

Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for Feb 17, 2022 (Rev 2)

GOOD THURSDAY EVENING. IT IS FEBRUARY 17TH AND THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS ISSUED A WINTER STORM WARNING UNTIL 7-AM FRIDAY.

WE ARE ALSO FACING **A SERIOUS THREAT** OF FLOODING OVER THE NEXT 24-TO-48 HOURS. **THE CUYAHOGA RIVER IS PROJECTED TO CREST TO 21--AND-A-HALF FEET BY MORNING. THAT IS NEARLY AS HIGH AS THE LEVELS DURING THE FLOODS IN MARCH OF 2020.**

THE SITUATION WILL BE FURTHER COMPLICATED BY HIGH WINDS, DROPPING TEMPERATURES, AND FREEZING RAIN TURNING TO SNOW OVERNIGHT.

THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY CLEANING CATCH BASINS, REMOVING DEBRIS FROM CULVERTS, AND MONITORING AREAS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED FLOODING IN THE PAST.

REST ASSURED, THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK MONITORING WATER LEVELS, STREET CONDITIONS, AND ADDRESSING ISSUES TO KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE. **THERE WILL BE ROAD CLOSURES.**

PLEASE, DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATER. IT IS DANGEROUS. YOU DO NOT KNOW THE DEPTH OF THE WATER, OR IF THERE MAY BE DEBRIS OR DOWNED WIRES UNDER THE WATER. **JUST TURN AROUND, SO YOU DON'T DROWN.**

I WILL HAVE ANOTHER SWIFT REACH MESSAGE TOMORROW NIGHT.

UNTIL THEN, STAY WARM AND AS ALWAYS GOD BLESS