

SwiftReach for August 21, 2020 FINAL

PLEASE STAND BY FOR THE AUGUST 21TH MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

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

SINCE MARCH, EVERYONE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THE COVID HEALTH EMERGENCY.

BUT SOME RESIDENTS, HAVE ALSO EXPERIENCED A DIFFERENT PREDICAMENT -- WATER IN THEIR BASEMENTS AND STANDING WATER ON THEIR PROPERTY.

THE CITY HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO CLEAR DEBRIS FROM CLOGGED SEWER LINES AND STORM WATER BASINS TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE AND MITIGATE WATER ISSUES.

NATURE'S WRATH IS UNPREDICTABLE. FLOODING IS CAUSE BY ICE AND SNOW MELTING, HEAVY RAINS, THE OVERFLOWING CUYAHOGA RIVER AND TOPOGRAPHY. THE CITY CANNOT SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM.

THAT'S WHY EVERYONE, NOT JUST THE CITY, HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN FLOOD PREVENTION.

WE MUST PRIORITIZE CALLS WHERE WATER HAS DAMAGED PERSONAL PROPERTY. AND I AM SPEARHEADING A PROGRAM TO MITIGATE WATER ISSUES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PROPERTY OWNERS. A MORE ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

LET'S TALK OKTOBERFEST. THE CITY WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNING A CELEBRATION

FOR THE END OF SEPTEMBER. THAT HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

INSTEAD, THE CITY WILL BE HOLDING A CLAMBAKE ON SEPTEMBER 26, THAT'S A SATURDAY. IT IS GOING TO BE A DRIVE-THRU, "READY TO **HEAT**" CLAM BAKE. RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR PRE-ORDERED MEALS OUTSIDE THE CIVIC CENTER WITHOUT HAVING TO LEAVE THEIR CARS – JUST LIKE THE SENIOR LUNCHESES. THERE WILL ALSO BE MENU OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN.

WE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLAMBAKE IN THE SEPTEMBER POST, AND ON THE CITY WEBSITE.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, BE KIND, EAT SOME ICE CREAM AND WEAR A MASK.

GOD BLESS.