

SwiftReach – June 5 2020

HELLO. PLEASE STAND BY FOR THE MAYOR'S
JUNE 5TH MESSAGE.

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

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU?

HAVE MONTHS OF STAYING HOME, SOCIAL
DISTANCING, AND WEARING MASKS PUT YOU
AND YOUR LOVED ONES ON EDGE?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

THE COMBINATION OF UNCERTAINTY,
ISOLATION, AND THE THREAT OF THE VIRUS
HAS UNLEASHED A PROLONGED PERIOD OF
STRESS ON EVERYONE. EXPERTS SAY
AMONG THE “UNWELCOME SIDE EFFECTS” OF
THIS HEALTH CRISIS ARE THAT PEOPLE MAY
DEVELOP SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL AND
EMOTIONAL ISSUES.

AS A COMMUNITY, WE HAVE REACHED A
COLLECTIVE CROSSROADS.

WE HAVE SEEN HOW FRAGILE AND
VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE, AS WELL AS HOW
THE VIRUS HAS BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN
PEOPLE. NOT JUST THE HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS, SAFETY FORCES, AND
OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS, BUT
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS.

YOU MAY BE FEELING LIKE WE ARE ALL
RETURNING TO “NORMAL” -- THAT’S UNLIKELY.
AS LONG AS THE VIRUS PERSISTS, OUR DAILY
LIVES WILL BE AFFECTED.

I URGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO
PRACTICE SELF-CARE AND COPING SKILLS TO
GET THROUGH THE NEXT PHASE.

GET A GOOD NIGHT’S SLEEP, EAT WELL;
EXERCISE REGULARLY – EVEN IF IT’S JUST A

WALK AROUND THE BLOCK OR WORKING
AROUND YOUR HOME.

REMEMBER THE CIVIC CENTER'S INDOOR
POOL, AND FITNESS AREA ARE OPEN.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS
BEGINNING MODIFIED DAY CAMPS, AND IN
THE COMING WEEKS THERE WILL BE "POP UP"
EVENTS.

TO EVERYONE WHO HAS REACHED OUT TO
SUPPORT THEIR EXTENDED FAMILY AND
NEIGHBORS – THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR
PART.

I AM PROUD THAT EVERYONE AT CITY HALL IS
WORKING HARD TO KEEP THE ENTIRE
OPERATION RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

IF WE CAN DO MORE, LET ME KNOW.

AND A QUICK REMINDER -- THE GRADUATING
SENIORS OF INDEPENDENCE WILL HAVE A

COMMENCEMENT PARADE TONIGHT
STARTING AT 7:15. THE PROCESSION WILL
BEGIN ON LAFAYETTE BLVD. AND END AT THE
HIGH SCHOOL.

PLUS, AT THE CORNER OF SELIG AND
BRECKSVILLE ROAD, THE CITY HAS PUT UP
PHOTOS OF ALL THE GRADUATES ON DISPLAY
-- -- IT'S AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF,
YOUR LOVED ONES AND NEIGHBORS,
AND GOD BLESS.