

Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for December 16, 2022 (Rev)

HELLO, IT IS **DECEMBER 16th**, **PLEASE** STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING, THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.

I WANT TO THANK THE **NEARLY 100 RESIDENTS** WHO ATTENDED THURSDAY'S TOWNHALL MEETING AT THE CIVIC CENTER. T

THE TOPIC: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH TO ESTABLISH A LIMITED-MAINTENANCE NEIGHBORHOOD OF NEW HOMES.

I APPRECIATED THE SMART QUESTIONS AND THE CHANCE TO UPDATE EVERYONE ON THE EARLY STAGES OF THIS PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCESS.

THIS IS AN EXCITING PROJECT AND IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE CITY TO COMPLETE OUR DUE DILIGENCE, VET POTENTIAL DEVELOPERS AND HOLD MORE TOWN HALL-TYPE MEETINGS.

YOU CAN FIND THURSDAY'S PRESENTATION AND A FACTSHEET WITH ANSWERS TO MANY COMMON QUESTIONS ON THE WEBSITE.

ON FRIDAY, THE INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS **AWARDED NEARLY \$60,000** FROM THE OHIO BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM.

THE PROGRAM IS PART OF GOVERNOR DEWINE'S ONGOING EFFORTS TO HELP OUTFIT OHIO'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH BODY CAMERA TECHNOLOGY. I WANT TO THANK LT. MARK BUEHNER FOR PREPARING THE GRANT APPLICATION. THE FUNDS WILL ENABLES THE CITY TO PURCHASE TWENTY-FIVE BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND ALL THE NECESSARY ACCESSORIES AND CLOUD STORAGE.

FINALLY, A FUN REMINDER: THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND FOR SANTA IN THE WINDOW ON BRECKSVILLE ROAD. HE LOVES TO TALK WITH CHILDREN AND TAKE PHOTOS

WITH FAMILIES, SO STOP BY ON FRIDAY FROM 6:30 -TO 8:30, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 2-6 PM.

YOU CAN FIND DETAILS ABOUT THESE STORIES AND MORE IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE.

BE WELL, STAY WARM AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS.