

Edmundson Newsletter

July 2025

Mayor's Office

John Gwaltney, Mayor

I am writing this on Wednesday the 2nd, but you won't receive it until after the 4th of July. That being said—I hope everyone has/had a fun and safe independence celebration of the birth of our great nation.

There is an old adage that says “time flies when you are having fun.” Well, we do have fun in Edmundson, and time has flown by since this time last year. Last year about this time, we were talking about finishing the last leg (Edmundson Road) of the “curb and sidewalk project”, and the completion of the new Public Works and Police Department buildings. Now all that is finished and put into use. So, now it is time to move on to new projects. The next projects are not quite so complex, and will move much faster. Right now, we are going after the grant money to fund the next projects. I, the Board, and the staff are always looking for ways to improve the services to our residents and businesses.

For many years, I have been encouraging everyone to be a good neighbor. There is a group of volunteers that have taken that sentiment and ran with it. They call their group of volunteers “**Edmundson Cares**”, and have been helping others in the city to catch up on their yard work. There is a long list of helpful chores that they are available to help others do. There are a lot of reasons that you may have fallen behind on yard work. These good neighbors want to help you catch up. For more information you can call Chris and/or Alicia @ 314-764-5370, or you can pick up a flyer located on the counter inside city hall. Edmundson Cares can always use more volunteers. There are many reasons to volunteer for something like this. Some of the reasons are that it makes you feel good to help someone else, it gives you a sense of accomplishment when the job is done, and it looks good on your resume, just to name a few. Edmundson Cares, I praise you for your efforts, and desire to be a good neighbor.

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Alderman's Corner

Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and taking the time to do something fun. If you haven't attended one of our Music in the Park, or movie nights, you are missing out. It is not too late!! There are more events scheduled throughout the summer. They are free, fun and close to home. The city staff put a lot of time and effort into hosting family friendly events for us each year.

With the weather predictions showing it will be extremely hot for weeks ahead. Please take care of yourself and stay cool and hydrated. If you are having a difficult time paying your electric bill, there are resources available to help with paying utilities bills during this hot season. Please don't be too proud to reach out and utilize the available resources. It is dangerous for you, anyone in the household and your pets.

<https://heatupstlouis.org/category/cool-down-st-louis/> is one of many organizations you can reach out to. ♦

Paul Zerbe, Ward 1

Summer is in full swing, and so is our commitment to building a more inclusive, informed, and connected community.

Join the 5th annual StLYSO Cops vs Kids Home Run Derby. Starting with a parade, August 2 at 5pm; followed by the Derby at 6pm. Support our own Cpt. Venneman at the Home Run Derby.

Cooling centers are available. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services maintains a live map of cooling centers across the state. You can: call 2-1-1 for the nearest open location.

The Kids Bowl Free program offers two free games daily for children ages 2–18—just pay for shoe rental and enjoy some indoor fun. [KidsBowlFree.com](https://kidsbowlfree.com)

Missouri SuN Bucks helps families buy nutritious food during the summer months. Eligible children can also access free summer meal programs. Sign up <https://mydss.mo.gov/SuNBucks>.

If you have any concerns or just want to chat, please feel free to reach out to me at, 314-428-7125 x 104 or aldermanzerbe@cityofedmundson.com. ♦

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Our two concerts in the park this month are on Friday the 11th @ 6PM, with "Drawl Stl", and on the 25th with Hollywood 5. I have heard Hollywood 5 before and they are good entertainment. I have not heard; Drawl Stl myself, but Park and Rec. Director Chuck Nunn has an amazing talent and ear for good music, and I know that it will be a good show. So, mark your calendar, and come on out on the 11th and 25th for a good time with your neighbors.

Let me remind you again that we are in the mosquito season, and we need to be careful about standing water around our homes. And the worst of offenders is clogged gutters. If you have empty flower pots outside that might be catching rain water, turn them upside down or cover them.

Thought to ponder: Ideas don't work unless we work.
—Be a good neighbor. ♦

Edmundson Information:

City Hall – City Clerk	314-428-7125 x 110
Public Works	314-428-7125 x 112
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

CONCERTS IN THE PARK:

July 11th 6:00 – 9:00 PM
"DRAWL STL"

July 2th 6:00 – 9:00 PM
"HOLLYWOOD 5"

Free Hotdogs & Popcorn
Don't forget to bring your drinks & chairs!

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Roy Rice, Ward 2

I hope all is well within your household. Especially with the hot temps and high humidity. Stay cool and hydrated.

I really miss the days when conversations were held at your homes, my home, or many other places we used to share ideas, thoughts, concerns of the community. Working on a thesis has driven me back to the Roy of yesterday, with no holds barred communication.

Six most important words: "I admit it, I made a mistake"

Five: "You did a good job"

Four: "What is your opinion"

Three: "If you please"

Two: "Thank you"

One: "We"

The least important word: "I".

Listen twice as much as you speak. Anyone wanting to control the conversation tends to have something to hide. Therefore, train your ears to listen and your heart to understand and be supportive.

Remember there is no limit to the amount of good any of us can do if you don't care who gets the credit.

I learn everyday from you and others and I've learned that I still have allot to learn (age 78) 😊😊. Alright family, enough!

Be safe, stay safe, look out for your neighbors.
If you ever need me, call. ♦

Future Board Meetings: July 10th & August 14th

