

**SwiftReach for August 28, 2020 FINAL**

PLEASE STAND BY FOR THE AUGUST 28TH MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

GOOD EVENING. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ. IT IS THE LAST FRIDAY OF AUGUST.

HARD TO BELIEVE THAT NEXT WEEK STUDENTS WILL BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR EITHER IN-CLASSROOMS OR LEARNING FROM HOME.

I WISH ALL THE TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS, A BRIGHT AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR. LET'S HOPE EVERYONE IS BACK IN THE CLASSROOM VERY SOON.

BECAUSE OF COVID, MANY PEOPLE HAVE DECIDED TO VOTE BY MAIL THIS YEAR. MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS. APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION IN MY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE WHICH IS POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

NOW FOR A REMINDER -- THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS IS SEPTEMBER 30.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERY INDEPENDENCE RESIDENT IS COUNTED BECAUSE OUR POPULATION DETERMINES HOW MUCH FUNDING WE RECEIVE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS, SCHOOLS,

SAFETY PROGRAMS AND OTHER PROJECTS. IT ONLY TAKES 5-MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS.

YOU CAN DO IT ONLINE AT [WWW.MY2020CENSUS.GOV](http://WWW.MY2020CENSUS.GOV). THAT'S [WWW.MY2020CENSUS.GOV](http://WWW.MY2020CENSUS.GOV). THERE IS MORE INFORMATION IN MY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE.

AND FINALLY, I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE SUMMER CONCERTS WILL CONTINUE EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT THROUGH SEPTEMBER. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING. I THINK YOU WILL ENJOY THE TERRIFIC TALENT WE HAVE BOOKED.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, CONTINUE TO BE KIND, WEAR A MASK AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS. GOD BLESS.