

As your Mayor, it is an honor and a privilege to present the 2016 State of the City Address. I would like to begin by acknowledging members of the Edgewood City Council: Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Councilmembers Donna O'Ravez, Mark Creley, Luke Meyers, Stephanie Shook, Rosanne Tomyn, and Nate Lowry, I cannot thank you enough for the support you provide. Each of you plays an important part in making our City a better place to live, work and play.

I wish to recognize and thank the City's Boards and Commission members for their commitment to serve our city, and their efforts to make a lasting difference in our community. I would also like to thank the volunteers who provide hundreds of hours in support of our police, parks and our annual picnic and tree lighting events.

To Eric Phillips, who took over last year in the departure of our City manager, a great job of keeping everything moving in a positive direction. The professionalism and dedication our city staff, and their commitment to serve this council and the residents and businesses of Edgewood is much appreciated. Your commitment to our mission and your "can do" attitude has attributed to our 2015 accomplishments, which include:

- Completion of the conversion to the Mayor-Council form of government;
- Completion of the City's Comprehensive plan;
- Processing 65 Building permits with the start of both the Arbors and Simon's Mill projects worth a total value of nearly \$50M;
- With all the building the inspector that we shared with Buckley went full time and we added another inspector in the fall based upon permit projections;
- We started the process of streamlining our permit process with the Smart-Gov. program and went live with it just last week;
- For the sake of communication we updated our phones and our website;
- Our police department had calls last year and we added one staff member and a detective to the police department.

On the horizon, 2015 laid the groundwork for even more growth in 2016: Already in the first 2 months we have in process 2 multifamily plans for 412 units, 9 subdivisions with 167 units, and 6 short plats with 21 units. We are also on track to add police officers this fall and also early next year.

There is a lot going on in Edgewood's future. It is important of the City Council, staff, and members of the community to be committed to implementing policies that line up with our Comp plan vision to create an atmosphere that is conducive to new business and a sustainable future.

Thank you again Councilmembers, and staff for your hard work and commitment. I would like to thank the residents of Edgewood for their ongoing support and contributions that make our community a great place to live work and play!

Thank you,

Daryl Eiding, Mayor