

**Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for January 6 2023 (Rev 3)**

HELLO, IT IS **JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**, PLEASE STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

**GOOD FRIDAY EVENING AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!** THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.

THE CITY'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY WELLNESS WEEK KICKS OFF **NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CIVIC CENTER.** .

COMMUNITY SERVICES HAS PLANNED A **WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES** THAT FOCUS ON EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH **AS WELL AS** STRESS RELIEF, HEALTH SCREENINGS, AND **SO MUCH MORE.**

YOU CAN FIND DETAILS ON THE FIVE-DAYS OF WELLNESS IN THE INDEPENDENCE POST ON PAGE 8.

ON **MONDAY NIGHT**, FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND **RACHEL'S CHALLENGE** – A PROGRAM DEDICATED TO CREATING POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURES AND ENDING SCHOOL VIOLENCE. THE **PRESENTATION AT INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM** AND IS OPEN TO PARENTS, ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 12 AND OLDER. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE.

THE **FIRST CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 2023 IS NEXT TUESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT 5 PM THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS REGARDING AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO OFF-STREET PARKING THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THAT MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE COUNCIL CAUCUS AND IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.** THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL ALSO BE STREAMED ON THE CITY'S YOU TUBE CHANNEL.

AND FINALLY, THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO ENJOY THE CITY'S SPECTACULAR HOLIDAY LIGHTS. AGAIN I WANT TO THANK ALL THE CITY EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED SO HARD PLANNING AND INSTALLING THE INCREDIBLE LIGHTS FROM PUBLIC SQUARE TO ELMWOOD PARK. WELL, DONE EVERYONE.

WISHING YOU AND YOURS AN AMAZING 2023 AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS.