

Community. This city knows the meaning of this word – Community.

From Milton Days to fundraisers, we've pulled together for it all. From hot sunny days to welcome rain, all in one month.

Well, now it's September, and we'll be getting back into our busy schedules again – my calendar is jam-packed! I'm delighted to start the month off with the swearing in of Edgewood's new strong mayor – Congratulations to Mayor Daryl Eidinger! Daryl and I have worked together a lot in the past, and I'm very much looking forward to working together in the future. Our cities complement each other well.



Our boards and commissions will be tackling new topics this year. The Park Board will be working with the 9-11 Memorial Committee. The Event Committee will move quickly into the Craft Bazaar and the Tree Lighting events, and then before you know it, next year's Milton Days. (Yup, that's what I said – next year's Milton Days!) The Planning Commission has a new member, Esther Ripplinger, who will bring a different and welcomed perspective from her background working with our legislature in Olympia. The Planning Commission will be working on the City's sign code, among other business. Please come visit the Planning Commission and give us your point of view during citizen comment period. Thinking about where you might fit in? We currently have room on all our boards and commissions, and we always welcome you at any of our meetings. Milton isn't Milton without you!

Lastly, I would like to speak to all of you who have come forward to support Reserve Officer and Firefighter Daniel Lyon. All the donations, hard work, and prayers count. I know that he has been encouraged, as has his family, by everything that you have done. Our Police Department continues to take shifts at the hospital and brings back current reports on Daniel's improvements. Daniel and his family have a long fight ahead of them. Chief Hernandez and I went to the hospital when Daniel first arrived; I was amazed by his spirit. He high-fived Chief Hernandez and reached out to shake my hand. Daniel is a fighter, and he will need that spirit to get through this. His family and friends have been so strong. I know as a community we plan to stand strong, together, supporting Daniel all the way through to a full recovery.