

# Edmundson Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023

## Mayor's Office

### John Gwaltney, Mayor

This month wraps up the season of holidays, and there are many celebrations this month, both religious and secular. Thanksgiving is over, and we are headed for Christmas and Kwanzaa on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Right now, we are in the Hanukkah period, and to all our neighbors that are of the Jewish faith, let me wish you Chag Hanukkah Sameach.

Many of these holidays involve the giving and receiving of gifts, plus extra food preparation. We are and will be busy going from store to store. This is a time to be cautious and aware of our surroundings, because thieves are looking for a chance to steal from you and/or harm you. Put your packages out of sight (ie in the trunk of your car or under a blanket). It only takes a few seconds to put a club steering wheel lock in place and/or remove it, if you have a key, but extremely difficult if you are a thief without the key. As the old adage goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure."

Speaking of our Police Department, the renovation of the PD building has started and we are eager to see the finished product. In 2007 we moved the P. D. out of the basement of city hall, and into the renovated half of the Public Works building (that was my first ribbon cutting as mayor) which, at the time, was a state-of-the-art facility. It has been sixteen years and time and technology have brought about a need to upgrade our P.D. in order to maintain the first class P.D. that we have come to expect and appreciate. In order for that to happen the Public Works Department had to vacate the building. To accommodate that move, we needed to build a new P.W. building, but that came with some caveats. We found the funding and completed the process of selecting a contractor without a problem. The hold up has been the permit process at the county permit department. They have been dragging their feet during the whole process. The building could have been finished and in use by last September, but now it sits with no doors, windows, floor, siding or roof shingles, because of the slow county permit process.

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## Aldermen's Corner

### Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

Where did 2023 go!!! In the next few weeks, we will all be busy, no matter which holidays we celebrate. With work, school, gatherings with friends and family, the most important thing is to remember to enjoy the season and share that joy with your loved ones. So, tap into your inner child and have fun!!! Whether it be a family tradition, special meal shared with your loved ones, or just relaxing and reflecting on the blessings and challenges you faced in the past year. Take some time to laugh until it hurts, play games, sing with your favorite songs, and share all the joy of the season with everyone you love and hold dear in your heart.

I started a tradition years ago with the kids. The Sunday before Christmas we make homemade chocolates. The kids are encouraged to dress however they want. I wear a tutu and a Christmas shirt or hat. We laugh, listen to holiday music and make chocolates for them to take and share with their loved ones. They are also encouraged to bring their old clothes and toys to donate to the charity we work with. It is a priceless memory that we all have come to look forward to every year.

This is also a time to remember that we have family and neighbors where this season might be a difficult time for. Reach out to those neighbors, friends and family to see if there is anything you can do to help through the season. Sometimes all it takes is someone showing they care to make a positive difference in someone's life.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful, healthy and safe holiday season. ♦

### Roy Rice, Ward 2

Hello Family, a heartfelt thank you for all the get well wishes from my back surgery.

Our Christmas Lighting in the Park was again spirit lifting, thank you City Hall.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Be safe, stay safe and enjoy the spirit of the season.

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We have workers for each specialty waiting, like horses at the starting gate, for the county permits, and will finish it in a hurry as weather allows after the permits are issued.

During the holidays there will be an increase in garbage and recyclable waste. I want to encourage us all to recycle all that you can. It helps the environment and increases your trash capacity. Attached to this newsletter, you will find a flyer with instructions on recycling to make the process easier. Just remember to break down boxes and no plastic film or plastic bags.

Something to look forward to is the first day of winter on the 21<sup>st</sup>, then the days will start getting longer.

There will not be a newsletter in January, as has been our custom for many years now. There is not much that is newsletter worthy happening in January except for Martin Luther King holiday on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>, and City Hall will be closed that day. There will be much activity and the staff will be busy as we transition from the outgoing 2023 to the incoming 2024. If something comes up that you need to be informed of that can't wait until February's newsletter, we will put out a special edition, and put it on the city's electronic sign.

From myself, the Board of Aldermen, and Staff: Have a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!

**Thought to ponder:** The best way to cheer yourself is cheer up someone else. – Be a good neighbor. ♦

## APRIL 2, 2024 ELECTION

The City of Edmundson will hold an election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, for the following offices: one position on the Board of Aldermen representing Ward I of the City (two-year term) and one position on the Board of Aldermen representing Ward II of the City (two-year term).

Candidates wishing to file for election must file a declaration of candidacy at City Hall, 4440 Holman Lane, Edmundson, Missouri 63134. Filing for candidates opens at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Candidate filing will close at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Filing can be completed at other times between these two dates during normal City Hall business hours; Monday – Thursday 7:30 – 5:30 PM.

## Aldermen's Corner Paul Zerbe, Ward 1



The holidays are just around the corner and a festive time of year when we share special moments with family, friends, and loved ones.

We look toward a new year filled with promise and opportunity and reflect on our many blessings. During this season of peace, hope and joy, I offer my sincere gratitude to all our citizens and city employees.

My warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous holiday season, and a happy, healthy, and fruitful New Year. Bless you and your families and our great city.

Good luck to all the candidates running for the April 2, 2024 election!!

If you have any concerns or just want to chat, please feel free to reach out to me at

[aldermanzerbe@cityofedmundson.com](mailto:aldermanzerbe@cityofedmundson.com) or 314.428.7125 ext. 124 ♦

### 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 x 1
Municipal Court	314-428-6811 x 5
Community Fire	314-428-1128

### To leave a message for the Mayor or an Aldermen

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



City Hall will be closed in observance of the  
below holidays:

December 25th – Christmas

January 1st – New Years

January 15th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

City Hall will be open on December 26th from  
1:00 – 5:00 PM for candidate filing.

Trash & Recycling will be picked up one day late  
the week of Christmas & New Years.

Recycling during the holidays:

[www.recyclingsimplified/holidays](http://www.recyclingsimplified/holidays)

Holiday Guide to Recycling

Cardboard: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7v3XECI0eQ>

Holiday Guide to Recycling

Electronics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mxdZJXC44s>

Future Board of Aldermen meetings:  
December 14th & January 11th

### WINTER REMINDER

**DO NOT PARK ON STREETS WHEN  
THERE IS SNOW IN THE FORECAST;  
VEHICLES WILL BE TICKETED AND OR  
TOWED!**

### ANIMAL LICENSE TAGS DUE

2024 Animal tags are due by December 31st. You  
must bring proof of the current rabies-vaccination  
for each animal.

The fee for the pet tag is \$10.00 per animal and  
will be waived with proof the animal has been  
spayed or neutered.

Puppies and kittens do not have to be registered  
until they are 6 months old.

### Aldermen's Corner Roy Rice, Ward 1

Here are some suggestions we should all try to live  
by.

- 1) Compliment three people every day.
- 2) Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
- 3) Be the first to say, "Hello"
- 4) Live beneath your means.
- 5) Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- 6) Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
- 7) Forget the Joneses.
- 8) Never deprive someone of hope. It may be  
all they have.
- 9) Pray not for things, but for wisdom and  
courage.
- 10) Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
- 11) Be kinder than necessary.
- 12) Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional  
need is to feel appreciated.
- 13) Keep your promises.
- 14) Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you  
don't feel like it.
- 15) Remember that overnight success usually  
takes about 15 years.
- 16) Leave everything better than you found it.
- 17) Remember that winners do what losers don't  
want to do.
- 18) When you arrive at your job in the morning,  
let the first thing you say brighten everyone's  
day.
- 19) Don't rain on other people's parades.
- 20) Never waste an opportunity to tell someone  
you love them. ♦

