

SWIFTREACH- MAY 22, 2020

HELLO. IT'S FRIDAY, MAY 22ND. PLEASE STAND BY FOR THE MAYOR'S WEEKLY UPDATE.

GOOD EVENING. THIS IS MAYOR GREG KURTZ.

IN CASE YOU'VE LOST COUNT, IT HAS BEEN TEN, LONG WEEKS SINCE THE CORONAVIRUS SHUT DOWN OUR CITY, SCHOOLS AND MOST OF THE COUNTRY.

GOVERNOR DEWINE IS EASING THE STAY-AT-HOME RULE, AND OTHER MANDATES FOR INDIVIDUALS BUT IS KEEPING IN PLACE STRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES TO OPERATE.

YOU ARE PROBABLY ASKING, "WHEN WILL THE CIVIC CENTER, OUTDOOR POOL, AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BE OPENING?"

THERE IS NO SPECIFIC DATE - YET. SOME CITIES HAVE CANCELLED ALL SUMMER PROGRAMS WHILE OTHERS HAVE GONE SO FAR AS TO CANCEL EVENTS THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY TO ESTABLISH STRICT HYGIENE AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS TO PROTECT RESIDENTS AND THE STAFF. ALSO, ONCE WE OPEN FACILITIES, WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO INSURE THAT THEY WILL REMAIN OPEN.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CALLED OR EMAILED MY OFFICE ABOUT HOME-GROWN HEROES WORKING IN THE HEALTHCARE FIELD. PLEASE DON'T STOP. WE

WANT TO RECOGNIZE ALL THESE PROFESSIONALS AND THE IMPORTANT WORK THEY DO.

IN HONOR OF OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, THE CITY WILL PROVIDE FREE LUNCHESES TO ALL SENIORS NEXT FRIDAY MAY 29. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL ONCE AGAIN PREPARE HAMBURGERS ON THE GRILL. PLEASE CALL COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LET THEM KNOW IF YOU WILL BE PICKING UP A MEAL AT THE CIVIC CENTER BETWEEN NOON AND 1 P.M.

ALSO, COMMUNITY SERVICES PRODUCED A BEAUTIFUL SLIDESHOW HONORING OUR SENIORS. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT ON THE HOMEPAGE OF THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

A REMINDER, A BRIEF CEREMONY FOR MEMORIAL DAY WILL BEGIN ON THE SQUARE MONDAY MORNING AT 9:30. THERE IS NO PARADE THIS YEAR, AND ANYONE WHO ATTENDS MUST SOCIAL DISTANCE.

CITY HALL AND THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT ARE CLOSED MONDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND... BE WELL, AND GOD BLESS.