

Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for December 9, 2022 (Rev 1)

HELLO, IT IS **DECEMBER 9th**, PLEASE STAND BY A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING, THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.

THE 2022 HOLIDAY SEASON KICKED OFF LAST SATURDAY AT THE CIVIC CENTER WITH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, THE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING, AND FIREWORKS AT ELMWOOD PARK.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT IN PREPARING FOR THE EVENT AND THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS FOR MAKING SURE WE HAD ANOTHER **SPECTACULAR AND SAFE** FAMILY CELEBRATION.

SATURDAY AT NOON, THE INDEPENDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE TESTING TORNADO SIRENS. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING** – IT WILL BE A ROUTINE TEST AND THE SIRENS WILL SOUND FOR JUST ABOUT A MINUTE.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME DELICIOUS STOCKING STUFFERS, STOP BY CITY HALL WHERE WE ARE SELLING A VARIETY OF CHOCOLATE HOLIDAY TREATS! WE HAVE SMORES, CHOCOLATE-DIPPED OREOS, CHOCOLATE-COVERED RICE KRISPIES, PRETZEL RODS AND HOT COCOA BOMBS. EVERYTHING IS PRICED FROM \$3-TO-\$5.

AT THE CIVIC CENTER, WE'RE SELLING EVERGREEN CENTERPIECES AND DWARF ALBERTA SPRUCE TREES. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

AND FINALLY, THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A NEIGHBORHOOD **OF LIMITED-MAINTENANCE, SINGLE FAMILY HOMES** IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN.

I WILL BE HOSTING A TOWN HALL AT THE CIVIC CENTER NEXT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH STARTING AT 5:30 PM. THERE ARE MORE DETAILS IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE. BE WELL, STAY WARM AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS.