

## **Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for Nov 30, 2021 - Tree Lighting**

HELLO, IT IS NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

**GOOD. TUESDAY. EVENING, NEIGHBORS. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.**

I'M CALLING EARLIER THAN USUAL BECAUSE THE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AND DRIVE-THRU SANTA EVENT ARE JUST FOUR DAYS AWAY.

I AM SO PROUD OF MY HARD-WORKING TEAM. THEY HAVE PUT TOGETHER A CELEBRATION THAT IS EVEN BIGGER THAN LAST YEAR!

BUT I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE IS SO MUCH MISINFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT SATURDAY NIGHT'S EVENT.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME*** TO STROLL THROUGH ELMWOOD PARK,  
ENJOY REFRESHMENTS AT KIWANIS PAVILION,  
PURCHASE CUPCAKES FROM THE CUPCAKE TRUCK, WATCH THE FIREWORKS, AND WARM UP BY THE  
BONFIRE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

**INDEPENDENCE PARENTS** WHO WANT THEIR CHILDREN AGES 10 AND YOUNGER TO HAVE A DRIVE-THROUGH VISIT WITH SANTA **MUST PRE-REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**. THAT'S TOMORROW.

AND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON, A REMINDER TO PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN TO THOSE IN NEED. THE CITY WILL BE COLLECTING CANNED FOOD FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK AND THE SALVATION ARMY KETTLE WILL BE OUTSIDE THE CIVIC CENTER ON SATURDAY.

PLEASE KNOW THAT A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF THIS SIZE REQUIRES PLANNING, ATTENTION TO DETAIL, AND LAYERS OF COORDINATION TO ENSURE IT IS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS—PLEASE  
CALL THE CIVIC CENTER.

LYN AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ON SATURDAY.

UNTIL THEN, GOD BLESS