

Edmundson Newsletter

April 2024

Mayor's Office

John Gwaltney, Mayor

If you have gotten your information about the city's first annual Cinco De Mayo celebration only from the signs at the street intersections, you may have read that the celebration is on the 7th of May, but if you read it anyplace else you would know that the event is actually on Saturday the 4th. If you look closely at the signs, you will see that what (at a quick glance) looks like a 7 is actually a 4. It will be a fun time for everyone, with something for family members of all ages, but only if you come on Saturday the 4th. Just as a reminder, the hours are from 4:00 PM to 10:00PM. So, come on out and have a good time with your neighbors at this 1st time annual park event.

When you see Chuck and Chris walking around with a big smile, it's because the new Public Works building is finally finished. I too, have expressed my dissatisfaction with all the delays, and now it's ready to be used for it's intended purpose. Chuck and Chris are now in the process of moving their equipment out of shipping containers into the building, and placing all that stuff into an efficient location. We are planning to have an open house on Friday, May 31st, 3PM to 7PM.

That will give them enough time to arrange everything and clean the construction dust before the open house. So, plan on stopping by on that date to take a tour of this improvement to our city's infrastructure.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all you mothers a happy Mother's Day on Sunday the 12th. I hope each of you receive a wonderful gift that expresses your family's love and gratitude for your selfless devotion, whether that gift is tangible or intangible. I hope you will be able to participate in the Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday the 11th as a tangible expression of the city's appreciation of you.

Time is going by so very fast. It is only five weeks until June Jam which is almost the half way point of the calendar year. We have had some vandalism to the splash pad and are having to replace a couple of prominent pieces. They were quite expensive and we were pushing to get them replaced before June Jam, which is June 7th and 8th. *Mayor's Office Cont'd on page 2*

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Alderman's Corner

Marlene Hoehn, Ward 2

Although summer doesn't officially start until June, we can start getting excited. Right? Hopefully the weather will start bringing up those May flowers.

The past few weeks I've seen people walking, riding their bikes and enjoying outdoor activities in the neighborhood. Please be aware of your surroundings, wear a helmet while riding a bike, be courteous and safe while playing in the park and neighborhood.

In just a few weeks summer will officially start and another school year will end for our school age children. Wishing all the seniors a happy and safe graduation and successful future in whatever new adventure they chose. And for those who have little ones entering kindergarten, remember these moments go fast and soon enough they will be graduating school.

Looking at the lineup for the events Edmundson is putting on this summer is exciting. There is a lot of work that goes into hosting these events. Thank you to everyone who works year-round to ensure we have some great events each year at the park. I hope everyone joins some of the festivities in the next few months. I have family and friends who live from Wentzville, to South City who look forward to the events here. The kids think we at Edmundson have the best park in St. Louis. Hope to see you all at some of the events. ♦

Roy Rice, Ward 2

Hello May and Springtime! Let's not forget the end of school and the safety of our children (slow down and stop at stop signs). Enjoy Cinco De Mayo on the 4th and Mother's Day luncheon on the 11th. Armed Forces Day on the 18th celebrated with a flag at each driveway by our Edmundson youth.

Previous months have certainly been challenging and eventful, texting the foundation of our neighborhood. The impact misinformation had on our family cultivated such a negative effect. Expediting fabricated ideas from our mind takes communication, effort and time in repairing the fabric of our community.

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With all the delays that we have had with other projects, I was surprised when the new pieces arrived last Friday. They will be in place long before June Jam, but not before Cinco De Mayo this Saturday.

Memorial Day holiday will be observed on May 27th this year. It is a day set aside to honor those that have gone before us, to remember the things they did to enrich our lives, and to be thankful. It originated as a day to honor soldiers that died in service to our country, and decorate their graves. However, now many only see it as a holiday off from work, and a time to play. If you are going to be traveling over that weekend, please travel safely and come safely back to us. You are our good neighbor, and we do not want next Memorial Day to be about you.

Thought to ponder : A mother holds her child's hand for a while, but their heart forever. – 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
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 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
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Future Board Meetings: May 9th & June 13th



To end the month, **Memorial Day** serves as a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who bravely gave their lives in service to their country. Their courage and selflessness are what uphold the values and freedoms we hold dear. It's important to take a moment to honor and remember these heroes, as their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

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

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As always, my door is always open. I enjoy our continued exchanged conversations and ideas (neighborhood watch, community center, etc.) Remember to always check on our neighbors during our changing weather patterns.

Bless those who are less fortunate, comfort those that mourn, and give us all health, strength and guidance. ♦

Paul Zerbe, Ward 1

Alderman Paul Zerbe, Ward 1 **Nurse's Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Mother's Day** are all this week! And represent opportunities to recognize and celebrate the contributions of those who play crucial roles in our lives.

During **Nurse's Week** (May 6-12), we honor the dedication and compassion of nurses in our community who tirelessly care for patients, often under challenging circumstances. Their expertise and kindness make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and communities.

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10) is a time to express gratitude to educators who shape the minds of future generations. Teachers inspire, mentor, and empower students, nurturing their potential and instilling a love of learning. Teachers are our SHINING STARS!

Mother's Day (May 12) is a special occasion to honor the love and sacrifices of mothers and mother figures. Whether biological, adoptive, or chosen, these individuals provide unconditional love, support, and guidance, shaping our lives in profound ways.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the **nurses, teachers, and mothers** out there for their unwavering dedication, selflessness, and love that they demonstrate day in and day out. Your contributions make the world a better place, and your efforts are truly appreciated. Thank you for all that you do!

The **Cinco De Mayo** event **Saturday, May 4th** sounds like a fantastic way to kick off the summer season in Edmundson! With food trucks, activities for the kids, and music, it's bound to be a hit for the whole family. And did you know there will be more **free family-friendly** events throughout the summer to look forward to? Be sure to check out the calendar of events planned all summer long!

I also want to **CONGRATULATE** the **Ritenour High School Class of 2024** on their graduation! Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have paid off, and now you're ready to embark on the next chapter of your journey.

Edmundson Police Department

David Ansell, Chief of Police

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

In 2023, there were 137 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. To date, 54 officers have already been killed in 2024 and at least 98 officers shot in the line of duty from January through March. The most recent horrific event occurred in North Carolina on April 30th where 4 officers were killed and 4 others seriously injured during an attempt to serve a warrant at the home of a dangerous felon.

Please keep all of these officers and their families in your thoughts and prayers this month!

As we move through the month of May and throughout the year, I would like to highlight our Mission here at the police department which is to commit ourselves to securing and maintaining public safety throughout the City of Edmundson. Through the use of the dedicated efforts of our officers, who are trained and equipped to reduce crime and foster public confidence in our law enforcement agency.

To accomplish this mission, we are committed to working collectively with other municipalities, government agencies and the citizens of this community to improve the quality of life in the City of Edmundson. We strive to maintain the highest level of professionalism, ethical and moral standards, to ensure the Constitutional Rights of all individuals.

Have a great month of May and be safe. We will be doing our part to help!

In addition, May is [National Bicycle Safety Month!](#)



Bicycling is a great way to stay in shape, commute, and spend time outdoors. Before you hop on a bike, make sure you are safe. Remember that bikes share the road with motorists, so it is important to avoid hazards and bike safely.

- Wear a properly fitted helmet that meets safety standards.
- Follow the rules of the road; cyclists must follow the same rules as motorists.
- Ride single-file in the direction of traffic, and watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning and use crosswalks at intersections.
- Wear bright clothing and ride during the day. If riding at night, wear reflective clothing and have lights in the front and back.
- Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes.

Happy and Safe riding!