

# Edmundson Newsletter

February 2026

## Mayor's Office

### John Gwaltney, Mayor

There is an old truism that says "Time fly's when you're having fun", and we could substitute "when you stay busy", and it would still be true. Last year flew by because we were both, busy and having fun. We stayed busy having fun in 2025 all the way from a snow storm in January to the holiday lighting in December. 2026 is shaping up to be the same. We have already had our January snow storm and the plans are set to keep us busy having fun all the way from the Easter egg hunt on March 28<sup>th</sup> to the holiday lighting in December.

Ground Hog Day marks the middle of winter whether the ground hog sees his shadow or not. At that time, we are six weeks into Winter with six weeks and four days until Spring, every year. I do so hope we have good weather the rest of the way. It is going to be refreshing when we can get out and enjoy the flowers, birds & etc.

We do have a holiday this month in which the city hall will be closed, and that is President's Day on Monday the 16th. Plus, don't forget that Valentine's Day is on Saturday the 14th.

As always, I want to remind everyone to recycle all that you can.

**Thought to ponder:** When all else fails, do the right thing. —Be a good neighbor. ♦

## City Hall will be closed in observance of President's Day February 16th

Trash & recycling will be on regular schedule.

## Future Board Meetings:

February 12th & March 12th

## Aldermen's Corner

### Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

February is **Black History Month**, a time to reflect on the legacy and impact of Black innovators. I believe all history is important; it shapes our everyday lives in ways we often don't realize. I've always loved learning the "who, what, when, and where" of how things came to, especially when there is a local connection!

**Local Spotlight: Madam C.J. Walker** Did you know that Madam C.J. Walker, America's first female self-made millionaire, once lived right here in St. Louis? She worked alongside her brothers in their barbershop, where she first began experimenting with the hair care products that would eventually make her an icon.

**Everyday Inventions** It's also fascinating to see how many household items we use daily were invented by African Americans. A few I rely on regularly (yes, I still use an ironing board!) include:

- **The Home Security System** (Marie Van Brittan Brown)
- **The Ironing Board** (Sarah Boone)
- **Central Heating** (Alice H. Parker)

**Local Events** Speaking of history, the **Missouri History Museum** offers incredible free events all year long. Mark your calendars for the **St. Louis Birthday Bash** on Saturday, Feb. 14th, and Sunday, Feb. 15th. It's a full weekend of family fun! You can find the schedule at [mohistory.org/birthday](http://mohistory.org/birthday).

**Winter Weather & Shoutouts** The groundhog saw his shadow earlier this week, so we have six more weeks of winter ahead. Please stay safe, check on your neighbors, and remember to keep the streets clear when snow is predicted.

Finally, a huge thank you to **Chuck and Chris** for working around the clock during the snow storm on the weekend of the 24th. You guys are the BEST! Thanks to your dedication, we easily have the clearest streets in the area.

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**Paul Zerbe, Ward 1**

I want to thank you for your continued trust and partnership in helping make Edmundson a strong, welcoming, and connected community.

If you haven't heard, **STL Youth Sports Outreach** has moved to *9153 East Milton in Overland*. They provide sports equipment for free and provide opportunities for youth and families to participate in community-focused activities.

Follow them on Facebook: [Stlyouthsportsoutreach](#)

I would also like to extend special appreciation to **Chuck Nunn** and **Chris Fernau**, whose hard work during the recent snowstorms kept our roads clear and our community safe. Their dedication ensured that residents could travel safely and that essential services remained accessible.

In addition, a heartfelt thank you go out to **Jerry** and **Ray Steinbeck** for their commitment to helping keep children safe as they crossed to and from school in the snow and ice. Their presence and support during hazardous conditions made a real difference for our families, and we are truly grateful for their care and vigilance.

Our city continues to focus on maintaining safe neighborhoods, improving local services, and supporting the quality of life our residents deserve. I remain committed to listening to your concerns, answering questions, and working closely with our city teams to address the issues that matter most to you — whether it's public safety, city maintenance, community programs, or long-term planning.

Know that my door is always open. Your feedback guides us to progress, and I encourage you to reach out anytime with suggestions or concerns.

Together, we can ensure Edmundson continues to be a great place to live and work. You can reach me at [aldermanzerbe@cityofedmundson.com](mailto:aldermanzerbe@cityofedmundson.com), 314.428.7125 ext.104, or text me at 314.422.4284.

**Neighborhood Watch:**

Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm at the Police Dept.

We will be hosting a presentation on the delivery of Narcan to someone who is under the influence of Narcan. Even if you don't have someone in your immediate household with a drug addiction, this is a pandemic that is unfortunately everywhere. Knowledge is power. We hope you can attend. ♦

**April 7th Election**

The following residents have filed for candidacy.

**Ward 1**

Paul Zerbe (Incumbent)  
Laura L. Granderson

**Ward 2**

Samantha Headrick  
Roy Rice (Incumbent)

**Aldermen Qualifications:**

No person shall be an Aldermen unless he/she shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States, and an inhabitant and resident of the Ward which he/she represents for one (1) year prior to his/her election and during the entire time that he/she serves in such office. In addition, an Alderman shall be an inhabitant and resident of the ward which he/she represents for at least one (1) year prior to his/her election and during the entire time that he/she serves in such office. For purposes of this Section, "*inhabitant and resident*" shall mean a person who both maintains a residence where he/she sleeps, cooks, and carries on a household and maintains a physical presence so as to clearly exclude the possibility or appearance of any other perceived place of residence.

**Edmundson Information:**

City Hall – City Clerk	314-428-7125x110
Public Works	314-428-7125x112
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 111
Alderman Adele Crown	314-428-7125 x 101
Alderman Marlene Hoehn	314-428-7125 x 102
Alderman Roy Rice	314-428-7125 x 103
Alderman Paul Zerbe	314-428-7125 x 104

**CITY OF EDMUNDSON  
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT  
Saturday, March 28th  
Free hotdogs @ 11:00 AM • Egg  
Hunt @ 12:00 Noon**



**MUST PRE-REGISTER AT  
CITY HALL!**

Only children or grandchildren of residents are allowed to participate in the Easter egg hunt.

Don't forget your baskets or bags!

**WINTER REMINDER:  
DO NOT PARK ON  
STREETS WHEN SNOW OR  
ICE IS FORECASTED; OR  
VEHICLES WILL BE  
TICKETED**

**Reminder:** The City of Edmundson residents participate in a Sewer Lateral Repair Program and each homeowner pays annually on their St. Louis County real estate tax bill. This money is collected and deposited into a separate fund for Edmundson residents only. St. Louis County Public Works Department is the administrator of this program. Information on the sewer lateral program can be obtained by calling the St. Louis County Public Works Department at (314) 615-8427.

**DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME BEGINS,  
MARCH 8th**



**The Public Works Department would like to say "Thank You" to all the residents who helped them clear the streets during the snow storm by keeping your vehicles off the streets.**

SEMI-ANNUAL NOTICE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
CITY OF EDMUNDSON, MISSOURI

Pursuant to Section 79.160 RSMo, the Board of Aldermen hereby sets forth the receipts and expenditures for its general fund and special funds for the time period July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. It should be noted that, during this same time period, the City had no indebtedness.

Receipts for the General Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 792,793</u>
Expenditures for the General Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$1,322,944</u>
Receipts for Special Funds:	
1. Capital Improvement Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 183,891</u>
2. Park & Storm Water Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 226,811</u>
3. Economic Development Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 264,180</u>
4. Sewer Lateral Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 4,910</u>
Expenditures for Special Funds:	
1. Capital Improvement Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 253,141</u>
2. Park & Storm Water Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 227,119</u>
3. Economic Development Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 29,942</u>
4. Sewer Lateral Fund for the 6-month reporting period:	<u>\$ 2,811</u>

A complete copy of current Financial Statements for the City of Edmundson may be obtained by making a request for same to the City Clerk, 4440 Holman Lane, Edmundson, Missouri 63134.

Ronda Phelps, City Clerk  
City of Edmundson  
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