

ADVANTAGES!

Village of Addison

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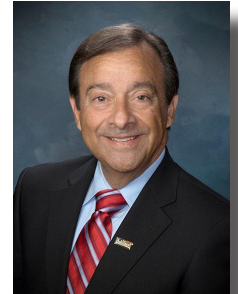
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A Message from the Mayor ...



As the vibrant colors of fall fade into memory and are replaced by the monochromatic tones of winter, and the melodious sounds of birds (yes, even cicadas) give way to the whistle of a cold north wind, it would seem as if everything has fallen asleep.

In reality, winter gives us a time for reflection, renewal, and rejuvenation. It's a time to welcome change and adapt to the differences, ... to enjoy the comfort and warmth of family and friends, ... to reflect and celebrate the past and to plan for the future.

Poet Anne Bradstreet once wrote, "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

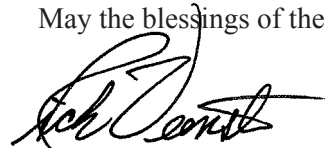
In the 140 years since Addison was incorporated we have tasted adversity, but because of the spirit and determination of our people, we have enjoyed far greater prosperity. That spirit and determination helped us to overcome fires, floods, and pandemics. That same spirit and determination has also helped us to realize the importance of community, and to achieve a unity of purpose and vision for a better future for all of our residents.

As we reflect on this past year, we can take pride in knowing that the *Addison Advantage* has become more than a catch phrase or a slogan. It has become a standard that we continually strive to achieve and a reality to be shared throughout our community.

What better time to share the *Advantage* than during this holiday season? What better way to share our prosperity than to help those experiencing adversity?

So, as the cold winds of winter blow over our village and we enjoy the family celebrations – Santa's sleigh ride through the Village Green, the Christmas Tree Lighting, festive decorations, and carols being sung – let's celebrate the prosperity of the season by also sharing our warmth with each other and with those in need. That truly reflects the *Addison Advantage* and the spirit of the season!

May the blessings of the season be with you!


Mayor

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CHRISTMAS

TREE

LIGHTING

Saturday, Nov. 30 from 5 to 9 p.m., Village Green



5 - 8 p.m.: Historical Museum Open House
Historical Portrayal at Century House: Margaret Cummins, Head Housekeeper at Balmoral by Jessica Michna

5 - 9 p.m.: Train 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
Food available from Barbara's Polish Deli

5 - 7 p.m.: Visits with Santa in the Gazebo

5:30 - 7:45 p.m.: The Caroling Connection performs in the Century House

6 - 8 p.m.: The Caroling Connection performs in the Village Green

8 p.m.: Tree Lighting

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



All times approximate

For more information visit ItHappensInAddison.com or  [AddisonEvents](https://www.facebook.com/AddisonEvents)

Christmas Parade

Fridays, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20, at 6 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!

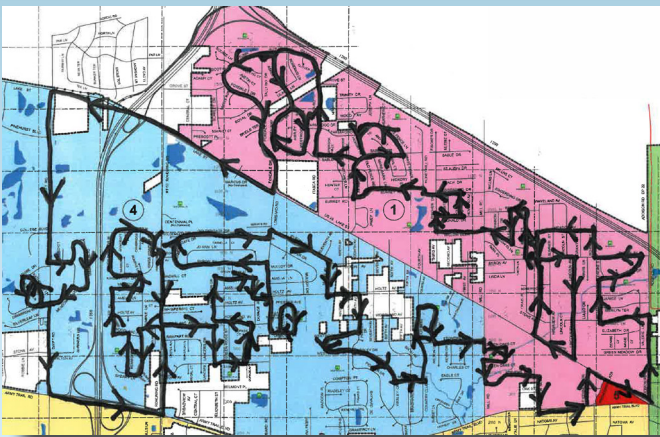
Enjoy the holiday lights, and come outside and wave to Santa as he winds his way through Addison neighborhoods with a fire engine, accompanied by Addison Police and Village officials.

Each of two separate parades will begin at Village Hall at 6 p.m., and take

approximately two to three hours to complete.

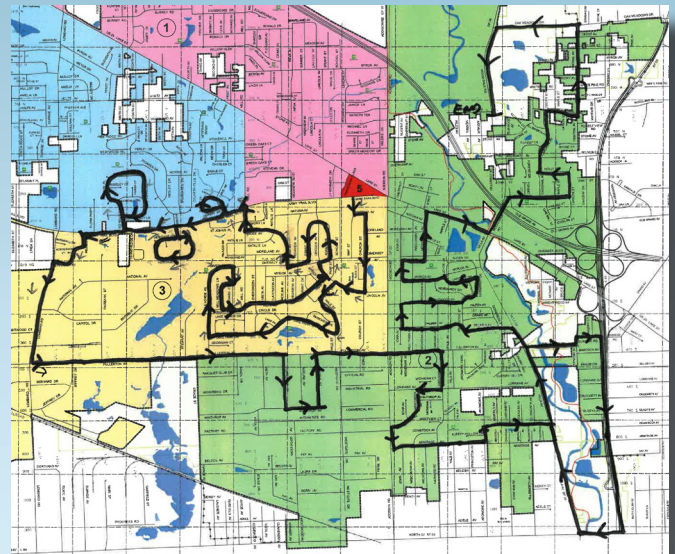
Track the parade's progress at Glympse.com!/addisonsanta.

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



Friday, Dec. 13 Route

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



Friday, Dec. 20 Route

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



Holiday Decoration Safety

Trees, lights and candles become more prominent in homes and businesses at this time of year, but it is important to not overlook the dangers that holiday decorations can present.

The Village of Addison's fire code has specific requirements about the use of live trees and other decorations.

These codes are in place to protect our citizens' lives and property. Live trees present a significant fire hazard and must be used carefully.

Cut trees are permitted in single-family homes and townhomes but fire code prohibits these trees in common areas of apartment buildings and condos.

Cut trees are also prohibited in restaurants, theaters, churches, residential hotels and motels, bowling alleys, schools, stores, malls, dorms, convents, monasteries and other similar areas where groups of people gather, unless the building has approved sprinklers.

Cut trees are prohibited in hospitals, nursing homes and day care centers regardless of whether the building is protected by sprinklers.

If you choose a natural-cut tree, make sure you are taking care of it. Keep it watered daily, don't put it near a heat source, never use an open flame such as a candle on a tree, and once the holidays are over, remove the tree safely from your home.

Fire codes also prohibit lit candles on Christmas trees and candles close enough to the tree to be a fire hazard. The codes also require the tree be placed in a stand strong enough to support it. You also must use approved lights with a recognized label, usually UL or Underwriters Laboratories, demonstrating that they are safe.

If you have any questions regarding live or cut trees, please contact the Community Development Department at 630-693-7530.



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As a way to promote dialogue and enhance community relations, Chief Roy Selvik would like to invite Addison residents to the first-ever "Chat with the Chiefs" at Village Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m.



Police Chief Roy Selvik

This is the first in a series of informal quarterly meetings, designed to allow residents to talk with the Chief and Deputy Chiefs on any issues or concerns they may have in the community.

This is also an opportunity to hear about updates to the police department, as well as learn about any concerns or activities residents should be on the lookout for.

Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say hello.

Reminders will be sent out over social media, however if you have any questions please reach out to Chief Roy Selvik at (630) 693-7944, or rselvik@addison-il.org.



Addison's tree lighting is only the beginning of our Christmas celebration!

Get into the holiday spirit throughout December, as the Village of Addison offers free events on Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14.

Join us on the Village Green and at the Addison Historical Museum beginning at 5 p.m. for Christmas

events for children and adults alike.

- Visit with Santa
- Train rides in the Village Green
- Holiday Craft Fair
- Century House decorated for an Old Fashioned Christmas
- The Caroling Connection perform Classic Carols in the Century House, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
- Historical Museum Open House



A Look Back at Addison's Early Village Halls

From storefront office, to the first dedicated building on Lake Street

In 2025, Addison Village Hall will mark a significant anniversary. It will be 25 years since the building was first occupied by the Village of Addison. This is the first part in a series, commemorating this important milestone, by taking a historical look back at all the structures that have served as Village Hall.

Addison was not incorporated as a Village until 1884. Little is known about the community's governance and meeting places prior to that time.

After the Village was formed, the Weber-Rotermund store, which was located on the south side of Lake Street between the Weber and Rotermund family homes, became the official meeting site of Village meetings. It served that purpose until 1898, when the first Village Hall was built.

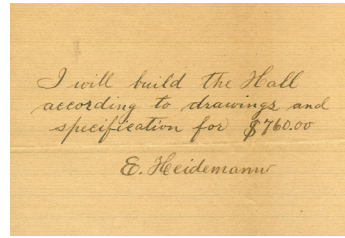


After the Village was incorporated, the Weber-Rotermund Store served as the official meeting site.

Around 1899, the Weber-Rotermund Store was dismantled. The Italianate front half of the structure was moved to the north side of Lake Street and used in the construction of the Heuer Meat Market, as part of the village's Business Corner

at the northeast corner of Lake Street and Addison Road. The rear section was moved and added to the building housing the Thon Funeral Parlor on Lake Street.

In 1898, a Village Hall was built exclusively for conducting village business. It was located at 105 E. Lake St. near Iowa Avenue.



The official quote to build Addison's first Village Hall in 1898, submitted by Ernst Heidemann.

It was built by Ernst Heidemann. Ernst was the son of local farmer, cabinet maker, and wind grist mill builder and owner Christian Heidemann.

Ernst was a cabinet maker and carpenter in his own right; he built many houses in Addison, as well as buildings as far away as Elgin.

In his estimate, Ernst promised to build the Village Hall at a total sum of \$760.00.

In addition to housing village services, the Hall hosted many other village-wide events including theatrical and musical performances. The hall housed village operations

until the mid-1950's and was later used as a storage shed for village equipment.



Addison's first Village Hall built for municipal purposes was located at 105 E. Lake St.

The exterior of the building was restored by the Addison Women's Club in 1966 as part of a beautification effort. It was

painted Cape Cod red with white trim, and lighting, signage and plantings were added.

In 1979, the building was razed for a new civil defense building and pump house.

Curbside Christmas Tree Removal Throughout January

Christmas tree pickup service is available throughout the month of January.

The Public Works Department will conduct a Village-wide sweep beginning each Monday in January.

Please place your Christmas tree on the parkway on Sunday night for collection by Village crews on Monday.

The Christmas tree pickup program will end after the last Monday in January.

Nails, tinsel, ornaments and lights must be removed, along with Christmas tree bags and tree bases.

Artificial trees, evergreen wreaths and garland containing wire will not be accepted.

These trees will go through the

wood chipper, and the prohibited items can cause damage to the chipper machine. The debris also pollutes the wood chips, which are eventually turned into mulch for residents.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at 630-620-2020.



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Step In and Make a Difference!

Addison School District 4 is excited to announce a new partnership with Kelly Services as our official substitute staffing provider. With Kelly Services on board, we are actively seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our team of substitutes. If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference in our classrooms, we encourage you to reach out and learn more about this rewarding opportunity. Let's work together to support our students' educational journey! If you are interested in learning more about becoming a substitute, please email: EDNERecruiting@kellyservices.com



ASD4's Boo-tique

Recap: Our very first Halloween Costume Drive was a spook-tacular success, with over 275 of our kiddos finding the perfect costume to make their Halloween dreams come true! From superheroes to witches, it was a joy to see so many smiles as students picked out costumes they loved.

Keep the Spirit Going: Even though Halloween has come and gone, we're already planning for next year! We're still collecting gently-used costumes to make sure even more students can join in the fun next Halloween. Drop off any costumes you'd like to donate at the District Office, Door #17, 222 N. Kennedy Drive, and keep the magic going for another year!



Illinois Assessment: Celebrating Growth and Setting Goals

This year's Illinois Assessment scores are in, and we're proud of the growth shown across the district! These scores help us understand where our students are excelling and where they might need additional support, guiding us as we set strategic goals for the coming school year.

We're committed to using this data to provide even more targeted resources, strengthen instructional practices, and work closely with families to help each student reach their fullest potential.

You're invited to support work-based learning at DuPage High School District 88/Addison Trail High School

Addison Trail High School (part of DuPage High School District 88) is excited to offer various options for local businesses/companies/organizations to collaborate and partner with the school/district to support students through work-based learning experiences. See all the ways you can connect and get involved below!



SHARE INFO ABOUT YOUR CAREER/FIELD

Throughout the school year, we host career fairs and coordinate presentations with career professionals for students to learn about what's possible after high school. We invite you to participate and be part of these events!



HOST A WORKSITE VISIT/ FIELD TRIP

You can select a time/date for students to stop by and tour your facility. This is an opportunity to showcase your site and industry, while informing students about the career pathways and benefits available in your field.



HERITAGE SPANISH CAREER FLUENCY PROGRAM

Students would visit your facility once a week for about three months to shadow your employees. This course helps students develop their skills in professional settings and introduces them to a range of careers, while enhancing their biliteracy.



INTERNSHIP/APPRENTICESHIP

This is a tremendous way to build the future workforce. Students gain hands-on, real-world experience, and you receive help with achieving your company's goals. The schedule can be flexible, and we would set up all of the logistics.

- The internship/apprenticeship can take place during the school day, in the evening or even during summer break.
- Students can work daily or weekly – whatever best fits your needs.
- We have a company called GPS Education Partners (GPS Ed) to assist with the human resources/legal details. They also offer optional training to provide guidance for your employees who will work with the students.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT WITH JOB COACHES

District 88 and Addison Trail provide vocational opportunities for students with special needs. This includes students in the District 88 Transition Program, which helps individuals ages 18 to 22 who have a variety of abilities learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and transition to life after District 88. The ultimate outcome is for the students to gain independence in the workplace.

Participants are able to perform an assortment of tasks and are supervised by a District 88 vocational coach while at your site. For more information, go to www.dupage88.net/TransitionProgram.



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT WORK-BASED LEARNING

Showcase your success: Are you (or is someone at your business/company/organization) a graduate of Addison Trail High School? We have an Alumni Career Showcase that highlights the career paths of our graduates, so current students can "see themselves" in a future work field. To be included, alumni can complete a brief form at www.dupage88.net/District88Alumni.

Advertise your business/company/organization: Addison Trail has teamed up with Power Ad Company to provide visibility for local sponsors! See details at www.dupage88.net/Advertising.

At DuPage High School District 88/Addison Trail High School, we are committed to providing multiple and flexible pathways for students to ensure they are college and career ready, and we continue to partner with colleges/universities and local businesses to expand these opportunities. We offer a comprehensive curriculum, including credentialed career-based curricular tracks, more than 30 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and more than 50 Dual-Credit/Collegiate-Credit courses in 17 career pathway areas, along with award-winning fine arts programming. **For more information, and to partner with District 88, go to www.dupage88.net/BusinessPartnerships.** Questions? Contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net.



Building Project Timeline

September 2024

Finalizing drawings. AMH Request for Proposals sent to vendors. Board decides front exterior door layout.

October 2024

Board considers approving issue for bid.

November 2024

Board receives recommendation to approve bids; Board votes on approval or next step.

December 2024

Board receives recommendation for which AMH contract to approve; Board votes on approval or next step.

January 2025

Construction begins!



2nd floor makerspace rendering

Host a Building Project Information Session

Library staff will be available for offsite informational sessions to keep you up to date with everything related to the library's building project.

Call Community Engagement at 630.458.3334 to request a presentation.

Donations Paused for Renovation

Beginning Nov. 3, the Friends of the Addison Public Library will stop accepting book donations in preparation for the upcoming building construction and renovation.

Questions? Please contact Community Engagement at 630.458.3334 or email communityengagement@addisonlibrary.org for more information.



1st floor lobby rendering



2nd floor computers rendering

Building Project Highlights

Our goal is to create a more accessible, engaging, and user-friendly environment for everyone in our community.

Below are some of the key improvements and additions you can look forward to:

- Drive-up window
- New makerspace with advanced equipment
- Lobby improvements for better flow, including automatic front doors for improved accessibility
- Updated automated materials handling (AMH) system that can accommodate multi-item returns at once
- Whiteboards and monitors in all study rooms
- Separation of teen space from second floor computers
- Collections grouped together for better browsing
- New children's area play space with baby garden
- Furniture and flooring replacement

Read more about the upcoming building project at addisonlibrary.org/renovation.



1st floor children's area rendering

Addison Township serves most of Addison and Itasca, all of Bensenville and Wood Dale, parts of Elmhurst, Villa Park, and Lombard. Our boundaries are North of North Avenue, South of Devon, East of Route 53, and West of County Line Rd.




Passport Acceptance Agents

The Township serves as passport acceptance agents during the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Appointments are required.




Food Pantry

The Food Pantry, located at 50 E. Oak Street, is open to Township residents every Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. **Residents are asked to provide I.D.**




Limited Financial Assistance

Residents seeking assistance with rent and utilities, who meet our guidelines, may be eligible for limited assistance. Please call our office at 630-530-8161 for more specific information.



LIHEAP
(Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

Households wanting to apply for LIHEAP can call the Township office regarding income eligibility, required specific documentation, and to schedule an appointment.



Senior Programs

The Township assists with the online Benefit Access application for income eligible seniors and persons of disability to purchase license plate stickers at a reduced fee. Call for additional information.



Secretary Of State Road Test Center


Now open at the 50 E. Oak Street entrance of the Township building, road tests are **by appointment only**. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 1-844-817-4649. Phone lines to schedule appointments are open from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

For any additional information on the Road Test Center please visit ILSOS.gov or call the number listed above.



Transportation

For information on the Ride DuPage program call 630-766-2228.



Assessor's Office

If you have any questions regarding property taxes, senior exemptions or senior freeze the Assessor's office is available to answer those questions. Assessor lobby is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Assessor's office can be reached at 630-530-8161 Option 1.



Highway Department

The Highway Department maintains all roadways in the unincorporated areas within the Township. For further information call 630-766-2228.

For any questions, please contact the Township office at 630-530-8161.



Fire Hydrant
Helpers!

5 Carbon Monoxide Winter Safety Tips

KEEP'EM CLEAR

If there's a fire hydrant near your house,
help keep it accessible this winter:

DO YOUR PART SO THEY CAN DO THEIRS



1. Never use generators indoors
2. Inspect your fuel burning devices
3. Clean out your fireplace flue
4. use kitchen vents anytime the stove is in use
5. Install and test your carbon monoxide alarms (we also install them for free!!)



- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heating source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.

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