

SwiftReach– July 17 2020 (#19) FINAL

PLEASE STAND BY FOR THE JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

**GOOD EVENING. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR  
GREG KURTZ.**

EVERY WEEK I URGE RESIDENTS TO  
PROTECT THEMSELVES AND OTHERS  
FROM COVID-19. WEARING A MASK AND  
FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SHOULD BE  
ROUTINE BY NOW. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR  
SOME PEOPLE, IT'S NOT.

RESIDENTS HAVE CALLED MY OFFICE  
CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE AT THE  
BALLFIELDS, NOT SOCIAL DISTANCING AND  
NOT WEARING MASKS. YES, WE LIVE IN A  
CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY -- THAT MEANS  
WE NEED TO STAY VIGILANT WHENEVER  
WE ARE IN PUBLIC.

THE SURGE IN NEW CASES IN OUR AREA  
CONCERNS ME BECAUSE I AM  
RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING THE

ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THE CITY HAS STAYED AHEAD OF THIS EVOLVING SITUATION TO PROTECT STAFF AND RESIDENTS. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN AVOID SHUTTING DOWN FACILITIES IS FOR EVERYONE TO FOLLOW THE SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS.

AFTER 32-YEARS WITH THE INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEPUTY CHIEF JIM POLAK HAS LEFT THE BUILDING. JIM'S SERVICE AND DEDICATION WILL BE MISSED. I WISH HIM A LONG AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT.

THE CITY'S FIRST DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT IS NEXT FRIDAY, JULY 24 AT THE FIELDHOUSE ON THE BIG SCREEN – "FINDING NEMO." RESIDENTS CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FREE EVENT ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, PROTECT AND  
RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS -- WEAR  
A MASK. GOD BLESS.