

Edmundson Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023

Mayor's Office

John Gwaltney, Mayor

Well folks, here we are again. September is on us with the end of Summer, officially on the 23rd, but unofficially with Labor Day. I hope each of you have a great and safe Labor Day weekend. School is already back in session, so let's be especially mindful of the children as they travel to and from school. Our children are our most valuable asset, but they are just learning to navigate life, and are subject to unexpected movement and unwise actions. It's our responsibility to watch out for them and be aware. A little caution can prevent a lot of grief. Watch out for your neighbors' child the same as you want them to watch out for yours.

Last year, I informed you of our need to upgrade our Police Department. To do so, we needed to move the Public Works Department out of the building that they share with the PD, so the PD could expand into a larger area. The new Public Works building construction is really moving along, and taking shape. There is still a lot to be done, but it looks like a building now. When Public Works moves in, we can get started on the state mandated upgrades to the PD. The bids for the renovation of the police department have gone out and will be back in on September 6th. The folks that live in the north east part of the city are well aware of the location of the new building, but for those of you that might not know where it is located. It is located in the end of the Mortimer Lane cul-de-sac. Having our own police department is of extreme importance. I, and your Board of Alderman, will always strive to maintain a state of the art, and well-trained police department for your protection and safety. The results of that is a city that anyone can feel safe walking our streets any time of the day.

We have a couple of "mark your calendar" events this month. Some of your neighbors will be observing an Edmundson Night Out event on the 15th, and there is more information about that elsewhere in this newsletter. I support events that bring neighbors together. I have always tried to promote a good neighbor policy, and I applaud those that will be putting forth the effort and personal expense to participate.

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Aldermen's Corner

Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

Can you believe it's almost the end of the summer already? Schools back in session and before you know it, fall will be here.

As I walk through the neighborhood, I see families moving in and out throughout the year. If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome to Edmundson. If you are moving soon, wishing you a great new adventure where ever you are going. With that being said, there are numerous things on people's minds as they move into a new neighborhood.

I would like to take a minute to remind everyone that voting is very important to all aspects of your life. Your job, community, school district and your local neighborhood. Take a few minutes to register or update your voter registration. It only takes a few minutes to do either. On the St. Louis County Board of Elections website you can complete a Voter Registration Application or update your registration through the Voter Update Forms button (<https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-government/board-of-elections/> .) If you do not have a computer, you can use one at the library or go to the Board of Elections office at 725 Northwest Plaza Drive, St. Ann MO 63074.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Edmundson Night Out on Friday September 15th at 6:00 PM. I will be out at the corner of Heath and Traverse. Let's get out and enjoy the last few weeks of summer. ♦

Roy Rice, Ward 2

I am proud of us checking on our neighbors during the extreme heat wave.

Thank you for your participating during the Autism awareness hotdog and hamburger fundraiser for our BP Service Station.

Don't forget our Edmundson Night Out on September 15th at 5:30 PM. This is not only an evening embracing our community relationships with our police department, but an opportunity for our citizens, old and new to gather to say hello and express ideas.

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Unfortunately, I will not be available to take part this year. The Gideons International have been, for several months, preparing for a Bible blitz in the St. Louis area with plans to distribute 75,000 to 80,000 Bibles over a three-day period, starting just a couple of days after the night out event, and Gideons from across the country will be arriving to help in the effort. As president of a local camp of Gideons, it is imperative that I chair the meeting on the 15th in O'Fallon. I wish the "night out" event success.

The movie in the park event is scheduled for Friday the 22nd. The movie this year is "Mario Brothers 2023". DJ music, free hot dogs, and popcorn starts at 6:00 PM. The DJ music is to help keep us entertained until it gets dark enough for the movie. Of course, that is a time that folks are picking out where they want set up their blankets and/or lawn chairs. It is also a great time to visit/chat with your friends and neighbors. So, mark your calendar for this fun event.

The third mark your calendar event is a concert in the park on Friday the 29th. The music will be provided by a band called "Blue Groove". As always, the concert starts at 6:00PM, and so does the free hot dogs and popcorn. Mark your calendars, and plan to come on out to the park, and groove to the tunes of the Blue Groove.

Thought to ponder: Reach out in friendship and encourage the lonely. --- 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

**In observance of Labor Day:
City Hall will be closed on
Monday, September 4th**

**Have a safe and Happy Holiday!
Thursday's trash will be picked up on
Friday, September 8th**

Anyone who wants to host a location during the evening (it's not too late) feel free to call me @ 314-541-3272. I look forward to seeing you. For those who do not attend our social events nor the monthly Board meetings on the second Thursday at 7:00 PM, it is a time to communicate with other Edmundson residents. The more people we know, the stronger our community is.

School has started; let's be very observant and cautious of our young ones. Speed limits and stop signs will be enforced. SCHOOL MATTERS!!

One of our new neighbors has a wonderful idea of a "Neighbor for Neighbor Program", which I hope to explain later.

I look forward to our pumpkin patch this year. Hopefully a pickup truck will be available.

That's all folks, be safe and stay safe! ♦ .

Paul Zerbe, Ward 1



Welcome back to all our students and teachers to the new school year! Now that school has started again, we will see more buses and cars on the roadways. Kratz Elementary has also implemented a new drop off/pick up system. Please be aware of your surroundings watching out for children, obey school zone speed limits, do not block crosswalks, never pass a bus from any direction if it is stopped to load/unload children and always stop for the crossing guard holding the stop sign. Together we can keep children of our community safe.

Are you a registered voter? **September 19 is National Voter Registration Day!** So there has not been a better time to plan and make sure you are ready to hit the polls for the 2023 state and local elections, presidential primaries and general election in 2024.

Visit <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/get-voteready/> to find out more on registering!

If you have any concerns or just want to chat, please feel free to reach out to me at or 314.428.7125 ext. 124 or aldermanzerbe@cityofedmundson.com . ♦

**Future Board of Aldermen meetings:
September 14th & October 12t**

David Ansell, Chief of Police

We are finally getting some reprieve from the hot weather. I hope everyone was able to stay cool during the heatwave and you are now getting out and enjoying the cooler temperatures.

I would like announce some exciting news! We have a couple events coming up.

First, the Police Department will be out and about in both patrol vehicles and our UTV during Edmundson Night Out which takes place on Friday, September 15, 2023 starting at 6pm. Our officers along with the Command Staff will be giving away numerous items throughout the night. Please join us for a wonderful evening of camaraderie amongst our great citizens, city officials, and police department. We would love to make this a night to remember.

Finally, On Saturday, October 28, 2023, the Police Department will be hosting its 2nd Annual Halloween in the Park. We will have everything we had last year plus many new additions to the festivities. This event is growing like crazy. We are excited to bring everyone a spooky good time, so mark your calendars!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Edmundson will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at City Hall, 4440 Holman Lane, Edmundson, Missouri, for the purpose of setting a tax rate on all real, personal and other tangible property for the 2023 tax year. At this time, citizens may comment on the proposed 2023 property tax rate.

<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Real Estate		
Residential	4,966,630	6,812,120
Commercial	22,522,061	32,151,672

Estimated Tax Rate for General Revenue:

Residential Real Estate:	.0000*
Commercial Real Estate:	.4750

*It is anticipated that the Board of Aldermen will, once again, voluntarily roll back the tax rate on Residential Real Estate to 0 so that a property tax on residential property will not be levied.

2023 Revenue Estimate: \$152,720

Revenue Increase between 2022 and 2023 considering voluntary rollbacks anticipated in 2023: \$ 4,976 / approximately 3.3%

Ronda Phelps
City Clerk
Posted: 8/30/23 @ 8:00 AM

CONCERT IN THE PARK: "Blue Groove"

September 29th 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Free Hotdogs & Popcorn
Don't forget to bring your chairs, blankets,
and drinks - NO GLASS

MOVIE IN THE PARK:
"Super Mario Brothers 2023"
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