

# ADVANTAGES!

#### Village of Addison

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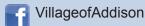
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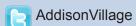
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## A Message from the Mayor ...

As the cold grip of winter begins to envelop us and the colors of fall fade, I often relax in front of the fireplace and enjoy the warmth and the dancing flames that emanate from the fire. It's a time for me to reminisce about the year rapidly coming to an end, to recall the many reasons I have to be thankful, and to dream about the promises of a new year.



Looking back on 2023, I recalled it was a very good year for our community. We saw strong economic growth, new business development in the retail and industrial sectors, continued residential development, record attendance at Rock 'N Wheels, and very successful community events like the Mayor's Community Charity Ball, the Addison-Shriners Parade, and the dedication of the Veteran's Circle.

But most importantly, we saw a community pride in all that Addison has accomplished and a commitment to serving each other and providing for those in need – the true Addison Advantage.

While I continued to gaze at the dancing flames that lit up the room, and felt the warmth coming from the fireplace, it occurred to me that the real warmth and glow of the holiday season doesn't come from a fireplace. Rather, it comes from the hearts and souls of caring people who remember the true meaning of the season, who share their joy, their happiness, and their friendship with others. It's the caring, the love, and the concern we have for others that is the warmth that brings people together and bonds a community.

So, as we look ahead to the holiday season, we eagerly anticipate family celebrations, Santa's sleigh ride through the Village, the Christmas Tree Lighting, festive decorations, and carols being sung. It's also a time to look forward to 2024 with hope and anticipation of an even brighter New Year.

Let's celebrate this season by sharing our warmth with each other and with those in need. That is the true spirit of the Holidays and a way to demonstrate the Addison Advantage!

May the blessings and warmth of the season be with you!

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Mayor

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## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

#### Friday, Dec. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m., Village Green



Open House
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



Food available from Barbara's Polish Deli

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

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.:** The Caroling Connection performs in Century House

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

**7:45 - 8:45 p.m.:** The Caroling Connection performs in Century House

**8 p.m.:** Tree Lighting

Columbus

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





All times approximate

For more information visit ItHappensInAddison.com or 🚮 AddisonEvents



Saturdays, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, 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!

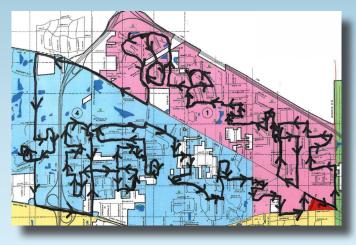
Enjoy the holiday lights, and come outside and wave to Santa as he winds his way through Addison neighborhoods on a fire engine, accompanied by Addison Police and Village officials.

Each of two separate parades will begin at Village Hall at 4:30 p.m., and take

approximately two to three hours to complete.

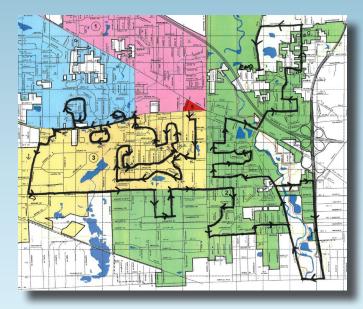
Track the parade's progress at *Glympse.com/!addisonsanta.* 

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



#### Saturday, Dec. 2 Route

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



#### Saturday, Dec. 9 Route

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

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### Who Do I Call?

### Need Help? Have a question?



#### **Village Hall Business**

Emergency	
General Information	630-543-4100
Branch Pickup	630-620-2020
Building Permits	630-693-7530
Business License	630-693-7573
Cable Television	630-693-7551
Code Enforcement	630-693-7530
CodeRED	630-693-7550
Community Development	630-693-7530
Community Relations	630-693-7550
Crime Prevention	630-543-3080
Dead Animal	630-620-2020
Environmental Services	630-279-2140
Finance	630-693-7570
Flood Control	630-279-2140
Human Resources	630-693-7504
Liquor License	630-693-7510
Police Non-Emergency	630-543-3080
Public Relations	630-693-7550
Public Works	630-620-2020
Real Estate Transfers	630-693-7570
Recycling	630-279-2140
Sewer Backups	630-279-2140
Stray Animals	630-543-3080
Street Lights	630-620-2020
Traffic Violations	630-543-3080
Tree Trimming	630-620-2020
Water Billing	630-693-7570
Website Information	630-693-7500
Zoning Regulations	630-693-7530

#### **Village Board**

Mayor Richard Veenstra 630-693-7510
Village Clerk Lucille Zucchero
Deputy Mayor Tom Hundley
Trustee Jay Del Rosario 630-693-7510
Trustee Cathy Kluczny 630-693-7510
Trustee Sam Nasti 630-693-7510
Trustee Dawn O'Brien 630-693-7510
Trustee Maria Reyes 630-693-7510

#### **Community Agencies**

Addison Fire Protection District		
Chamber of Commerce 630-543-4300		
Addison Historical Museum		
630-628-1433		
Addison Township 630-530-8161		
Addison Park District 630-233-7275		
Addison Public Library 630-543-3617		
Addison Center for the Arts		

#### **School Districts**

Addison Elementary School District 4
Marquardt School District 15
630-295-5450
DuPage High School District 88
Glenbard High School District 87

#### **Miscellaneous**

Drivers License & Motor Vehicle Facility
837 S. Westmore Ave., Lombard
312-793-1010
Automobile Emission Testing Station
630-543-0128
Addison Post Office 630-543-4071
IL State Toll Highway Authority
630-241-6800
DuPage County Senior Programs
630-620-0804
DuPage County Health Department
630-682-7400
Poison Control 800-222-1222
PADS630-682-3846
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#### **Utilities**

J.U.L.I.E	811
ComEd	800-334-7661
Nicor Gas	888-642-6748
Comcast	800-934-6489
U-Verse TV	800-288-2020
Republic Waste Services	
	708-345-7050

#### **Mass Transportation**

Pace Dial-A-Ride	888-405-2060
Regional Transportati	on Authority
(RTA)	630-836-7000

#### **Houses of Worship**

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Calvary United Pentecostal Church
19W701 Army Trail Road
630-628-6866
Good Samaritan United Methodist
960 W. Army Trail Road
630-543-3725
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
1201 W. Grove 630-773-0273
Messiah Baptist Church
600 S. Villa Ave 630-832-3328
Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran
1213 W. Army Trail 630-543-3458
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
893 Church Road, Elmhurst
630-834-7010
St. Joseph Catholic Church
330 E. Fullerton Ave 630-279-6553
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
37 Army Trail Road 630-543-6909
St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church
1223 W. Holtz Ave 630-628-0900
Shreejidwar Haveli

440 W. Fullerton Ave ... 630-568-8600

901 E. Oak St..... 630-530-1830

750 S. Villa Ave...... 630-832-0169

Sunny Place Church of God

Villa Avenue Church of Christ

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#### 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 citizen's 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.

The Village of Addison's 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.



With the cold weather approaching, please remember some simple steps to help protect your vehicle.

Never leave your vehicle running with the keys in it, and lock it even when on your driveway. Criminals are opportunists, and motor vehicle thefts increase during the winter months as some keep their unlocked cars running.

Never leave valuables in plain view.

The Addison Police Department would also like to alert residents to the increasing number of catalytic converter thefts in Addison and surrounding towns, and the violence associated with these crimes.

Catalytic converters are typically removed using power tools, and there are often multiple offenders involved.

If you hear suspicious noises in the middle of the night, call 9-1-1 immediately, and do not approach anyone near your vehicle.

#### **Holiday Hours**

Village offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays

They will also be closed Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day

Trash Collection will be delayed by one day both weeks, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays

#### 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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# **Addison School District 4**



#### Warm Coats for Cool Kids Brings Winterwear and Smiles to our Kids!

ASD4 continues to work with the non-profit agency, Warm Coats for Cool Kids, to provide warm winter clothes for our students. Staff members from all schools came together with this agency to set up coat giveaways at each of our schools, and we are so thrilled to see the smiles that these coats put on the faces of our students. One of our goals at ASD4 is to continually serve the whole student, and

while that certainly includes helping them in the classroom, events like this help to remind us of the importance of supporting our students and their needs outside of the classroom, as well!











#### **The Addison Great Shake Returns!**

After a resounding success last year, the Addison Great Shake is back! The Addison Great Shake is a soft-skills competition which emphasizes the importance of skills such as shaking hands, looking folks in the eye, being a charismatic speaker, and much more. The first of five rounds took place on September 27th with over 100 students signed up for the event! For the first round, students met with members of the Addison community to discuss a number of topics including school safety, school lunches, new school implementations, and more to test their conversational abilities. Many students will be moving onto the second round, which will take place on October 25th. We're so excited to see how our future leaders will continue to face new challenges in the weeks to come!











Check out our new ASDChat4ALL Podcast!
Available on:

www.asd4.org

Spotify

Apple Music

...and anywhere you listen to podcasts!



# Working together to build pathways for DuPage High School District 88 students

e are committed to providing multiple and flexible pathways for students to ensure they are college and career ready.

We continue to work with colleges, universities and local businesses to enhance these options and meet our students' diverse and individual needs. We know these pathways are critical to help with the labor shortage and to connect students to hands-on, immersive experiences, as well as certifications, credentials and scholarships. We are always looking to develop more partnerships, and those who are interested can read more at <a href="https://www.dupage88.net/BusinessPartnerships">www.dupage88.net/BusinessPartnerships</a>.

One of our top priorities is to remove barriers for all students to help them access employment and build positive futures. The focus is to connect them with viable short-term and long-term career options and work-based learning that can provide a supported pathway through their college pursuits.

District 88 students also have access to Advanced Placement/collegelevel and dual-credit classes, as well as externally credentialed and dual-credit career pathways in automotive technology, culinary arts,

business careers, engineering, medical careers, PLTW (engineering and biomedical), teacher preparation, building trades and robust internship and paid apprenticeship programs in the manufacturing and technology fields.

We have established a variety of apprenticeships, internships and vocational trainings, which are listed below.

For more information, scan the QR code at right, or go to www.dupage88.net/Pathways.





#### District 88 capstone/pathway experiences include:



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



CNC MACHINING FUNDAMENTALS



EDUCATION TEACHER
PREPARATION PROGRAM



HERITAGE SPANISH CAREER FLUENCY

District 88 students earn more than 1,000 career certifications each year in the following areas.



**AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY** 



CULINARY



PRESCHOOL/CHILD DEVELOPMENT



BUILDING TRADES AND ENGINEERING/MANUFACTURING

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# Explore eBooks and Other Digital Resources with Your Library Card!

Did you know you can download eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, TV shows, movies, and music straight to your smartphone, Kindle, tablet, or computer?

All of these apps below are free to download from your device's app store. To use these apps, you will need to sign into your Addison Public Library account.



#### **Boundless**

eBooks and eAudiobooks for adults, teens, and children (*Previously Axis 360*)



#### **Cloud Library**

eBooks for adults, teens, and children



#### Flipster

Access free digital magazines



#### Hoopla

eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, and eComics — all in one place!



#### Libby

eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines

#### Ready to get started?

Visit addisonlibrary.org/downloads or scan the QR code to explore our apps and start downloading!

Need additional assistance? A staff member would be happy to help.



#### **Immigration Consultations**

Have legal questions about citizenship or immigration? Sign up for a free 30-minute slot. These consultations are with a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited staff attorney representing World Relief.

Tues., Dec. 5 9:00-12:00 2nd Floor Desk

#### Sign Up for a Book Box!

The February Book Box theme is "**Leap into Reading.**" Registration begins Dec. 1 and ends Jan. 4. Book Boxes will be available for pickup Feb. 1-29.



Sign up at addisonlibrary.org/book-

**box.** Open to all Addison Public Library cardholders. Space is limited.

# Next Level Networking for Small Businesses

Are you a small business owner looking to connect with the small business community? Join entrepreneurs, small business owners, startup founders, influencers, non-profits, and many more for this new networking series. We will provide coffee and donuts as you make connections, share ideas, and get inspired by other businesses! This is a drop-in event.

Fri., Dec. 15 10:00-11:30 Large Meeting Room

#### **Featured Events**

It's Christmastime in the City: Chicago's Yule Time Contributions and Traditions

Mon., Dec. 11 7:00-8:00 Large Meeting Room

#### **Christmas Classics Storytime**

Christmas is around the corner! Join us for some classic Christmas stories and a craft. Geared toward ages 3-5.

Weds., Dec. 13 10:00-10:30

#### Puzzle Exchange

Freshen up your puzzle collection by swapping with your neighbors! For each gently used puzzle you donate starting on Fri., Dec. 15, you will get a ticket to use on the day of the exchange for your "new" puzzle!

Sun., Dec. 17 1:00-4:30 Large Meeting Room

# ADDISON TOWNSHIP

#### Dennis Reboletti, Supervisor

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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.** 



#### **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 an appointment.** 



#### **Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry, located at 50 E. Oak St., is open to Township residents every Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Residents may use the pantry twice a month. **Residents are asked to provide I.D.** 



#### **Transportation**

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



#### **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.



#### **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.



#### LIHEAP

(Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

The Township is now accepting LIHEAP applications for income eligible households. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call the Township office at 630-530-8161.



#### **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.

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# ADDISON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



# Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires Winter Holiday Fire Safety Tips

#### Did you know?

- More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.
- More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily
- Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.
- Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.
- Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.
- Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Please visit us at our website www.addisonfire.org or other social media links for our other community















