Addison

Winter 2026

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A Message from the Mayor ...



It's a little hard for me to wrap my head around the fact that 2026 is nearly over. From my perspective at least, it really seemed to fly by. From meetings and projects to community events, I've had the opportunity to spend so much time with residents and community leaders. It has given me an even bigger appreciation for the things that make Addison special.

As Rock 'N Wheels ended we immediately rolled right into our fall and winter events, with our second annual Oktoberfest and Mayor's Community Charity Ball. Very soon, we'll come together to celebrate the holidays with our Christmas Tree Lighting and Jingle on the Green, as well as our Christmas Parades.



Oktoberfest was once again a huge success, and a great example of how our events build community.

Each of these events is unique. While Oktoberfest brought us all together to enjoy some laughs and entertainment, the Mayor's Ball is an opportunity to give back to our community and help our neighbors in need.

I know some people may see our events as somewhat frivolous, but expanding special events in the interest of building community is something the Village Board feels strongly about. It was one of the priorities we identified in our Strategic Plan in 2024.

The Village Board and I believe that when people come together in social environments, they begin to find they have more in common than they thought. Neighbors who enjoy one another's company, and common interests, take pride in their community. Hopefully this translates into taking better care of one another as well.

I enjoy these events because it gives me the opportunity to talk with residents who might not approach me otherwise. They give me feedback, they ask questions, and they tell me what's important to them.

Please know how much these interactions mean to me. They help shape the way I approach being Mayor.

Here's to another successful year,

Tom Hundley

Mayor

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Friday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 9 p.m., Village Green



5 - 9 p.m.: Historical Museum Open House
Free Train and Sleigh Rides in the Village Green
Holiday Craft Fair
Living Nativity at St. Paul Lutheran Church
Hot Chocolate by Kiwanis Club
Popcorn by Knights of Columbus
NEW: Live entertainment in a Heated Tent, with Food and Beverages available from 601 Bar & Grill, Barbara's Polish Deli and Muggs 'n Manor



5 - 5:45 p.m.: Visits with Santa in the Gazebo

5:30 - 7:45 p.m.: Goodrich Caroling performs in Century House

6 p.m. - NEW TIME: Lighting of the Tree

6:15 - 7 p.m.: Visits with Santa continue

7 p.m.: Caroling by School Groups in the Village Green

8 - 9 p.m.: Visits with Santa continue





All times approximate

For more information visit ItHappensInAddison.com or AddisonEvents



Christmas Parade

Saturdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12, at 4:30 p.m.

Presented by the Village of Addison, Addison Police Department and Addison Fire Protection District

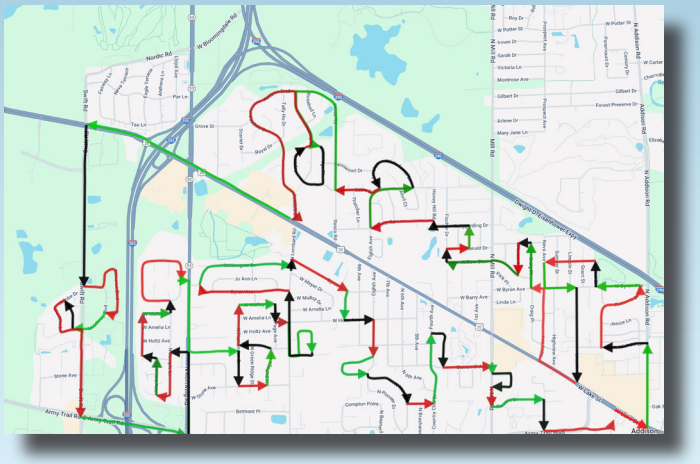
Santa Claus is coming to town, and right to your neighborhood!

Enjoy the holiday lights, and come outside and wave to Santa as he winds his way through Addison neighborhoods on a fire engine, accompanied by Addison Police and Village officials.

Each of two separate parades will begin at Village Hall at 4:30 p.m., and take approximately two to three hours to complete.

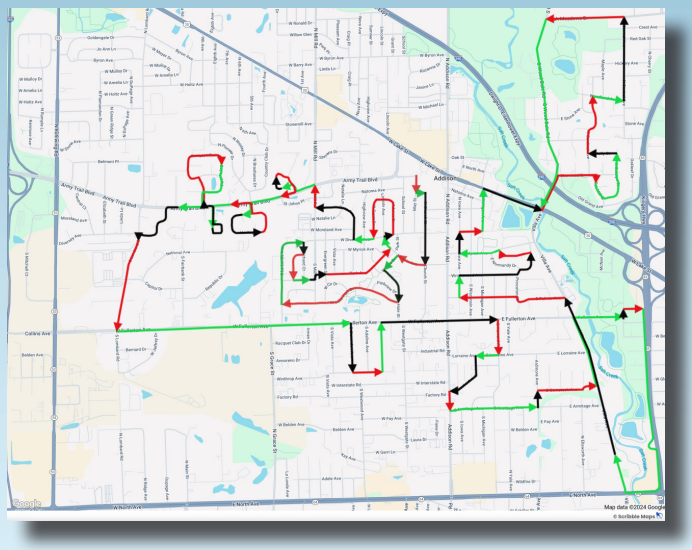
Track the parade's progress at *Glympse.com/!addisonsanta.* (Please note: this service's location is always an approximation of the parade's current location.)

For larger maps, as well as a street-by-street list of routes, visit *ItHappensInAddison.com.*



Saturday, Dec. 5 Route

Includes Michael Lane, Farmwood, Foxdale, College Blvd., Green Ridge, Goldengate, Highlands, Westwood, Enclave and Green Oaks Court neighborhoods.



Saturday, Dec. 12 Route

Includes Lake Manor, Heritage, Stone Hedge, Home Addition, Normandy Manor, Ardmore/Armitage and Oak Knoll neighborhoods.

POLICE NEWS

As the winter season approaches, the Addison Police Department would like to remind residents to stay safe, warm, and prepared throughout the colder months.

Please remember to drive cautiously in snowy and icy conditions. This means allowing extra travel time and following distance, and clearing all snow and ice from your vehicle's windows, mirrors, headlights, and roof before driving.

Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle with blankets, a flashlight, gloves, a first-aid kit, water, and a phone charger.

Never leave your vehicle running unattended, and always lock your vehicles and homes, keeping valuables out of sight. Remain aware of your surroundings to help prevent theft.

Be cautious of package theft during the holiday season, and report suspicious activity to the Police Department.

We also encourage residents to keep fire hydrants near their property clear of snow so emergency responders can access them quickly.

By working together and following these simple safety tips, we can help keep our community safe throughout the winter months.

From our police family to yours, we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy winter season. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us keep our community a safe and welcoming place to live!

'Shape of Addison' To Be Held Jan. 27

The 19th Annual Shape of Addison, sponsored and moderated by Itasca Bank & Trust, Co., will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2027.

Board Presidents from all Addison taxing bodies will make a brief presentation, then answer questions from residents.

Watch live on Addison Community Television (Comcast Cable Channel 6 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) or streaming on AddisonAdvantage.org as well as the Village YouTube Channel (Village Addison.)

Questions can be submitted during the program via phone, or emailed to ShapeOfAddison@Addison-IL.org.





A New Tradition Begins at Indian Trail Junior High

Something new is bringing students and staff together at Indian Trail Junior High School (ITJHS), and we're excited to share it with our community! This school year, ITJHS is introducing a schoolwide House System designed to strengthen school culture, encourage leadership, and give students even more ways to get involved and show their school spirit.

So, what exactly is a House System? Inspired by the Ron Clark Academy House System, this approach brings students and staff together in teams called Houses. Students become part of a group that extends beyond their typical classrooms and grade levels, creating opportunities to build relationships, support one another, and take pride in being part of ITJHS. Every student belongs to one of six Houses: Reveur, Onraka, Amistad, Sollevare, Altruismo, or Isibindi.

While the colors, team spirit, and friendly competition are certainly part of the fun, the purpose of the House System goes much deeper. Throughout the year, Houses will participate in team-building activities, celebrations, challenges, and competitions. Students will also have opportunities to earn points by demonstrating positive character, leadership, teamwork, and school pride. These experiences encourage students to recognize one another's strengths, celebrate achievements, and understand the importance of contributing to something bigger than themselves.

The House System will become a lasting part of the ITJHS experience. Each year, incoming sixth graders will join a House as they begin junior high, while students remain members of their House throughout their years at Indian Trail. Over time, these shared experiences will help build a strong tradition that students and staff can take pride in.

Launching a new schoolwide tradition takes creativity, collaboration, and plenty of behind-the-scenes work. We are grateful to the staff members who have helped bring this vision to life and look forward to seeing it grow. This is just the beginning! We can't wait to see our Houses in action and watch this exciting new tradition become a memorable part of Indian Trail Junior High School.

At District 88, communication is a top priority

Ways to connect with DuPage High School District 88/Addison Trail High School

Communication outlets



NEWSLETTER:
We publish a weekly electronic newsletter in English and in Spanish. Sign up at *www.dupage88.net/Newsletter*.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:
Addison Trail Facebook:
Addison Trail High School
Addison Trail Instagram:
Addison Trail High School
All District 88 accounts:
www.dupage88.net/SocialMediaGuidelines

"88 in 88" videos



The "88 in 88" video segments feature about 88 seconds of news and highlights from District 88 to share important information to help keep stakeholders connected with and informed about the district. View the segments at *www.dupage88.net/VideoSegment*.

Community groups

Parents/guardians, alumni and community members – are you looking for a way to get involved with and give back to Addison Trail? There are several organizations you can join that benefit Addison Trail students. Learn more at *www.dupage88.net/ATGroups*.

School calendar



Be sure to view the school calendar at *www.dupage88.net/site/sub/2#calendar* to stay up to date with all the Blazer happenings – including concerts, performances, meetings and more!
Check out *www.dupage88.net/ATAthletics* for all your Blazer athletic information, including competition schedules, team highlights, news and more!

Senior Gold Card



With the District 88 Senior Gold Card, senior citizen (65 years old or older) who live within District 88's boundaries can experience athletic events, musical performances and more for free at Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools. Learn more and sign up for a District 88 Senior Gold Card at *www.dupage88.net/SeniorGoldCard*.

Help support students in finding their future career



District 88 and Addison Trail invite local businesses, career professionals and alumni to partner with the district/school to benefit students through providing career exploration and work-based learning experiences, as well as supporting sponsorships, donations and advertising. Learn more at *www.dupage88.net/PartnerWithDistrict88*.

Getting Popular eBooks and eAudiobooks Faster in Libby

Waiting weeks or months for a popular eBook or eAudiobook can be frustrating. We're working to make those waits shorter for Addison Public Library cardholders!

We're purchasing extra copies of some of the most in-demand digital titles in Libby. When we own an extra copy of a title, you may get a better place in line for that copy. For example, you might see that a popular book has 90 people waiting for it in Libby. When you place a hold, Libby can move you into the line for an extra copy purchased by the library, if we have one. That could put you much closer to the front of the line!

We're monitoring Libby waitlists and purchasing additional copies of titles with especially high demand when possible. However, we don't purchase an extra copy every time a title has a hold queue. Because funds are limited, we focus on titles with particularly high demand.

If you see a long wait for a popular title, place a hold! You may find that we have an extra copy, which could move you much closer to the front of the line.

You can also check our other apps, CloudLibrary and Hoopla. Some popular titles may be available there without a wait, giving you another way to start reading or listening right away.

Questions about Libby? Call us at 630.543.3617!

Senior Care Kit Collection Drive

Mon., Nov. 9, 2026-Sat., Jan. 9, 2027

Help support local seniors by donating items for senior care kits. We'll collect donations in our lobby and use them to create care kits during our MLK Day of Service on Mon., Jan. 18.

Needed items:

- Coiled wrist key chains
- Puzzles, coloring books, or journals
- Hand sanitizer
- Booster pads (protective inserts for underwear)
- Magnifying glasses
- Non-slip socks
- Scarves
- Toilet paper

If you have questions, please contact Yesenia Benavidez, Social Services Specialist, at 630.458.3306.

Photos with Santa!

Celebrate the holiday season with an afternoon at the library! Visit with Santa and have a professional photo taken by Shaila Photography. Each family will receive a digital copy and a print of their Santa photo to take home.

While you wait, enjoy holiday crafts, make a laser-engraved cookie board in Sam's Lab, visit our gift wrapping station, and warm up with hot cocoa!

Sun., Dec. 13 1:30-3:00 at the Library

R *Registration is required.*

★ *Photos with Santa, the Sam's Lab craft, and gift wrapping are available to Addison Public Library cardholders only. Each person who is photographed with Santa must have an Addison Public Library card.*

Need a card? Sign up online at addisonlibrary.org/get-a-card.



Building Futures: English & Career Skills

Join us for a series that combines English language learning and career development! Each session begins with English for the workplace, followed by a career topic discussion to help advance your career. All English and career experience levels are welcome!

Tues., Jan. 12, 19, 26 & Feb. 2 6:00-8:30 Meeting Room 3

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Message from the Supervisor



As the holiday season approaches, Addison Township looks forward to bringing our community together through programs and events for residents of all ages. I invite you and your family to join us on **Thursday, December 17th** for our ***Holiday Posada*** and ***Winter Open House***, an evening of food, family activities, community resources, and holiday fun.

Throughout the winter months, we will also continue offering programs for seniors, veterans, and families, along with essential Human Services assistance. On behalf of Addison Township, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

— Supervisor Bobby Hernandez

Holiday Posada / Winter Open House

December 17 - 5:30–7:30 PM



Join us for an evening of food, family activities, community resources, and holiday fun for all ages as we come together to celebrate the season with our Addison Township community.

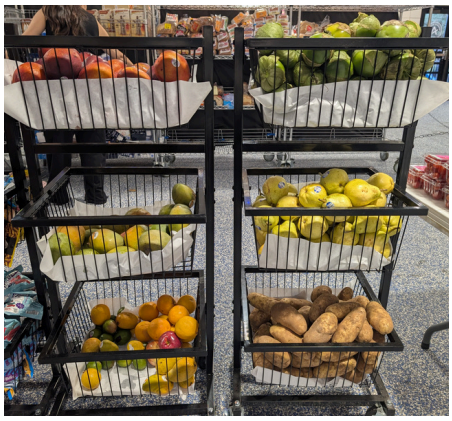
Community Iftar Dinner

February 24 - 5:00–7:00 PM



The Community Iftar Dinner brings residents of all faiths and backgrounds together to share a meal during Ramadan, celebrate cultural traditions, and strengthen community connections.

Updates from the Community Market



Over the past year, the Addison Township Community Market—our food pantry—has made several improvements to better serve our neighbors. We've expanded hours to include Wednesday afternoons and Monday evenings, and more community organizations are visiting to connect clients with resources and referrals. A new walk-in refrigerator lets us offer more fresh fruits and vegetables, while donated chest freezers have increased our frozen food storage. We have also reorganized our aisles to make shopping easier and help clients choose the foods that meet their needs.

We look forward to more improvements in the coming year! Community members can support the Market through in-kind donations, food drives, purchases from our Amazon wish list, or volunteering for available shifts.

To support the community market, visit www.addisontownship.com/food-pantry/

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Human Services Dept is here to help. Call us at: 630-530-8161



Community Market Food Pantry is open on Mondays and Wednesdays for you to choose your groceries. Call to schedule a "shopping" appointment to help stretch your grocery budget.



Emergency and General Assistance programs provide financial support to eligible residents, including one-time help for urgent needs and ongoing assistance for basic living expenses. Our GA program may also support individuals seeking employment or awaiting disability benefits.



Benefits Access provides reduced-cost license plate renewals and a free RTA transit card for low-income senior citizens and disabled individuals.



LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) provides a one-time grant to offset the cost of gas and electric bills. Applications open October 1st.



Medical Lending Closet: offers free, short-term loans of durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches for residents in need.



Senior Health Insurance Program: Schedule a free appointment with our SHIP counselors for unbiased, Medicare plan assistance. Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (Oct. 15–Dec. 7)

Winter Events for Seniors





Winter Trivia for Seniors
December 3 - 12:00–1:30 PM



Chili Tasting Lunch*
January 7 - 12:00–1:30 PM



Fall Prevention Workshop
January 28 - 10:00 AM–11:00 AM



Lunch with Lincoln*
February 11 12:00–1:30 PM



Heart Health and Wellness
February 25 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

***$5 Residents • $10 Non-Residents**
Registration Required

Holiday Toy Program: Donations Needed

Help make the holidays brighter for local children! Addison Township's Holiday Toy Program provides Christmas gifts to children and families in need throughout our community. We are seeking individuals, businesses, and organizations to donate gifts or sponsor a child.

Purchase from our Amazon Wish List Scan the QR Code

To donate, contact Kelly Corona at kellyc@addisontownship.com



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Holiday & Winter Safety

1 Thanksgiving: Turkey Fryer Safety

Use turkey fryers outdoors only, well away from homes, garages, decks, porches, and other structures. Never overfill the fryer with oil. Make sure the turkey is fully thawed and dry before lowering it into hot oil. Stay with the fryer at all times; monitor oil temperature and turn off the burner if oil begins to smoke. Keep children, pets, and flammable materials away. Never use water on an oil fire—call 911 if a fire occurs.



2 Christmas Tree Safety

Choose a fresh tree with green needles that do not fall off easily. Cut about 2 inches from the trunk base before placing it in water. Water the stand every day. Keep the tree at least 3 feet from heat sources, including fireplaces, radiators, candles, vents, and lights. Check light strands for damaged cords, loose bulbs, or indoor/outdoor misuse. Turn off tree lights before sleeping or leaving home. Remove the tree promptly after the holidays—or sooner if it becomes dry.



3 Winter Warning: Clear Snow from Fire Hydrants

After a snowfall, clear a 3-foot-wide path around your nearest fire hydrant. Shovel snow away from the hydrant and keep it visible and accessible. Never pile snow against or block the hydrant. Clear snow and ice carefully without damaging the hydrant or its connections.

