

Edmundson Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023

Mayor's Office

John Gwaltney, Mayor

After last year's Halloween in the park event, we were able to get a deal on the purchase of most of the Halloween decorations that was on display this year, and it greatly enhanced the ambience of this year's event. But all that stuff needed to be assembled, and the planning was overwhelming. Just the preparation required much time and effort. The Police Department was the event host, but all city departments were involved, with some working 12-hour days to create this fantastic result. This was a great event, and we can build on it for next year. A great big "Thank You" goes to all of the city's employees for going above and beyond the call of duty to bring this gift to our citizens.

This Sunday, the 5th, is the end of daylight-saving time. Don't forget to set your clocks **Back** one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, or you might be arriving at church very early Sunday morning. The following Saturday, the 11th, is Veteran's Day. Be sure to thank a military veteran for their service and sacrifice to ensure the freedoms that we enjoy. Even if they did not fire a shot in battle, they made themselves available to do so. Many stepped away from much higher paid civilian jobs to do their duty. Some did serve in battle, and came back injured physically and/or mentally. They all deserve our respect and appreciation for standing ready to protect our way of life.

I wish each of you a very happy Thanksgiving on the 23rd. As we gather with our loved ones to thank the creator of all things for the blessings we have received. There are numerous things to be thankful for; i.e. Love of our family, the roof over our head, food on our table, the clothes on our back, and a little money in our pocket. The list goes on and on. I feel blessed to live in our community of good neighbors.

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Aldermen's Corner

Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

A big thanks to all that helped plan, prepare and execute the very successful Halloween event. How fun was that!

November is the beginning of the holiday season. For me it is also the month that I came to America as a child. I like to reflect on all the things that I am grateful for. This month I am focusing on the blessing of great neighbors.

Neighborhood is defined as an area where people live and interact with one another. When moving here in 2003, I didn't realize I'd still be here 20 years later. During this time my son and I have developed friendships with our neighbors that have turned to lifelong friends. I didn't realize the importance of having good neighbors/friends living so close. Living in a community where your neighbors watch over your house when your gone, drop food off when you're sick, make sure the kids are safe, etc. is a blessing.

Many of my friends and family always mention what a cute town we have and how proud the residents are of our neighborhood. With that being said, every town has its issues. There have been countless issues at the park, smashed pumpkins from the Pumpkin Patch that the Rice's provided and numerous issues at our local events. We need to come together to help minimize these issues. Make sure your kids and their friends understand the park rules and respect the houses in the neighborhood. If you see something, say something! We all want to enjoy our events, park and neighborhood.

I am thankful for the countless friendships I have made within our neighborhood. Thank you to those who were very supportive especially over the past year. Make sure you take some time to thank those around you who have supported you even if it's in the smallest way. A little thanks goes a long way.

Take a moment to reflect on your blessings, and spend some meaningful time with your loved ones. ♦

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I want to remind everyone of the holiday lighting on Saturday, December 2nd. For those of you that might be new to our city of good neighbors. Each year, we light up the city park with thousands of Christmas lights on the 1st Saturday of December and leave it lit up for the whole month, so that they may be enjoyed all month long.

I find that a walk through the lights will lift my spirits each time. The lighting festivities will take place from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It is a fun event with hot chocolate and other snacks. There will also be hay rides. Mark your calendars for this festive evening with your Edmundson friends, family, and good neighbors, and start the Christmas season off in a grand manner.

Thought to ponder: The most valuable gift you can give is a good example. – 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.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving is an observed holiday for Republic Services. Thursday's trash will be picked up on Friday, November 24th. The yard waste and recycling will be picked up as usual on Wednesday November 22nd.



Aldermen's Corner Paul Zerbe, Ward 1

I hope everyone's Halloween was a scream! A **BIG thank you** to everyone who participated in the Halloween event in the park hosted by the Edmundson Police Department! The haunted house and decorations were **SPOOKTACULAR!!** I also wanted to say **THANK YOU** to both Edmundson PD and Community Fire who were on hand at the Kratz Elementary trunk or treat handing out treats, badge stickers and fire hats/coloring books.



To all veterans past and present, we honor and thank you for your service. You are very much honored and appreciated for all that you have done. Thank you for your courage and for putting your country first. Thank you for protecting our country, for your bravery, and for all that you do to make this country safe. **Wishing you a happy Veteran's day!**

November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember, and to embrace those who enrich our lives. I'm thankful for a lot of things, but I'm most thankful for the great community in which we live. I am thankful for you!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

David Ansell, Chief of Police

Our 2nd Annual Halloween in the Park was a homerun!! I would like to personally thank everyone who came out to support our cause and make this event a huge success. We started this event last year with the hope of bringing the community and members of our police department, city employees, and city leaders together in unison by providing a fun filled atmosphere for all. What a great turnout we had and it was enjoyable for all of us. I am already looking forward to next year!

I would like to remind everyone as the weather starts to get cold and with the holidays right around the corner, car thefts and car break-ins will be on the rise. Please don't make yourself an easy target! Follow these few tips to reduce your chance of becoming a victim:

- ✓ Do not leave your vehicle running in the mornings unlocked and unattended
- ✓ Remove all firearms from your vehicle when you park it
- ✓ Lock your doors anytime you leave your vehicle unattended
- ✓ Do not leave valuables in your vehicle at anytime
- ✓ Do not leave shopping bags in plain view. Put these in the trunk if you need to store them while you continue shopping
- ✓ Park in well-lit areas if possible

AND PLEASE, if you see something say something. We are here for you 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Our non-emergency number is 314-427-8000 Option 1

Thanksgiving Word Search

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CITY OF EDMUNDSON

HOLIDAY LIGHTING IN THE PARK

**4440 Holman Lane
Edmundson, MO 63134**

**Saturday, December 2nd
4:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Free Hayrides Rides
Pictures with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and Frosty!!
Free Hot Cocoa & Holiday Snacks**

