

Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for Oct 29, 2021

HELLO, IT IS OCTOBER 29nd. PLEASE STAND BY FOR THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE – IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

GOOD. FRIDAY. EVENING. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ. THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE IS TAKING STEPS TO REDUCE OUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND I **NEED YOUR HELP.**

WE HAVE CREATED A SURVEY TO GAUGE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES THAT WOULD MAKE OUR COMMUNITY MORE RESILIENT TO ECONOMIC PRESSURES, CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS.

IF THAT SOUNDS LOFTY, HEAR ME OUT. A SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM CAN START WITH SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS UPDATING BUILDING CODES, REDUCING ENERGY USE, AND INVESTING IN ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES. SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES HELP TO MINIMIZE WASTE AND REDUCE OPERATING COSTS.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS. YOU CAN FIND A LINK TO THE SURVEY IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE AND ALSO ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

TURNING TO NEXT TUESDAY'S ELECTION. IF YOU WANT TO VOTE IN PERSON, POLLS AT THE CIVIC CENTER WILL BE OPEN FROM 6:30 IN THE MORNING TO 7:30 AT NIGHT. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL TUESDAY, ARE YOU CAN VOTE **IN PERSON** AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – THIS SATURDAY, **SUNDAY, OR** MONDAY.

PLEASE VOTE. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN OFF-YEAR ELECTION. EVERY ELECTION AND EVERY. VOTE. COUNTS

FINALLY, A REMINDER THAT TRICK-OR-TREATERS WILL BE OUT ON SUNDAY FROM 6-TO-8 PM. IF YOU ARE TAKING YOUR FAMILY AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, STAY ALERT TO TRAFFIC. AND IF YOU ARE DRIVING, SLOW DOWN.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY AND
AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS