understaffed and basic accounting tasks were simply not being performed. **The Town's basic checks and balances were so weak or nonexistent that it will be very difficult or even impossible to determine if money and or assets were misappropriated in the past.**"

Mr. Kanter's review of our Special Events and handling of cash led him to observe, "...we noted that it was virtually impossible to determine if all of the cash collected from the patrons of Oktoberfest was actually deposited in the Town's bank account."

Last year Mr. Kanter spent time working with our Municipal Court system and he revealed these observations: "It became very clear that the Municipal Courts had never been subjected to a detailed study of their accounting processes and procedures. It was also apparent that the transactions generated by the Municipal Courts have never been properly reconciled. The reconciliation of transactions helps ensure that the amounts that are collected from the public are properly calculated, recorded and deposited into the Town's bank." Part of Mr. Kanter's remaining scope of work will be to follow up with our Municipal Courts. **The need for and value of this transitional audit became abundantly and undeniably clear with the conclusion of Mr. Kanter's prepared comments.** We have attached a link to the video [here](#).

That is the past.

As Mr. Kanter reported when Interim City Manager Charles Daniels arrived last April, **everything changed because the tone at the top changed.** The staff became very cooperative and "requests that previously took days to be fulfilled now took minutes." Mr. Kanter went on to laud the new tone at the top with City Manager Wes Pierson and commended our current Finance staff and expressed confidence that we are on our way to significant improvement in all areas. He suggested that the new software installed at our Municipal Courts in February of this year may go a long way in addressing many of his concerns. Mr. Kanter hopes to complete the authorized scope of work by the end of March and will report back then.

This is finally very good news; we have acknowledged a deficiency and we are taking an aggressive open approach to addressing and fixing all that is broken. That begins with the new "tone at the top," a commitment to continuous improvement and doing what is right. We are definitely headed in the right direction here and the path is now clear for success.

Our new Police Chief Paul Spencer delivered a report to Council on past police protocols with underperforming hotels when he shared that in the past "over time the lack of targeted enforcement, in conjunction with our education efforts, facilitated an environment where criminal elements felt free to

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act with impunity and set up permanent roots in our community." Now? Since Chief Spencer has been the leader of our Police Department, the entire department has begun targeting these criminal elements: "Recent activity suggests we are beginning to accomplish the goal of reversing criminal activity at our targeted hotels and sending the message Addison is not the place you want to operate if you're a criminal. Based on recent arrests, we also anticipate a reduction in burglaries and property thefts within the residential areas."

As this new much more proactive approach develops, the Chief and his team will be developing data and metrics that will help us determine staffing and enforcement priorities in the future. In the short term this new approach may cause the actual crime statistics to surge since we are now aggressively looking for finding criminal activity and making arrests. This new balanced approach of recognizing the problem, confronting it with education, measurement and enforcement was met with applause from the entire Council Chambers and thanks for the new approach from Chief Spencer and his entire team. You can watch the entire uplifting video from Chief Spencer here. Once again the new "tone at the top" and good people working hard have us headed in the right direction.

Other items on our agenda for the evening included an Executive Session item reviewing past separation agreements, consent approval of a resolution adopting a public information act policy update, designation of representatives to the TexPool, TexStar and the local government investment pool, a contract with Half Associates to update the bids on the work for the Winnwood pond dredging project, and final payment authorization to Pavecon for the rehabilitation of Addison Road. The Council also decided to create a liaison position with the Cavanaugh Flight Museum with our Communities Partner Bureau in addition to authorizing their \$50,000 grant request.

Other Regular Council Meeting items included a presentation and introduction of our new Crisis Communication team. Public Communications Director Mary Rosenbleeth introduced us to the Addison-based firm Gray Hair PR, and their principals each spoke and gave us their experience and backgrounds. Their work will begin on March 1, 2016. The Council approved a resolution authorizing our staff to enter into a contract with the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power to provide electricity for the Town for 2018-2022. Based on current prices we could expect to receive several hundred thousand dollars of annual savings.

Our new Interim CFO Scott Neils presented the Finance Department Quarterly Financial Review of the first quarter of our financial year that ended December 31, 2015. For the first time in quite a while, all of our funds are in the "green" and we are off to a good start for the financial year. The report is linked here for your review.

Our Director of IT Hamid Khaleghipour and Police Chief Paul Spencer gave us an update on our combined dispatch and radio project. We are actually a bit under budget and just a few weeks behind schedule on this very large multi city project. Farmers Branch successfully went live with the first phase of the dispatch system this week, and Addison is scheduled to transition to the new dispatch center on March 3. Our radio system that's part of the project has hit some technical difficulties, so we have taken it off line and gone back to our old system until the technical issues are resolved. The Council was effusive in their praise of our team moving forward on this very important project that is one of the nation's largest and most expressive examples of the new business model called "Shared Services." As our City

Manager said, "This is a big story. It is very special to see four cities work together to create a system that improves the level of service at lower cost. This a new model of how business will be done in the future."

Our final agenda item was the presentation of the annual Town of Addison Police department 2015 racial profiling report. For the fifth year in a row we did not have any racial profiling complaints in our department. The report concluded that there is no systemic racial profiling in our police department, and we are in full compliance with state law. As you may recall we have had body cameras for all of our officers, as well as video in all of the police vehicles, for quite some time.

We adjourned our Council Meeting before 10:30pm.

More Council News!

We will be having a Council election this spring in Addison. Filing for the May 7 election closed last Friday at 5pm and current Council Members Mayor Pro Tempore Janelle Moore, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore David Heape and Council Member Mary Carpenter will be standing for reelection. Running against them are Al Angel, Jim Duffy and Paul Walden. Early voting ends today, February 26, at 7pm. As mentioned above, Election Day is Saturday, May 7 with results posted soon after the polls close at 7pm.

This time of year with national, statewide and now local election campaigns underway, I am often asked if current Council Members are permitted to endorse other candidates in national, statewide or local elections. Recent guidance provided to Council on this issue from our City Attorney states, "Section 2-93 (11) however, specifically allows each member of the City Council to lend his/her name and official city title (Mayor or Councilmember) in connection with any election for public office or in connection with any election ordered by the Town on a proposition or measure."

Business Development

On the afternoon of Wednesday, February 24, 2016, I dropped by for the special Grand Opening celebration of a new very interesting store here in Addison. Dody D Home Decor is located at 4750 Ratliff Lane, just off of Addison Road and a couple of blocks north of Keller Springs Road. Open 10am to 6pm each day, they have a wide variety of high quality home furnishings and decor items that are all brand new and sold at near wholesale prices. They have a one-of-a-kind inventory with new merchandise arriving weekly. Co-owner Cheryl Pembleton shared with me that their business model is pretty simple: buy low, then sell low. They have access to very unique items from all over the world and because of their very low rent factor, they are able to pass along great savings to their customers. All items are clearly marked, and they even leave the whole price tags on some so you can compare!



Mayor Pro Tempore **Janelle Moore**, our Council liaison with the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Director of Economic Development **Orlando Campos**, Manager of Economic Development **Drew Dietrich** and I joined Janelle in helping to co-host an event here in Addison on Thursday, February 25 at the very fun and entertaining Bitter Sisters microbrewery. The reception for members of the North Dallas Chamber began at about 5:30pm and ran until about 7pm with lots of good folks learning all about the brewery, its unique history and of course enjoying Addison hospitality. This is another great way for us to partner with successful organizations and build our brand. Many thanks to **Janelle** for helping to bring this event to Addison and her work as our liaison with the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

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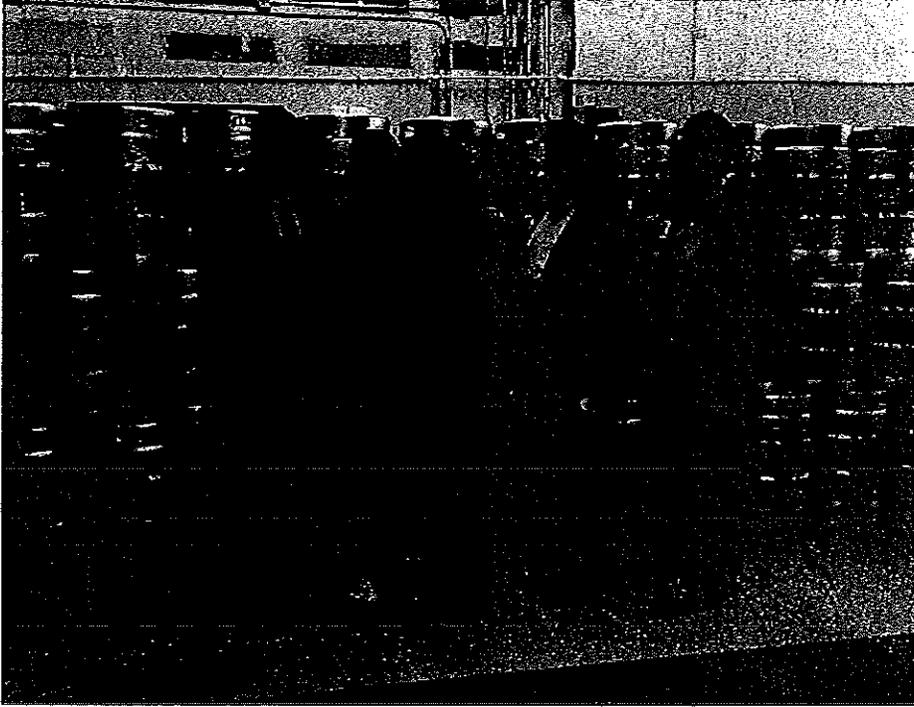


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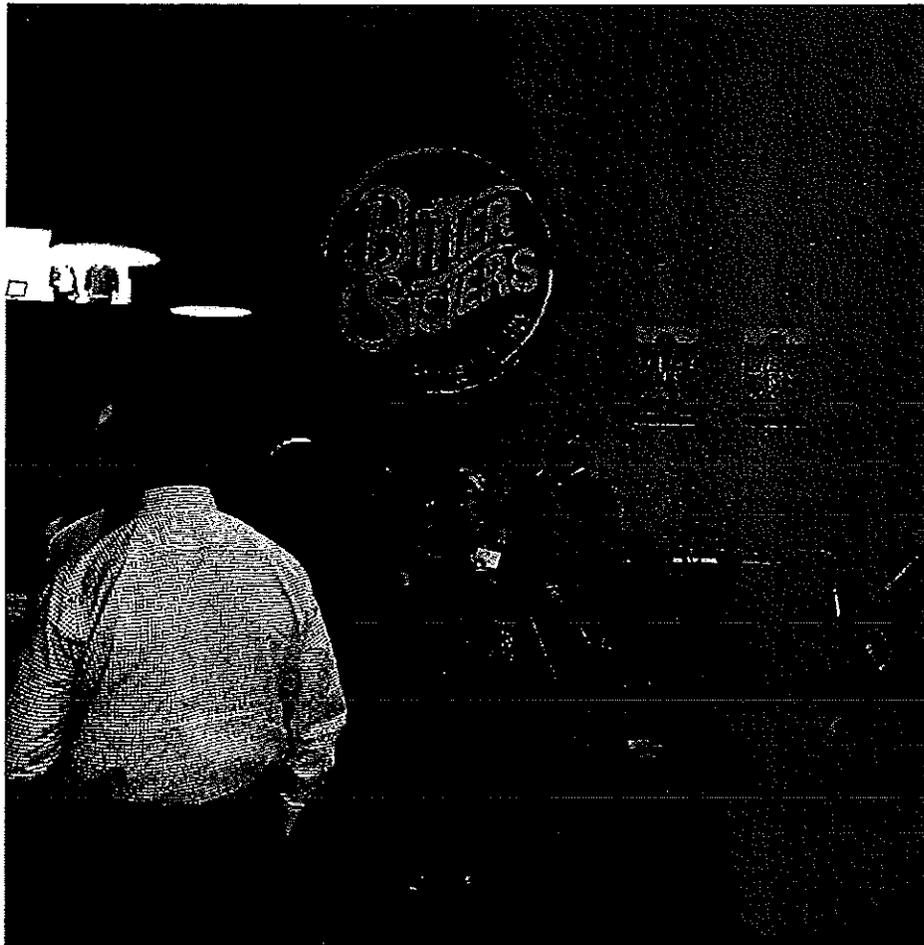
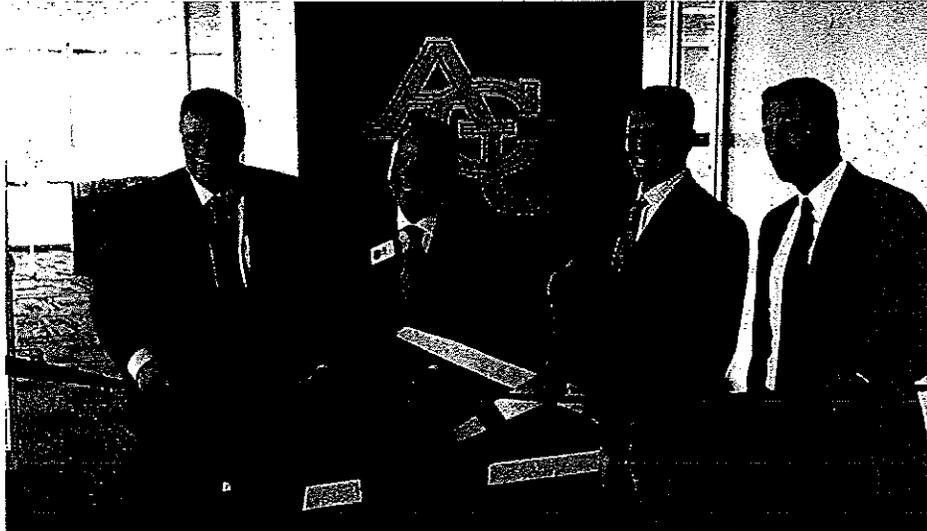


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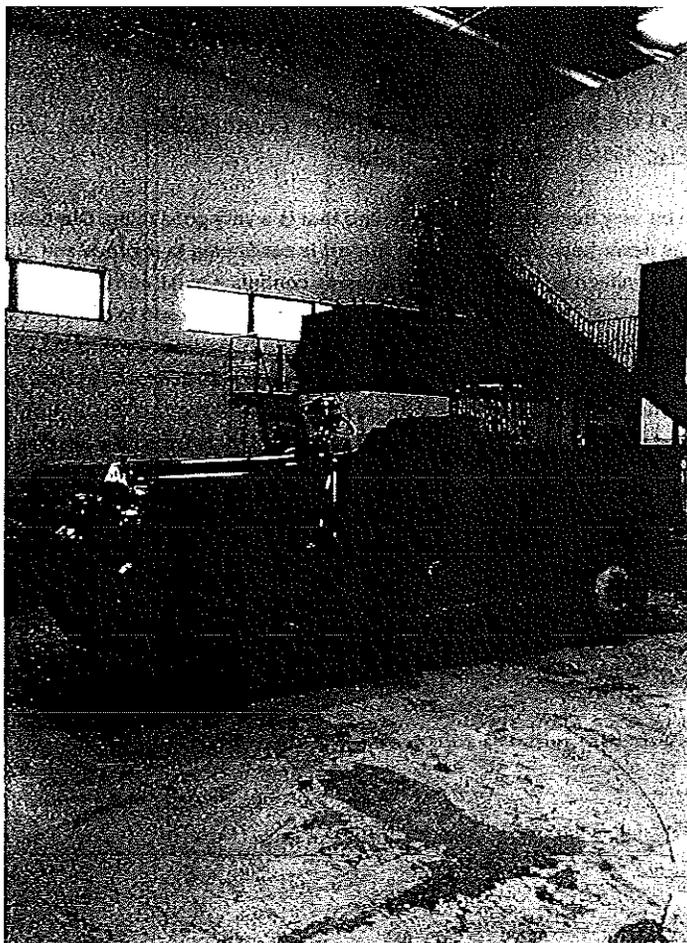
On the afternoon of Thursday, February 25, Director of Economic Development Orlando Campos, manager of Economic Development Drew Dietrich and I represented Addison at the ribbon cutting for Abilene Christian University's brand new Addison campus located in the Hanover Building at 16633 Dallas Parkway. We met several enthusiastic members of the University staff that are very pleased to be with us here in Addison. They have now taken the entire 8th floor of the Hanover Building with plans to take over most of the 6th floor for even greater expansion. The President of the University, Phil Schubert, spoke to the large group about the University's future and the enthusiasm they have for expanding beyond their Abilene campus and joining us here in Addison, even offering us opportunities to share their space for meetings or events. The addition of a well-respected University campus to our Addison portfolio of diverse customers is an excellent addition to our community. We are very proud to have the Abilene Christian University Wildcats as part of our Addison.

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Around Town

Late Thursday afternoon on February 25, our Addison Legacy Foundation Board met at the offices of UDR for the monthly meeting that rotates each month at different board members' offices. This month our host was board member Tom Lamberth with UDR. Mayor Pro Tempore Janelle Moore joined our additional board members Chic Martin, Tamela Thornton, Debbie Staggs, Bob Kantner, Ray Ryland and Board Chair Blake Clemens. In addition to important administrative issues, Tamela and Chic gave us an update on our visioning and forward-looking goals. Blake gave us an update on our tentatively scheduled December 2, 2016 Vitruvian Lights Run. Additionally, the board approved payment for the new Celestial Park pet and people water fountain. Chic Martin and Ray Ryland shared with us the exciting news that we found a location for the restoration work to be performed on our 1930 fire truck! Blake and Ray worked with Scott Buzzell, who owns a hangar on Dooley Road that he has graciously loaned to us for the restoration project. In fact as you can see from the photo below, the fire truck has been moved from its spot in the bays at Fire Station #1 to its new location where the work will begin. Now we need your help! If you would like to donate your funds or time to this fun project contact Blake Clemens at blake.clemens@tx.rr.com.



I will have the honor tonight of presenting our **Rising Star of 2016 Award** to our very deserving **Deputy City Manager Cheryl Delaney** at the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce annual awards event. Here with us since 2014, Cheryl helped us navigate through some very challenging transition times. Thanks to her extensive background in finance, she served in the dual roles of Deputy City Manager and CFO through our budget season and until recently with the new hire of Interim CFO Scott Neils. Cheryl combines her work history with professional service in municipal government finance positions in Round Rock Texas and San Antonio with work in the private sector at Deloitte Consulting and HEB Grocery. An avid and passionate member and supporter of all that we are doing to improve our Athletic Club, Cheryl definitely qualifies as an Addison Rising Star! **Congratulations Cheryl, we are all very proud of you.**

Coming Events

Wednesday, March 2, 10am: First Wednesday Coffee with the Mayor, Dunn Brothers Coffee, 3725 Belt Line Road

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Monday, March 7, 11:30am – 1pm: [Monthly Economic Development Luncheon](#), The Londoner, 14930 Midway Road

Monday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 16, 6 – 9pm: [Community Meeting of the Town's Master Transportation Plan](#), 15650 Addison Road

We continue to be very busy here in Addison, and that is a very good thing. Our business environment has never been better. Addison Airport is continuing to improve and draw new customers. Our 10 million square feet of office space continues to fill with exciting new office products coming online. Two new hotels are under construction to add to our impressive 22 hotel portfolio. New restaurants are opening virtually every month. Addison TreeHouse continues to be the hip space for new entrepreneurs to plant the seeds of new businesses, and our commercial property valuations are at all-time highs. With our new "Tone at the Top" in our own organization, we are in the best position ever here in Addison to meet and embrace a very positive future.

I am very proud to be your mayor and to work with our outstanding Council and amazing staff every day to make sure this very positive trend continues.

See you soon,

Todd

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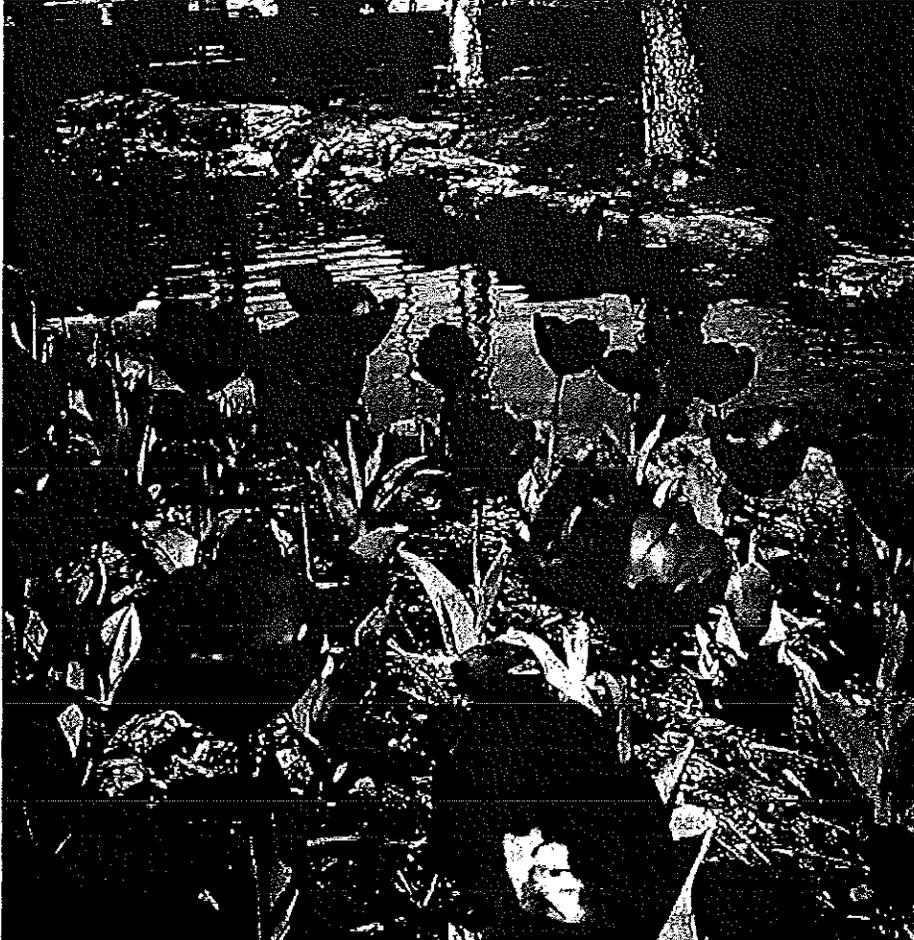
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Council News

There was no Council Meeting this week; however, we are preparing the agenda for next week's meeting, which is set for Tuesday, March 8. We will begin at 6pm with a Work Session covering the possibility of a new dog park for Spruill Park and a discussion about the City Manager's signature authority. As well we will have an Executive Session to discuss legal matters regarding the Town's website developer.

Our Regular Session will begin at 7:30pm and cover items related to a contract for the installation of new illuminated street signs, the purchase of 14 new Ford police vehicles and a resolution increasing the fuel flowage fees at our airport by 2 cents. We will also consider a construction contract for drainage channel improvements on Addison Airport and refunding bonds.

As I mentioned above, our next Spring Town Meeting is planned for Monday evening April, 11, beginning at 7pm at our Addison Conference Centre. We will have a number of exciting presentations and plenty of time for your questions. I hope you will plan to join us for this fun spring Addison tradition.

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We will be having a City Council election this spring in Addison. Filing for the May 7 election has closed and current Council Members Mayor Pro Tempore Janelle Moore, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore David Heape and Council Member Mary Carpenter will be standing for reelection. Running against them are Al Angell, Jim Duffy and Paul Walden.

Early Voting: Monday, April 25 – Friday, April 29 (8am - 5pm); Saturday, April 30 (8am - 5pm); Sunday, May 1 (1pm - 6pm); Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3 (7am - 7pm).

- Addison location for ALL precincts for **Early Voting** : Addison Fire Station (Central Fire Station), 4798 Airport Parkway.
- Dallas County residents can Early Vote at any Dallas County Early Voting Location. Additional locations are available on the Dallas County election [website](#).

Election Day May 7: (7am - 7pm) Residents will need to vote at the location that corresponds to their precinct number.

- **Precincts 2900 & 2901:** Addison Fire Station #2, 3950 Beltway Drive
- **Precincts 2902, 2903, 2904, 2905:** Addison Fire Station #1 (Central Fire Station), 4798 Airport Parkway

A new opportunity for you to participate! Last week the Council approved adding a liaison role to the Community Partners Bureau for the Cavanaugh Flight Museum. As a Bureau liaison, you will represent the Town of Addison with the Museum. If you have questions about this role or the Community Partners Bureau, please contact one of the Council liaisons to the Community Partners Bureau, either Bruce Arfsten at barfsten@addisontx.gov or Ivan Hughes at ihughes@addisontx.gov.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please let City Secretary Laura Bell know by next Friday, March 11. Please send Laura your contact information and a brief statement why you would like to be the Community Partner Bureau liaison for the Cavanaugh Flight Museum. Laura's e-mail is lbell@addisontx.gov and her phone number is 972-450-7000.

Business Development

The Lewisville City Council met at our Addison TreeHouse on Monday evening! Yes, the Mayor and a quorum of the Lewisville City Council, along with their City Manager and staff, convened at our TreeHouse to learn more about our success with that important part of our economic development strategy. Director of Economic Development Orlando Campos, Economic Development Manager Drew Dietrich, Co-Founder/CEO Trey Bowles of the Dallas Entrepreneur Center and I welcomed their group and provided an overview of the TreeHouse's purpose, benefits and structure. In addition to a tour of our facilities, we were able to answer questions and help them think through the issues related to adding their own similar program in Lewisville.

I emphasized the very important role the TreeHouse plays as part of our five pillar Addison economy; our

office space, airport, restaurants, hotels and, of course, our TreeHouse where entrepreneurs grow their dreams into Addison-based reality. In just our first 18 months, we have helped provide support to over 120 startup businesses. **It was an excellent conversation and opportunity for us share the success of our TreeHouse venture in hopes of helping Lewisville replicate our success.**

On a beautiful Addison Thursday afternoon I joined Council Colleagues Dale Wilcox and Ivan Hughes, along with our City Manager Wes Pierson, for a visit with our Addison Airport customer Cutter Aviation, at 400 Claire Chenault Drive, to take a look at their newest addition. What a beauty! HondaJet Southwest and Cutter Aviation held a showing of the newly certified HondaJet. With its clean sheet design and cutting edge innovation, "the HondaJet is truly the world's most advanced light business jet." Cutter Aviation's Director of Special Projects Mike Livezey was on hand to answer questions and provide tours of this new concept aircraft. This jet is a twin turbofan aircraft with a low fixed wing. With a range of just over 1,300 miles and a speed of over 460 miles per hour, this aircraft comes equipped with all the latest avionics and is made of very high tech materials. Cabin space is very comfortable for four adults and each passenger seat is capable of reclining. As you might be able to tell from my photos the aircraft is relatively short, with an overall length of almost 43 feet, and has a wingspan of just under 40 feet. This photo includes Mike Livezey of Cutter Aviation, John DeLawyer Regional sales Manager for HondaJet southwest and HondaJet Southwest Chief Pilot Hall Lewallen. Very impressive! And as you might guess, they are available for purchase.

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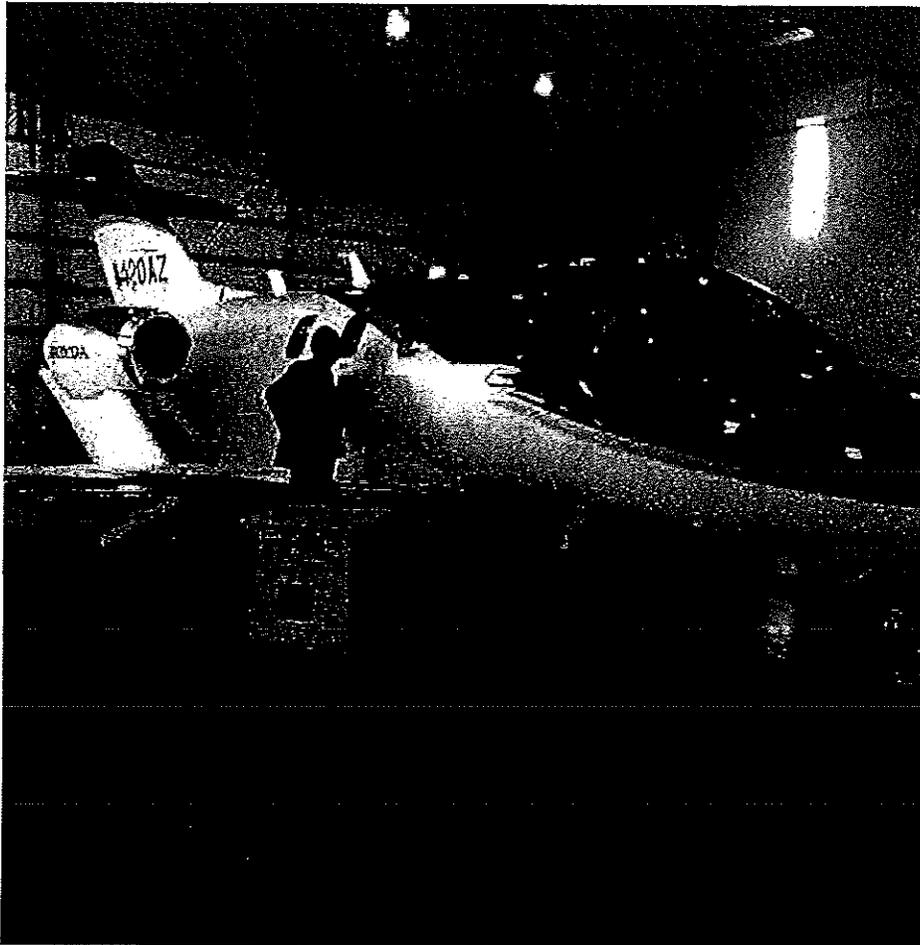
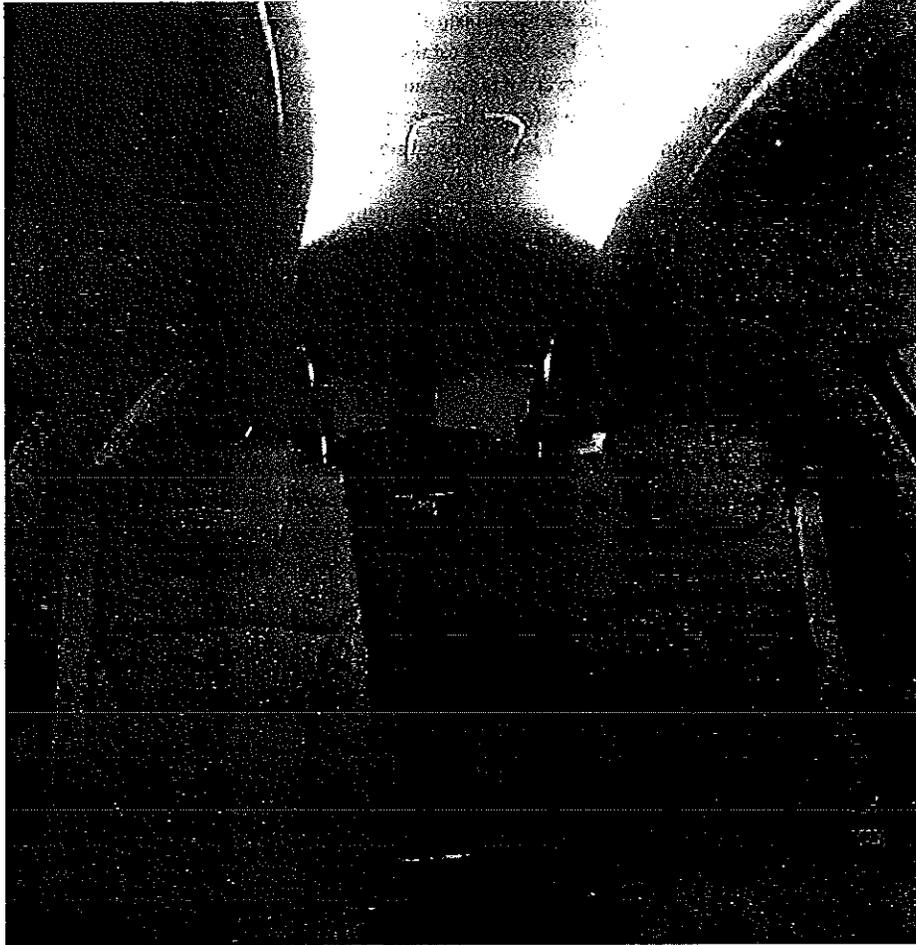


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Around Town

Over 40 folks showed up for our First Wednesday of the Month Coffee with the Mayor at Dunn Bros at 10am with their usual list of very good questions. We began our conversation recognizing each of my Council Colleagues, Janelle Moore, David Heape, Mary Carpenter, Ivan Hughes, Dale Wilcox and Bruce Arfsten, who were all present, and our crowd of our neighbors warmly thanked each of them for their service to Addison. I spoke briefly about our booming Addison economy with the new office building under construction and more planned, two new hotels under construction, our new Addison Grove development, exciting developments for our airport, more restaurants and, of course, our TreeHouse as mentioned above. I also mentioned that our Beltway/Proton trail and lighting project is coming along and that a crosswalk and stop signs will be added at the corner of Beltway and Les Lacs to further slow traffic and discourage cut through traffic.

One of the questions asked on Wednesday, as it is at every Mayor coffee, was an inquiry about the status of our Wind Turbines project. As you may know we are in litigation with the manufactures and

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installers of those wind turbines that are still not working on top of our new water tower on Surveyor Boulevard just north of Belt Line Road. The Council retained outside counsel to represent Addison in this lawsuit over one year ago; they are John Sloan and Doug Lukasik with the construction specialty law firm SloanMatney. I have attached a memo those attorneys prepared and sent to Council this week containing a couple of surprising revelations about the status of our case.

I did bring for those in attendance at the coffee copies of the memo from our attorneys about the wind turbines, another about the Addison Grove development, copies of the remarks our transitional audit consultant Larry Kanter provided to Council last week and copies of the report police Chief Spencer provided to Council last week about his new policies with respect to underperforming hotels. If you would like copies of any or all of those documents or reports just let me know. Our next Coffee with the Mayor will be Thursday, March 17 at 6pm at the Sidewalk Café in Addison Circle.

Addison-The Magazine of the North Dallas Corridor held their annual Top Female Executive of the Year award luncheon on Wednesday and Council Colleagues Janelle Moore, Mary Carpenter, David Heape, Ivan Hughes, Dale Wilcox and I were joined by City Manager Wes Pierson and Director of Public Communications Mary Rosenbleeth to celebrate the recognition of our own Addison resident Andrea "Andi" Jennings, who is President and CEO at the Lucas Group, as the winner of the 2016 Top Female Executive. Andi thanked her entire professional team who are national leaders in the executive recruitment field and expressed great enthusiasm for the award and the opportunity to be part of our Addison community. Congratulations, Andi, we are very proud of you! It was a sold out event that has become an annual tradition - a very well done tradition - by Addison Magazine publisher Rodney Hand and his great team.

I am happy to report that yesterday, the Town of Addison successfully transitioned its 911 dispatch to the new NTECC facility and is operating without any issues. The transition went smoothly and our staff's preparation allowed them to execute this complex transition in an impressive fashion.

On March 14 and 16 we will be hosting community meetings to gain your input on the Master Transportation Plan, specifically on the current master transportation plan; transportation goals; traffic/congestion/intersections; connectivity and alternative modes of transportation. The meetings, which will be held from 6pm-9pm at the Addison Conference Centre, will be conducted in an open house format so feel free to come when your schedule allows. There will be a brief presentation at 7pm on both nights.

Coming Events

Monday, March 7, 11:30am – 1pm: Monthly Economic Development Luncheon, The Londoner, 14930 Midway Road

Tuesday, March 8, 7:30pm: Addison City Council Meeting, Addison Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road

Thursday, March 10, 4pm – 8pm: City Council Strategic Planning Session, Greenhill School Library, 4141 Spring Valley Road

Monday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 16, 6 – 9pm: Community Meeting for the Town's Master Transportation Plan, 15650 Addison Road

I am so proud of our Council and staff working closely together to work through the challenges of our past and consistently and conscientiously putting what is best for Addison at the forefront of all of our work and looking ahead to our future.

All is well in Addison, Texas.

Todd

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From: Jim Duffy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2016 6:57 PM
To: Todd Meier
Cc: Wesley Pierson
Subject: Mayor's Update

Mayor Meier,

I request you immediately clarify and correct your statement in today's Weekly Update from Mayor Todd Meier regarding the upcoming election.

Your statement:

We will be having a City Council election this spring in Addison. Filing for the May 7 election has closed and current Council Members Mayor Pro Tempore Janelle Moore, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore David Heape and Council Member Mary Carpenter will be standing for reelection. Running against them are Al Angell, Jim Duffy and Paul Walden.

That statement is inaccurate, totally misleading and clearly political, although I suspect you knew that when you wrote it. In Addison we have three council seats available in the upcoming election and six candidates have filed to fill those three positions. Three are incumbents and three are not. This is not three citizens running against three incumbents, it is six citizens running for three seats.

As this newsletter is represented as a Town of Addison publication and Town resources are used to produce it I request a proper correction be released to everyone who received the "newsletter". In the interest of fairness I suggest future listing of council candidates be in alphabetical order. If you are going to continue to use the incumbents titles with their names in this context I think the other candidates' listings should include their former titles, i.e. former Councilman Jim Duffy, former Farmers Branch Councilman Paul Walden, former Commissioner Al Angell.

I fully expect you will continue to use this publication to promote the incumbent council members which is totally inappropriate if not illegal. I am asking City Manager Pierson to monitor your missives to assure fair and honest representation of all candidates in the upcoming election. I will leave this as a request for now.

Jim Duffy

From: Todd Meier <tmeier@addisontx.gov>
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Jim, thank you for your suggestions. I will outline the parameters of the election this next week more explicitly. I am very careful to avoid anything that would amount to political advertising so mentioning your past council service or work with Spring Valley Constriction Co. may not be appropriate for the newsletter. Todd

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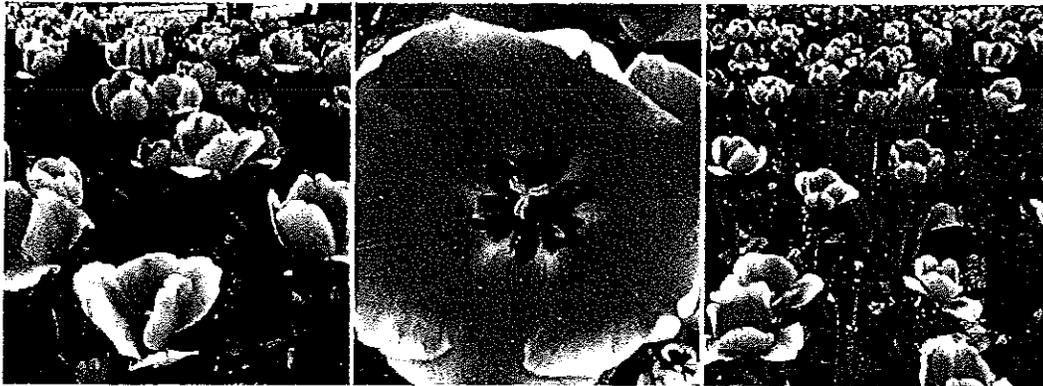
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Dear Neighbor,

It's been a spring-like week, a rainy week, that will bring out the Addison color and get our beautiful tree canopies budding! As you can see from our tulip photos this week and last, our Parks and Recreation Department crew has been very busy and hard at work.



I hope you noticed our post card in the mail this week about our **Community Meetings** next week where we will be seeking your input on our **Master Transportation Plan**. On Monday evening, March 14 from 6pm to 9pm and again on Wednesday evening, March 16, from 6pm to 9pm Addison staff will conduct an open house format meeting with a presentation beginning at 7pm. The topics will include the current Master Transportation Plan, transportation goals, traffic/congestion/intersections, and connectivity and alternative modes of transportation. I hope you will plan to come join us; there will be graphics for you to review and plenty of opportunity for your input. Both meetings will be held at the Addison Conference Centre.

Council News

Our first Work Session item for our meeting on Tuesday, March 8 was a discussion of a possible new dog

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park for Spruill Park in Addison Circle. Our Interim Parks and Recreation Director Michael Kashuba brought the Council an excellent concept for converting about half an acre of that 1.56-acre park into a very nice dog park. Michael presented a PowerPoint that showed Addison Circle is an underserved neighborhood. The Spruill Park location makes good sense since it is very close to that densely populated, under-served community currently using it as a dog park and because the current infrastructure would easily support this additional use. Billy Dries, the chairman of our Dog Park Committee, and other members of the committee have worked with Michael and our staff in helping to develop this concept and endorse this new plan. To view the Dog Park Study presentation, please [click here](#).

The projected budget for the park would be about \$150,000 and we already have raised \$40,000 from the good folks at Post Properties as a private donation to the Addison Legacy Foundation earmarked for this project. Each of the Council Members expressed enthusiasm for the project and we all agreed to let the private community have more time to generate donations for the new dog park before the Council takes it up as a funding option. Hopefully we can generate additional private funds and reduce the reliance on the Town budget for funding. Several very excited residents have offered to help generate these donations before the Council takes the matter up this summer during our budget discussion for 2016-2017.

Our second Work Session item was a discussion of the signature authority of the City Manager. This agenda item was prompted by our new City Manager Wes Pierson. When he started with us he had the natural question of understanding the clear direction from Council on his signature authority. Addison's City Attorney Brenda McDonald reviewed all of Addison's documents, including our Charter, and brought forward a proposed ordinance that consolidated the language and authority from all of our current documents into one ordinance. It was an excellent discussion and brought clarity to an important issue.

We had two speakers during our Public Comment section. Resident Neil Hewitt spoke in opposition to the new stop signs planned for the intersection of Les Lacs and Beltway. Resident John Price spoke and suggested that in the past several years more than \$58,000 has been directed toward private rotary clubs and that those funds may be better directed toward paying Addison police officers.

During the Regular Meeting, the Council approved the minutes from our last meeting on February 23, including a resolution establishing guidelines for signage for Open Carry at open public meetings and a contract for the installation of 137 illuminated name street signs with durable specialties in an amount not to exceed \$71,925.

Item 10 concerning the resolution to increase the fuel flowage fee at Addison Airport, which had not been changed since 1994, by 2 cents was discussed more fully. The original presentation was re-presented by staff and then the council considered a request from our newest customer at the airport, Sky BB, to be grandfathered into the lower past fuel flowage fee. After lengthy discussion, the Council decided that such a provision would be unfair to our current customers and unanimously approved the staff's recommended fuel flowage fee increase of 2 cents per gallon effective April 1 this year.

Item 9 concerning the purchase of our 14 Ford Police Pursuit Vehicles (PPV) was discussed further as well. There was extensive comment and discussion that covered costs and financial analysis, as well as our Addison brand, our value proposition and working conditions for Addison officers. I encourage you to take a quick look at [this link](#) for the entire, interesting conversation. The Council did approve the staff's recommendation to purchase the 14 Ford Police Vehicles including the latitude to create some unique and distinctive graphic designs.

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The Council approved the staff-recommended construction contract with McMahon Contracting for the construction of the **northwest drainage improvements located on Addison Airport in an amount not to exceed \$762,470.09**. This is a plan and project that was approved last summer during our budget sessions and is within the projected budget parameters with funds coming from our stormwater fund. The project is expected to take 6 months to complete.

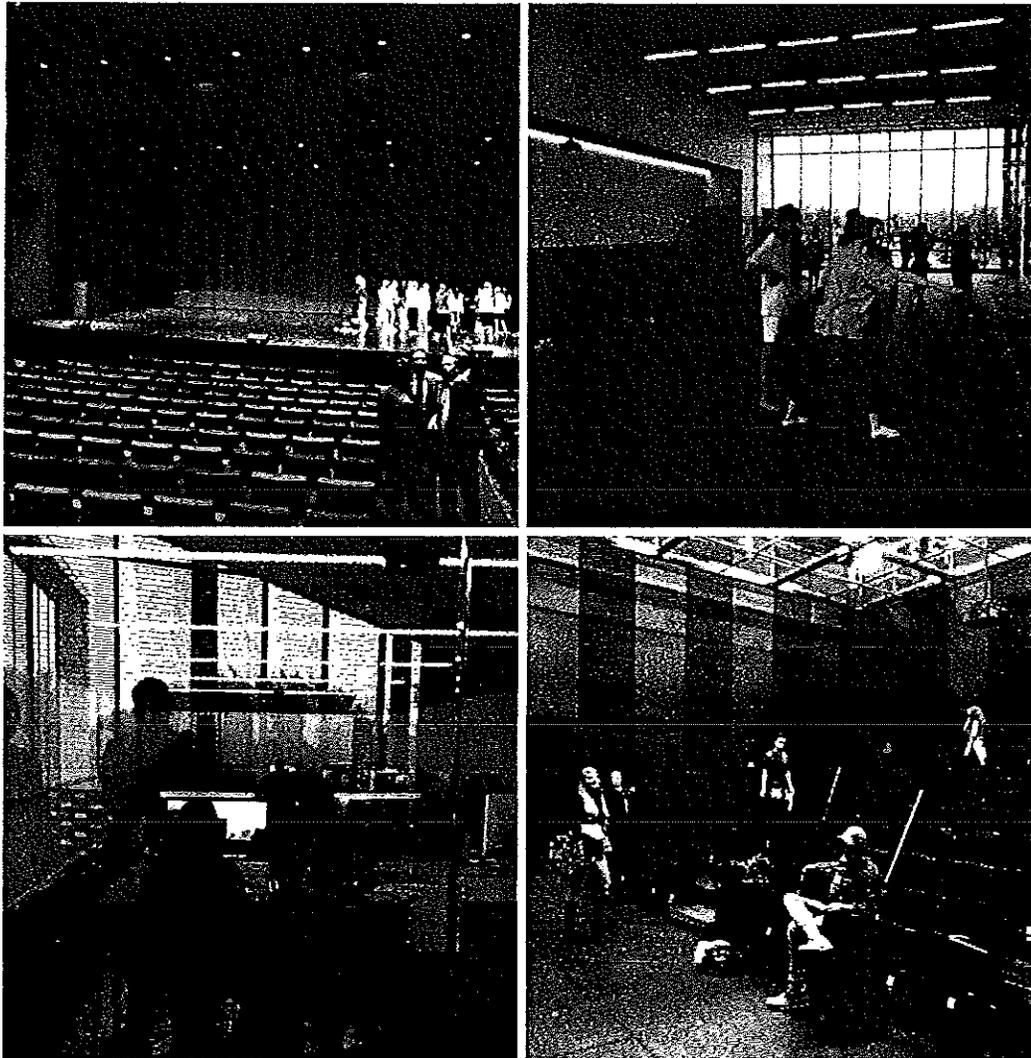
The most exciting news for the evening came from our CFO Scott Neils who let us know that we are able to refund and refinance \$26,540,000 of our bonds. We will be reducing our interest rate from 4.95% to 2.81% and we will not be extending the maturity dates! The result? We will be saving \$2.8 million over the terms of the bonds or \$160,000 per year in interest costs! This is great news for us all.

Our final action of the evening was the Council approval of the new ordinance outlining the signature authority of the City Manager that we reviewed in our Work Session earlier in the evening.

Some of you have noticed some issues with our website. As you may recall three years ago we embarked on a project to completely redesign and upgrade our website. During an Executive Session the Council was advised by our city attorney of legal action that was taken against our supplier, New York-based Jesse James Creative, to enforce their performance on the contract. Council made a motion to affirm staff's decision to pursue this legal action.

We adjourned at a very reasonable 8:26pm.

On Thursday afternoon, March 10, the Council met in the library of Greenhill School for the third in a series of **Strategic Planning and Visioning sessions**. Before we began our formal session, Head of School Scott Griggs gave us a tour of their spectacular new Performing Arts Center. After almost two years of work, the 55,000-square-foot facility was completed in February. I'm not sure if you can tell from the photos, however the main performance hall seats 600, the very innovative black box theatre seats up to 125 and there is plenty of space for construction of sets, classrooms, a dance studio with a suspended floor and finally a spectacular film lab that is already producing award-winning work from students. **Scott was very quick to praise our professional staff for working so closely with the construction folks to help bring this spectacular facility to fruition.**



After our tour we went to the library for our formal Work Session to continue our Strategic Planning and Visioning process. Our entire Council, Mary Carpenter, David Heape, Janelle Moore, Ivan Hughes, Dale Wilcox, Bruce Arfsten and I, was once again present and very actively and creatively engaged in the process. For this third, almost four-hour session, we built on the important work we had done in the first two stages with a discussion led by our facilitator on developing a picture of "what success looks like." We took a look ahead at what we would like to see for Addison in 2025 with a very creative idea exchange and collaborative process which, when completed, will give us some "fence posts" to focus on over the next few years. As our facilitator Mike Mowery with Strategic Government Resources said, this process will help us have "eyes on the points out in the future and then we get where we want to go." Mike also commented that "we have a great team in place that is focused on the big picture and works very well together." The Council will continue our work and we will keep you well informed along the way of this very important planning journey.

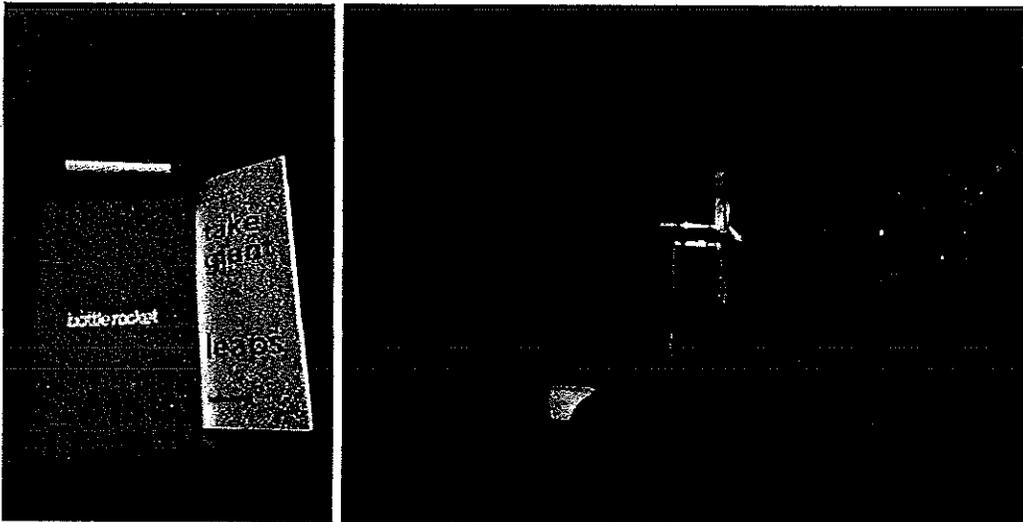
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Business Development

Congratulations to Frost Bank on being recognized as the 2015 Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. The Addison branch is led by Senior Vice President Jeff Laceky, who attributes their success to a focus on "personal service, advanced technologies and Texas values." Their award was presented last Friday evening, March 4, at the annual Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner at Addison's Crowne Plaza hotel. At that very same event, Addison's Deputy City Manager Cheryl Delaney was presented with the award for Addison Rising Star for 2015.

On Thursday, March 10, Addison-based Bottle Rocket hosted over 150 of their top clients and potential clients at the Addison Conference and Theatre Centre for their Annual Mobile Summit to discuss new innovations in app development. The event brought in representatives from many well-known brands from around the country. I had the opportunity to welcome them to Addison, brag a little bit about our community and say how proud we are to have Bottle Rocket based in Addison. I also had the opportunity to introduce Bottle Rocket Founder and CEO, Calvin Carter.

Calvin made the big announcement that the company has now gone international! Aside from being headquartered in Addison and having an office in New York City, the company just opened a new location in London this week. To date, Bottle Rocket has launched more than 150 mobile apps for companies such as Coca Cola, the Food Network, Starwood Hotels, Chick-Fil-A, and NPR – just to name a few. The company has won many prestigious marketing awards, including an unprecedented four Apple Hall of Fame awards. This speaks very highly of the creative employee talent found right in our own backyard. Their summit concludes Friday, March 11 around noon and immediately following the close of their session here, Bottle Rocket will take some of the participants on a chartered bus to Austin's South by Southwest Festival.



Around Town

Last Friday afternoon, March 4, Addison's Police Department held their first Coffee with a Cop at the Original Pancake House on Belt Line Road from noon to 2pm. This new program is part of Police Chief Paul Spencer's

new **Community Outreach Program**, which includes plenty of opportunities to connect with our law enforcement professionals and help them keep us safe. Lt. Denise Keith and three Addison police officers, including our animal control officer, were on hand to answer questions and discuss some of the new programs that they have developed including upcoming Community Education Seminars, Tip411 which you can call to provide information and remain anonymous about crime in the neighborhood and Operation ID which is a nationally recognized burglary prevention program. With our new RAIDS online and offender watch, knowledge is power. You have the resources to know what is happening in your neighborhood by clicking on the "Crime Statistics" tab on the Police Department section of Addison's website, www.AddisonTexas.net. For a direct link to the Crime Statistics page, please [click here](#). The Addison Police Department also has a [Facebook page](#) to further connect with our community. These are all very positive indications that Chief Spencer and the Addison Police Department place high value on community policing: "Crime prevention is a partnership with our community."

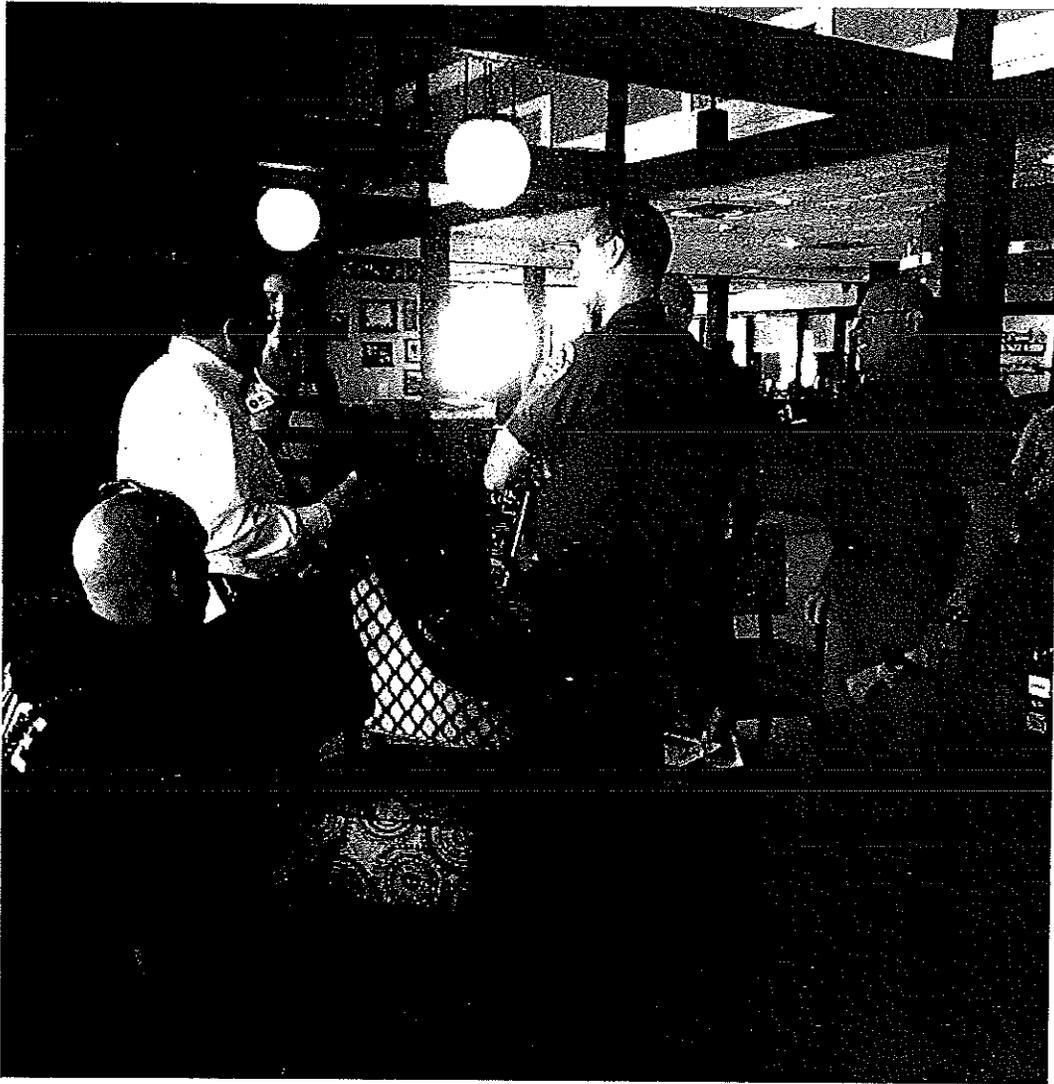
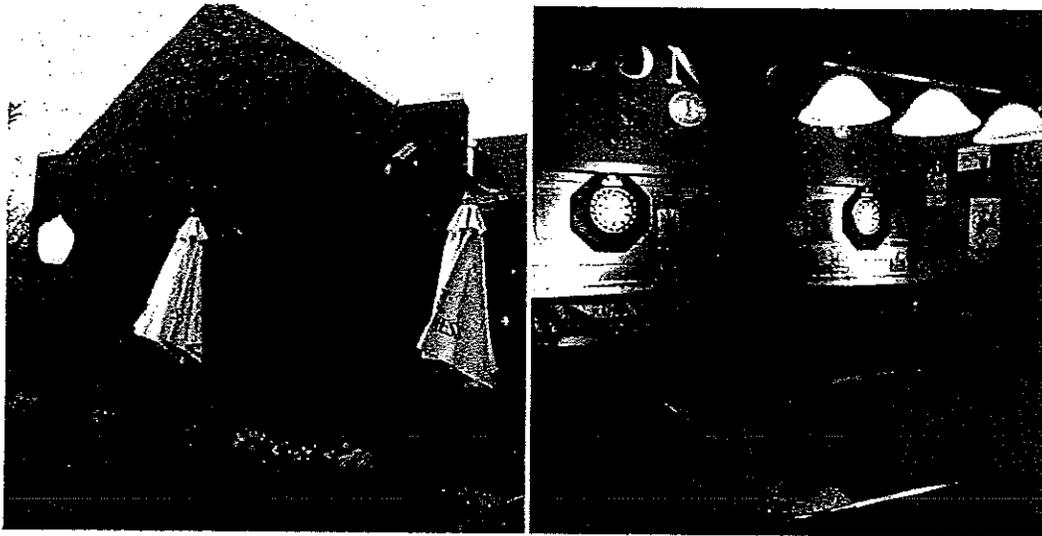


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On Monday morning, March 7, we celebrated the life and community and Council service of Frank Klein, who served on our Council from 1997-2001, with the dedication of a beautiful red oak tree planted in his honor and donated by Frank's family just to the east of Town Hall. This special event honoring Frank Klein and his devotion to Addison was attended by Frank's wife Marge and their entire family from around the country who came in town. They were joined by me and current Council Colleagues **Mary Carpenter, Ivan Hughes and Bruce Arfsten** along with past Council Members **Blake Clemens and Jimmy Niemann**, our entire city management leadership team and our Parks and Recreation team, who did all the hard work.



I am afraid the England-like weather may have hurt our attendance a bit at our monthly **Economic Development Luncheon** as only about a dozen of us braved the rainy weather to help celebrate The Londoner's recognition as the "best place in America to watch soccer." Director of Economic Development & Tourism **Orlando Campos** and Council Colleagues **Mary Carpenter, David Heape and Ivan Hughes** joined some of our most hardy neighbors for an excellent, very reasonably-priced lunch. The ambiance is clearly inspired by an English pub and the menu is similar with a few nice Texas touches. The Londoner is located at the northeastern corner of Midway Road and Beltway Drive; maybe you could go by, say hello to Rosie, congratulate their team on their new honor from ESPN Sports and stay awhile!



On Tuesday morning, March 8, I joined Addison residents Ilene Cohen and Carol Blair for the monthly Addison Circle Neighborhood Association Morning Mixer at the Sidewalk Cafe in Addison Circle. This group meets to help create more neighbor-to-neighbor connections, build a greater sense of community for the folks who live and work in the Circle and bring the business folks together to help promote their businesses. Council Colleague Ivan Hughes joined us for a very good discussion that included their expressed enthusiasm for the possible new dog park at Spruill Park. In fact, Ilene and Carol both volunteered to help raise some private donations to get the park done! Now that is great enthusiasm for making a difference in our community. The Addison Circle Neighborhood Association meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 7:30am to 9am.

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Thursday, March 17 at 6pm: Third Thursday Coffee with the Mayor at Sidewalk Café, 5030 Addison Circle. Bring your questions and comments for good discussion and I will buy the coffee!

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I hope you enjoy your Addison weekend,

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