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With the extension of Gov. J. B. Pritzker's executive order to shelter at home through May 30, the City of Edwardsville has announced modifications of its meeting schedule and extension of temporary liquor license rules for local businesses that serve alcohol. Additionally, Edwardsville residents may again begin scheduling large trash pickups.

City Council and standing committee meetings will continue to be open to the public at city hall and will be recorded. City Council meetings, Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will continue to be streamed on Facebook and ECTV. Smaller committee meetings will be recorded and available to the public upon request. Citizens are strongly encouraged to submit their comments via email or voicemail because meetings are limited to no more than 10 people. Comments submitted this way will be read into the record by the city clerk or committee staff liaison at the beginning of the meeting. Citizens may submit their comments as follows:

- o publiccomment@cityofedwardsville.com
- o **Public comment Voicemail 618-307-1715**

Elected and appointed officials will primarily attend meetings electronically. Attendees of open meetings are required to submit to a no-touch thermal temperature scan for fever and asked to wash their hands before entry. The schedule for City meetings for May is as follows:

5/4	City Council –Sine Die	Council Chambers/Zoom	7:00 pm
5/5	City Council	Council Chambers/Zoom	7:00 pm
5/12	Public Services Committee	Council Chambers/Zoom	3:30 pm
5/12	Finance Committee	Council Chambers/Zoom	5:00 pm
5/13	Historic Preservation Commission	Council Chambers/Zoom	7:00 pm
5/14	Admin. & Community Services	Council Chambers/Zoom	5:30 pm
5/18	Plan Commission	Council Chambers/Zoom	7:00 pm
5/19	Edw. SIUE Community Destination	Zoom only	5:00 pm
5/19	City Council	Council Chambers/Zoom	7:00 pm
5/26	Public Services Committee	Council Chambers/Zoom	3:30 pm
5/26	Finance Committee	Council Chambers/Zoom	5:00 pm
5/26	Beautification & Tree Commission	Zoom only	6:30 pm
5/27	Library Board	Zoom only	7:00 pm
5/29	Admin.& Community Services	Council Chambers/Zoom	5:30 pm

More helpful information is available on the City's website at www.cityofedwardsville.com; information and links specific to the COVID-19 outbreak can be found at www.cityofedwardsville.com/coronavirus. More information on Illinois updates can be found at coronavirus.illinois.gov.

In other news, Edwardsville will continue to allow holders of Class B liquor licenses to operate under the rules of a Class C liquor license through May 30. A Class C license authorizes the sale of packaged or manufacturer sealed liquor/beer containers in their original package as a carry-out item.

Also, Republic Services will again begin picking up scheduled large trash items for Edwardsville customers. Residents may call Republic Services® at 618.656.6883 and provide a brief description of your items; or may fill out a simple online form or call to schedule pickups. The form can be found at:

<https://www.cityofedwardsville.com/LargeItemPickup>

Items will be scheduled to be picked up within 7 days of contact. Residents should place their items at the curb no more than 12 hours prior to the scheduled pickup time.

Below is a summary of current City operations:

- Residents are strongly urged to pay extra attention to what they are using and flushing. **Do not flush anything other than toilet paper.** Products billed as “flushable” baby wipes can still create significant problems in the sewer system.
- City Hall/clerks office is closed to the public but is staffed during regular business hours. City payments can be made online or in the drop box on the side of the building. City Hall can be reached at 618-692-7500.
- Public Works Building is closed to the public. Commercial inspections remain active until further notice.
- Republic Services trash pickup continues under its normal routes.
- While the City of Edwardsville Parks remain closed, the walking paths and trails are available for use. The playgrounds, restrooms, drinking fountains, pavilions, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and baseball/softball fields will remain closed at this time.
- The Madison County Transit (MCT) bicycle/walking trails remain open for public access.
- The Public Library remains closed. For information, call 618-692-7556 or email info@edwpl.org. E-books, audiobooks, movies and music are always available online through the Library’s website and free apps. Visit <https://www.edwardsvillelibrary.org/ebooks-and-more>.
- At the Public Safety Building, the front lobby only is open to the public. Fire houses are closed to the public but staffed for emergency response.
- To minimize inherent risks to Edwardsville police officers and the public that are presented with COVID-19, some changes for reporting procedures to Edwardsville PD have been implemented. If you need police services that are non-emergency in nature, please call the Edwardsville Police Department at (618) 656-2131.
- The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is working with partners to launch emergency assistance programs for Illinois small businesses. Information on the three programs can be found on the DCEO website at www2.illinois.gov/dceo.

- The City of Edwardsville's Feed the Community Program continues to collect checks, cash or gift cards; call the City Clerk's office at 618-692-7500 to arrange for the donations.
- A City Coalition has been created in an effort to streamline communication, and minimize oversights and duplication of efforts. Area nonprofits are encouraged to contact Natasha Howard at nhoward@edwymca.com. Groups and individuals interested in volunteering or donating to this effort should contact Jessica Johnson at jjohnson@edwymca.com

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