

# Edmundson Newsletter

AUGUST 2023

## Mayor's Office

### John Gwaltney, Mayor

As I write this on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have rain most of the day, with more promised to come. Which feels like a relief from the sweltering heat of last week. However, the rain brings with it a call to action to check around our homes for standing water where mosquitoes like to lay their eggs. The city sprays for mosquitoes, and that eliminates most of the mosquitoes, but the best defense is to eliminate standing water throughout our neighborhood. A single female mosquito can lay up to 300 eggs in a period of three nights.

Our city has an ordinance prohibiting door to door sales persons. If one comes knocking on your door, notify the police with as much information as you can provide, such as their description, where they were last seen, the company they represent, etc. You can call the police dispatch @ 314-427-8000 or our PD @ 314-428-4577. Dispatch is the best number to call because sometimes all the on-duty officers are out in the neighborhood patrolling or on a call. I have spoken with Chief Ansell, and he has assured me that our officers will respond to those calls. A previous administration had the "no solicitors" signs removed, but we have ordered new ones, and will erect them when they arrive. The salespersons will tell you any lie to keep you from turning them in, but remember that you cannot believe a word they say. There are exceptions, such as utility companies that have proper IDs. Missouri American Water currently have people working in our neighborhood checking for lead pipes, and of course, ice cream trucks have business licenses. But they don't come knocking on your door. For safety's sake, it is important that we can trust the person that knocks on our doors.

Our concert in the park for this month is scheduled for Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The band will be "Just in Time." I have never heard them play, but I have been assured by those that have, that they are a very entertaining group. Mark your calendars and come on out to the park to enjoy and evening of music and visiting with your neighbors.

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## Aldermen's Corner

### Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

Hopefully everyone is staying cool during this record-breaking hot summer. Please remember to stay hydrated and check on your neighbors.

Thank you to those who participated in the neighborhood yard sale. This was my first time having a yard sale, it was a lot of work but fun participating in our community events. A special thank you to those who donated the items they did not sell to an organization that is special to me "Dreams for Haiti." Your donations are greatly appreciated and will go to a good cause.

I have noticed a lot of dumpsters and recycling bins that have broken wheels or are missing lids in the neighborhood. The city can order you a new dumpster or recycling bin if the wheels and/or lid is broken off. They must be in bad shape for them to be replaced for free. If your bins meet these criteria, please email Ronda at [rphelps@cityofedmundson.com](mailto:rphelps@cityofedmundson.com) with your name, address, and let her know which bin needs to be replaced and the condition so she can try to get it approved.

Just a few weeks of summer break left. Make sure you get out and do something fun, or maybe try something new. The city has a few concerts in the park left, and there are other surrounding cities that also have free events for the whole family. ♦

### Roy Rice, Ward 2

Hello Family! We had quite a community participation in our city-wide garage/yard sale on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks everyone for your enthusiastic involvement in connecting our neighborhood with a small focused project. Maybe more next time (hugh?) If you have ideas to plan community engagements feel free to let us know through email, text, telephone or attending our monthly Board meeting on the second Thursday of the month @ 7:00 PM.

National Night Out is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM. Those who wish to host, please let us know or just turn on your porchlight in acknowledgement. As always Heath & Traverse will be active.

Let us become more aware of students walking. Observe the speed limits and stop signs. Let us all be a drum major for children, family, community, and justice.

Alderman Roy Rice 314-541-3272 ♦

Originally, we had a movie in the park scheduled for Friday, September 8th, however due to scheduling conflicts we had to reschedule it to Friday, September 22nd and it will be the new "Super Mario Brothers (2023)" movie. The DJ music will start at 6:00PM along with the free hot dogs and popcorn to keep you entertained and fed until the start of the movie at dusk.

During these tough economic times, some of you might be having difficulty keeping up with your electric bill. I keep alert to programs that might be help for our neighbors that might be struggling. Ameren Missouri has a "Clean Slate" program that can take some pressure off. Clean Slate is a program that helps moderate-income customers clear their past-due balances and start fresh.

To be eligible for clean slate, customers should meet the following guidelines:

Household income up to 300 % if the federal poverty level. I.e. A four-person household with income up to \$79,500 annually is eligible to apply.

- 1) Pay 10% of past-due balance.
- 2) Experiencing financial hardship.
- 3) Have an active Ameren Missouri account that is past-due, on payment agreement or in need of reconnection.

For more information on where and how to apply, contact the Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (CAASTLC). They are the administrators for clean slate in this area. Their contact information us: [www.caastlc.org](http://www.caastlc.org) – 314-863-0015. Their office location is 2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114, and if you desire, you may go there in person.

The original purpose of the National Night Out was to take back the streets from the bad people, the robbers, muggers, etc. We are a very blessed community of good neighbors with a low crime rate and a diligent police force. We do not need to have a special night to "take back the streets," and that is demonstrated every month when we have our concerts, movies, and other events, where we mingle with our neighbors. However, some of your neighbors are going to observe it at their homes on September 15<sup>th</sup>. I wish them a successful event. It is always good when neighbors get together and enjoy each other's company unfortunately, I will not be available to participate this year because on that night I am going to be out of town chairing a meeting of The Gideons International. Again, I do wish those that do participate a successful and fun event.

**Thought to ponder:** Gentleness helps us make a point without making an enemy. – Be a good neighbor. ♦

## Edmundson Information:

City Hall – City Clerk	314-428-7125 x 116
Public Works	314-428-7125 x 118
Police Department	314-428-4577
Police Dispatch	314-427-8000
Municipal Court	314-428-6811 x 5
Community Fire	314-428-1128
Republic Service (Trash)	636-947-5959

### To leave a message for the Mayor or Alderman:

Mayor John Gwaltney	314-428-7125 x 121
Alderman Adele Crown	314-428-7125 x 125
Alderman Marlene Hoehn	314-428-7125 x 122
Alderman Roy Rice	314-428-7125 x 123
Alderman Paul Zerbe	314-428-7125 x 124

### In observance of Labor Day:

**City Hall will be closed on**

**Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Have a safe and Happy Holiday!**

**Thursday's trash will be picked up on**

**Friday, September 8th**

**Reminder all limbs must be tied and bundled in lengths less than 4 feet. All leaves and yard waste must be in cans or paper bags.**

### Future Board of Aldermen meetings:

**August 10<sup>th</sup> & September 14th**

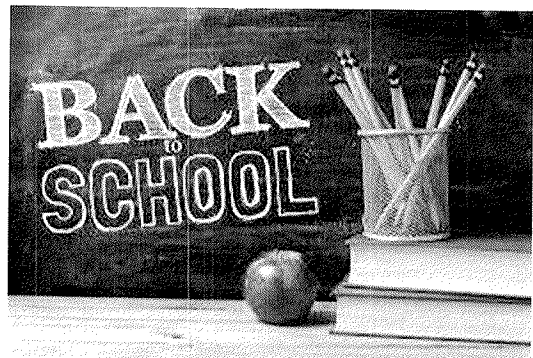
## CONCERT IN THE PARK:

**August 11th 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**"JUST IN TIME"**

**Free Hotdogs & Popcorn**

**Don't forget to bring your chairs, blankets, and drinks – NO GLASS**



**SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>  
PLEASE BE AWARE OF CHILDREN!!**

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Publication Date July 6, 2023**

The City of Edmundson will hold a public hearing to discuss the estimated allocation of \$40,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds which will become available after January 1, 2024. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on August 10, 2023, at Edmundson City Hall, 4440 Holman Lane, Edmundson, MO, 63134.

To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens, the City of Edmundson has enacted and/or enforces the following:

A Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, disability, familial status, or national origin:

A Policy of Nondiscrimination Based on Disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities:

A Policy of Equal Opportunity to Participate in Municipal Programs and Services regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation:

A requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that these opportunities be afforded low-income community residents and businesses.

If you would like information regarding the above policies or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact the following municipal official or employee who has been designated to coordinate compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements referenced above. Additionally, if you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may provide written comments regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program to the following municipal official no later than August 3, 2023:

Ronda Phelps  
City Clerk  
4440 Holman Lane  
Edmundson, MO 63134  
(314) 428-7125 Ext. 116

If you are a person with a disability or have special needs in order to participate in this public hearing, please contact Ronda Phelps no later than August 3, 2023.

For More Information Call:  
(314) 428-7125 Ext. 116  
1-800-735-2466 RELAY MISSOURI VOICE  
1-800-735-2966 RELAY MISSOURI TDD  
**Equal Opportunity Employer**