

# Edmundson Newsletter

OCTOBER 2023

## Mayor's Office

### John Gwaltney, Mayor

It has been wisely and often spoken that time marches on, and waits for no one. And so, it has been for this year, 2023. Summer has come and gone, and we are two weeks into Autumn. As I sit at my desk, and looking out my window, I see that the trees are still full of green leaves, but looking down, I see a spattering of brown crisp leaves. Soon, the sound of lawn mowers will be the mulching of leaves instead of the cutting of grass. I really like this time of the year. The cooler air announces to me the beginning of what I like to call "The Season of Holidays."

The first holiday this month is Columbus Day, and city hall will be closed on Monday the 9th in observance of it. The second major holiday is Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>. I really enjoy this one, when the children come to my door to "Trick or Treat". The sound of them walking through the leaves in their costumes, with excitement, and laughter, with expectations of what treasure awaits them just behind my door. It all brings joy to my heart. To celebrate Halloween, our Police Department is, again this year, having a haunted house theme in the city park. This year, the event will be much more elaborate than last year. It will take place on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00PM. There is an opportunity for citizens to participate with their own give away situation. There is much more information elsewhere in this newsletter. If you do intend to join in, you must coordinate with the police department. The whole thing is being choreographed by the police department, so I urge you to read their article.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month will be our final concert in the park this year. The band will be "The Lone Rangers". The music, and the fun starts at 6:00PM. It's on a Friday night, so you can stay up later, to enjoy being out in the fresh air, and visiting with friends and neighbors. Be sure to mark your calendars, so you don't miss out.

Things are moving along with the new projects. Just not fast as we would like. The county's permit office is so undermanned that it is taking forever to get permits for the different stages of building the new public works building.

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## Aldermen's Corner

### Roy Rice, Ward 2

Happy October and Happy Halloween!

Thanks to all who attended our Edmundson Night Out event on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We had 8 new Edmundson neighbors. I have to do a better job of welcoming our new residents. Thank you Chief, Cpt., Lt., and the rest of our Police Dept. for showing up and have that competitive spirit playing cornhole. We certainly enjoyed the interaction.

In observance and celebration of our Fall holidays, let's not forget our commitment to ourselves and family to get our annual healthy screenings. In observance of Cancer Awareness month, I urge all of you to make that call for a peace of mind, for it can save your life and loved ones.

On Tuesday, 10/3/23 the pumpkin patch returns, bigger & better, on the corner of Heath and Traverse. Parents let your child choose their pumpkin, it's always fun to see their choice. Make sure you don't miss out.

Boo at the Park returns to the park presented by Chief Ansell & the Edmundson Police Dept. I heard from one of my goblin friends, he's scared to go.

Remember: Be kind and helpful to one another. "Sweet are the fruits of patience".  
314-541-3272 ♦

### Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

What a great turn out we had for the National Night Out! Thank you to all who contributed and participated, especially our police department and city workers. We appreciate you coming out and hanging out with us on your night off for a great cause.

Everyone should have received a postcard in the mail from St. Louis Lambert International Airport a few weeks ago. They are having an Open House on October 17, 2023 at Terminal 1, Concourse B from 4-7 p.m. The airport expansion is going to be a huge project. The open house is where we can hear the Proposed Action's potential economic, social, and environmental impacts. The expansion will affect our community. I encourage everyone to attend the Open House. If you can't attend, please go to the website and pay attention to what is going on.

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On the 4<sup>th</sup> we had the opening of bids for renovating the police department. The bids that were submitted are being studied and evaluated to determine which is truly the best and lowest bid. The public works building needs to be completed soon so that PW can move in and work can start on the PD building.

On September, 21<sup>st</sup>, we had the bid opening for redoing Edmundson Rd, which is the final stage of the street and curb project that we started about five years ago, and that is also in the process of evaluation, but much further along. We are hoping to present these results to the Board soon, maybe at this month's Board meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

There are a couple of service programs that some of our newer residents might not be aware of, or some of our longer home owners might have forgotten that exist. Either way, these are very valuable programs that can be a source help and relief. I am referring to the sewer lateral pipe line program that can pay for replacing the sewer line from your house to the main line in the street. So, a home owner doesn't need to put up with clogged sewer lines. The other program that is available is the Community Development Block Grant. This program offers a five-year forgivable loan up to \$7,500.00 to make repairs around your home. If you are eligible and take the loan, you don't have to pay it back if you live here for at least five years. Some of the things it can be used for are: roof replacement; concrete repair/replacement; tree removal; major electrical/plumbing repair/replacement; furnace & air conditioner replacement; and the list goes on. For more information and to apply call 314-615-8232.

**Thought to ponder:** Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives. —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
Municipal Court	314-428-6811 x 5
Community Fire	314-428-1128

**To leave a message for the Mayor or 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

And last, daylight savings time is just around the corner. It will be getting dark out earlier, and we have young kids playing so let's pay attention while we are on the roads to keep everyone safe. Please put your phones down and be aware of your surroundings. ♦

**Future Board of Aldermen meetings:  
October 12th & November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**CONCERT IN THE PARK:  
"LONE RANGERS"  
October 13th @ 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

**Free Hotdogs & Popcorn  
Don't forget to bring your chairs, or  
blankets. NO GLASS**

**HALLOWEEN JOKES:**

Go to page 3 for answers.

- 1)When do zombies finish trick or treating?
- 2)Why shouldn't an angry witch take her broom trick or treating?
- 3)How do ghosts do their makeup before they go out trick or treating?
- 4)Why did the skeleton run away?
- 5)What do birds give to trick or treaters?
- 6)What is a baby ghost's favorite game to play on Halloween?
- 7)Where do spiders do their Halloween shopping?
- 8)What's the problem when you run into two twin witches?

**In Observance of Columbus Day:**

**City Hall offices will be closed on  
Monday, October 9th  
City Hall hours for the remainder of the week  
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30**

## David Ansell, Chief of Police

Police Department  
David Ansell, Chief

October is finally here which means we are that much closer to Halloween!

On Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 6pm to 9pm, the Police Department will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween in the Park. We started this event last year with the hope of bringing the community and all the members of our police department together in unison by providing a fun filled atmosphere for all.

We want our staff to get to know our community and our community to know our staff.

This event is free and will be filled with both scary and fun activities. We will have a cotton candy and popcorn circus tent, a hot chocolate and candy giveaway booth, hotdogs, and last but not least, a haunted house!

\*\*\*\*We will also allow any residents who want to give away candy at this event a chance to do so. However, due to limited space, you must pre-register as spots are going to be designated. They will be assigned on first come first serve basis from the pre-registrations. If you are going to provide candy, you must provide your own folding table for your designated area.

\*\*\*\*To pre-register, please contact  
Captain Venneman by phone or email\*\*\*\*

[Venneman462@cityofedmundson.com](mailto:Venneman462@cityofedmundson.com)

314-428-4577 Ext 3

**We look forward to seeing everyone here!!**



## FALL CLEAN UP

A dumpster is available at city hall for residents to use to dispose of misc. items. Items **NOT** accepted: tires, paint, appliances, microwaves, automobile batteries, yard waste, computer monitors, and or chemicals.

- Violation notices will be sent for non-compliant carports, yard cleanup, peeling paint, exterior repairs.
- Store trash and recycling cans behind the front of house.
- Gutters must be maintained and kept free of all debris.
- Please call 314-428-7125 x 118 if a streetlight is not working.
- All limbs must be cut and tied in 4' length bundles or placed in the paper bags.
- All leaves must be placed in yard waste cans or paper bags.



Halloween is on a Tuesday night this year and we expect to see a bunch of little Ghouls and Goblins this evening. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather and have a flashlight and some type of high visibility clothing for the little ones. Please have your little ones escorted by a responsible adult.

Driving on Halloween.... Slow Down... in the neighborhoods and watch for the additional pedestrian traffic.

### ANSWERS:

- 1)They are dead tired.
- 2)She might fly off the handle.
- 3)They use vanishing cream.
- 4)Because the dog was after his bones.
- 5)Tweets.
- 6)Peek-A-Boo.
- 7)On the web.
- 8) You don't know which witch is which.