

Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for October 8, 2021 FINAL

HELLO, IT IS OCTOBER 8TH. PLEASE STAND BY FOR THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE – IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

GOOD. FRIDAY. EVENING. THIS IS YOUR **MAYOR GREG KURTZ**.

I WANT TO UPDATE YOU ON SOME STEPS THE CITY IS TAKING TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS.

FIRST, I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT NEXT THURSDAY, I WILL SWEAR IN TWO, NEW POLICE OFFICERS TO JOIN THE INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL, THE CITY IS HIRING MORE POLICE OFFICERS AS WELL AS INVESTING IN TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT THEIR MISSION TO **SERVE, PROTECT, AND PREVENT CRIME**.

NEXT, A SECURITY FENCE IS BEING INSTALLED BETWEEN THE CHASE BANK ON BRECKSVILLE ROAD AND THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY NEXT DOOR. THE FENCE WILL EXTEND WEST BEHIND THE HOMES ON THE NORTHSIDE OF LAFAYETTE TO PROTECT RESIDENTS AND THEIR PROPERTY FROM UNWANTED INTRUSIONS.

A REMINDER THAT COUNCIL APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY SO THAT WE COULD ADDRESS DRAINAGE ISSUES NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF BRECKSVILLE AND ROCKSIDE ROADS. WE ARE WORKING ON A PLAN TO ELIMINATE THE OFTEN-HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS WHEN IT SNOWS AND RAINS.

AGAIN -- THE CITY CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD TAKING ONE STEP AT A TIME.

NEXT, AN UPDATE ON THE HILLSIDE SIDEWALK PROJECT WEST OF I-77. TRAFFIC WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE LANE DURING CONSTRUCTION. PLEASE EXPECT SOME DELAYS.

FINALLY, SOME REC CENTER NEWS. THE WEIGHT ROOM, TRACK AND EXERCISE AREAS WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY WHEN NEW EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED.

THE AEROBICS ROOMS WILL REMAIN OPEN AND CLASSES WILL CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND, STAY HEALTHY AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS.