

**Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for Dec 23, 2021**

HELLO, IT IS DECEMBER 23ND. PLEASE STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

**GOOD. THURSDAY. EVENING, THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.**

I AM CALLING EARLIER THAN USUAL TO OFFER MY HEARTFELT PRAYERS TO EACH OF YOU AND TO THOSE YOU LOVE.

THE UPTICK IN NEW CORONAVIRUS CASES IS ALARMING.

THE PANDEMIC FORCED MANY OF US TO RE-IMAGINE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, OUR NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS, AND EVEN OUR INTERACTION WITH STRANGERS. NO ONE ASKED FOR A “NEW NORMAL” – BUT WE’RE ALL NAVIGATING IT TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

WITH THE HOLIDAYS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, LET US NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO HAVE BRAVELY FOUGHT ON THE FRONTLINE FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS. ALL OF US OWE THESE MEN AND WOMEN AN INCREDIBLE DEBT.

IT IS MORE IMPORANT THAN EVER THAT WE COME TOGETHER AND CHOOSE TO BE CALM, TO BE KIND AND TO BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS EVE AND JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>. PLEASE CHECK THE HOLIDAY HOURS FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS ON THE CITY’S WEBSITE.

FROM CITY COUNCIL, FINANCE DIRECTOR BLAZE AND MY FAMILY TO YOURS...

BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS