

Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for Jun 24, 2022 - FINAL

HELLO. IT IS JUNE 24th. PLEASE STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

GOOD EVENING, NEIGHBORS. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.

NEXT FRIDAY, JULY 1ST, OHIO'S NEW FIREWORKS LAW TAKES EFFECT. IT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO SHOOT OFF **CONSUMER-GRADE FIREWORKS ON SPECIFIC DAYS** OF THE YEAR.

UNDER THE LAW, COMMUNITIES CAN CHOOSE TO **OPT-OUT** AND ENFORCE LOCAL BANS. THAT'S WHAT CITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO DO LAST MARCH BY A **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

BOTTOM LINE – IT IS STILL ILLEGAL TO DISCHARGE CONSUMER-GRADE FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE. THE LOUD BOOMS LATE AT NIGHT SCARING CHILDREN, ADULTS AND PETS. THE UNEXPECTED NOISE IS ALSO CHALLENGING FOR ANYONE WITH ANXIETY OR PTSD.

HOWEVER, SPARKLERS, SNAPS, SNAKES, AND SMOKE BOMBS ARE CONSIDERED **NOVELTY FIREWORKS** AND THEY ARE **STILL ALLOWED** IN THE CITY.

IF YOU USE NOVELTY FIREWORKS, PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS.

LEAVE THE PYRO-TECHNICS TO THE PROFESSIONALS AND CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE CITY FIREWORKS SHOW NEXT FRIDAY, JULY 1 AT ELMWOOD PARK.

NOW IF YOU LIKE POLKA MUSIC, THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET TO THE SQUARE TO HEAR THE WAYNE TOMSIC BAND. PLUS, THERE ARE TWO FOOD TRUCKS.

A REMINDER – THERE WILL NOT BE A SUMMER CONCERT NEXT FRIDAY, JULY 1, BUT THE SCHEDULE WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY JULY 8 WITH MUSIC FROM THE 80'S, 90'S AND TODAY.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, STAY COOL AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS.