

Edmundson Newsletter

May 2026

Mayor's Office

John Gwaltney, Mayor

Even though you will receive this newsletter after Mother's Day, I wish every Edmundson mother a wonderful celebration of your love and care for your family. You are truly a blessing to all of us. You are the glue that holds it all together. May God bless you, and your days be filled with happiness.

It is with a somber, but cheerful heart and mind that I announce to you that our public works Director, Christopher Fernau, has taken his retirement. Chris has been a tireless and loyal employee for many years, plus he has been a dear friend to me. I am sad to lose him as an employee, but rejoice with him in his retirement.

Last month, I announced to you about the construction of a new exercise/workout area being built in the North East corner of the park. Well, it is finished and ready for use. It has many of the same types of equipment that can be found at a gym or recreation center. Each exercise station has instructions on how to use the equipment. Check it out, it's free to use, and just might help us to get into shape. By The Way, F.Y.I. – The splash pad is turned on and ready for use, and has been for 2 or 3 weeks now.

Our first concert for this year will be on Friday the 15th. The band will be "Top Gunz" and they will be performing from 6PM to 9PM. Of course, as always, there will be free popcorn and hot dogs. Bring your own lawn chairs and drinks. Come on out to the park and enjoy an evening with family and neighbors.

Memorial Day is on Monday the 25th and city hall will be closed. Memorial Day is a federal holiday in which we celebrate and honor those soldiers that have died in service to our country. The common practice is to take that time to place flowers on their graves. On that day/weekend many people will be traveling by car. If you are one of those travelers, please be careful, and return safely.

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Aldermen's Corner

Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

Edmundson Shines at the Confluence Trash Bash

First, I want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who made Edmundson's first year participating in the **Confluence Trash Bash** a resounding success! We had **21 dedicated volunteers**—including city employees, board members, residents, and even some of our younger neighbors—brave the elements to clean up our community. In just two hours of work along Natural Bridge Road, our team collected **63 bags of trash**, filling two entire truckloads. It was an incredible display of community spirit, and I am so proud of the impact we made together.

Prioritizing Your Health this May

As we move into May, it is important to note that this month is dedicated to **Mental Health Awareness**. This is a topic that is deeply personal to my family and me, but it is also a time to reflect on our overall well-being. May also brings awareness to several other vital health topics, including Skin Cancer, Brain Tumors, Arthritis, and Asthma. Many of these conditions can be managed, and in some cases prevented, if we prioritize "TLC" for ourselves. Please take this month as a reminder to:

- Schedule your annual doctor's appointments.
- Check in on your mental and emotional health.
- Listen to your body physically.

A little extra attention to ourselves can truly help us all feel and live better.

Being the Light: Supporting Mental Health

In April, my family and friends attended the 4th Annual "**Night at the Races**" fundraiser to support a wonderful local organization, **The Light Project STL**. Founded in 2015 by Kennedy Graf, The Light Project was born out of Kennedy's personal journey with anxiety and depression, and the heartbreaking loss of someone close to her.

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We have had a lot of rain lately, so I want to remind everyone to check around our homes for standing water, and if you find some, dump it out before the mosquitoes lay their eggs there.

Thought to ponder: Let us not become weary in doing good. Be a good neighbor. ♦

**Future Board Meetings:
May 14th & June 11th**

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:
MAY 15th 6:00 – 9:00 PM
“TOP GUNZ”**

**PET CLINIC & CONCERT IN
THE PARK
JUNE 12TH 4:30 – 6:30 PM
“INFRINGEMENT”
6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Free Hotdogs & Popcorn
Don't forget to bring your chairs,
blankets, and drinks**

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Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

She turned those struggles into a mission to ensure no one must struggle alone. The Light Project STL is a passion project dedicated to promoting mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Their goal is to empower individuals to "be the light" for themselves and those around them.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can find resources and support through [[Kennedy/The Light Project STL Website](#)]. Remember, reaching out is the first step toward healing.

Neighborhood Watch:

I will work with Detective Corporal Dave Buehrle to schedule the next Neighborhood Watch meeting. If you have any suggestions on a topic, feel free to email me with your recommendations. ♦

**Public Works–Code
Enforcement**

- Trailers must be parked behind the building line.
- No parking commercial vehicles on streets. ORD #355.130
- Violation notices will be sent for non-compliant carports, yard cleanup, peeling paint, exterior repairs.
- Grass must be kept mowed less than 8 inches in height. Do not mow or blow grass into street; all grass debris must be removed from street.
- Fence lines must be grass and weed free.
- Store trash and recycling cans behind the front of

