

Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for September 3, 2021

Hello, it is September 3rd. Please standby for a message from the Mayor. This message will repeat once.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING. IT'S YOUR **MAYOR GREG KURTZ**.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND IS TYPICALLY A TIME FOR BACKYARD BARBECUES AND TRIPS TO THE BEACH.

THIS YEAR I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO REST, RECHARGE, AND REMEMBER THE TRUE MEANING OF LABOR DAY IS TO CELEBRATE THE RESILIENCE OF AMERICA'S WORKERS.

IN SPITE OF THE PANDEMIC, MANY IN OUR WORK FORCE, ESPECIALLY OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS, HAVE COURAGEOUSLY REPORTED FOR DUTY EVERY DAY.

THE MOST MEANINGFUL WAY TO HONOR OUR FRONT-LINE WORKERS IS TO STAY HEALTHY, GET VACCINATED, WEAR A MASK WHEN APPROPRIATE, AND SOCIAL DISTANCE.

ON BEHALF OF ALL OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS -- I WANT TO THANK THE DEDICATED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE. FROM POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS TO THE SERVICE, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF **AND** EVERYONE ELSE WHO WORKS HARD EVERY DAY TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH-LEVEL OF SERVICE OUR RESIDENTS DESERVE -- THANK YOU.

LET ME CLOSE WITH A COUPLE OF ANNOUNCEMENTS. RESIDENTS HAVE UNTIL MONDAY, LABOR DAY TO COMPLETE THE HOME DAYS SURVEY EITHER ON-LINE OR BY PICKING UP A PRINTED COPY AT THE CIVIC CENTER.

WEATHER PERMITTING, LABOR DAY WILL BE THE LAST DAY THE OUTDOOR POOL IS OPEN, BUT THE INDOOR POOL WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

AND THE CITY'S FIRST-EVER RESTAURANT WEEK WILL KICK-OFF NEXT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10. LEARN MORE ABOUT RESTAURANT WEEK AND OTHER STORIES IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE.

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL LABOR DAY WEEKEND -- STAY SAFE, STAY COOL, AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS.