

## **Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for May 27 2022**

HELLO. IT IS MAY 27TH. PLEASE STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

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

IT HAS BEEN A WEEK OF HIGHS AND LOWS.

ON MONDAY, MORE THAN 80 FOURTH-GRADE STUDENTS ENJOYED A DAY OF LEARNING DURING THE CITY'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT-ARBOR DAY AND EARTH DAY EVENTS. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE SO MANY SMILING FACES.

THEN THE VERY NEXT DAY, THE TEXAS SCHOOL SHOOTING HAPPENED.

REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOUR POSITION IS IN TERMS OF GUN RIGHTS... LET US ALL AGREE THAT CHILDREN SHOULD FEEL SAFE GOING TO SCHOOL.

I WANT TO ASSURE ALL INDEPENDENCE PARENTS THAT THE CITY, POLICE, AND SCHOOLS HAVE WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ENSURE OUR CAMPUSES ARE SECURE, MONITORED.... AND SAFE. I HAVE MORE INFORMATION IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE.

AND FINALLY, THE CITY'S MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES WILL BEGIN MONDAY MORNING AT 9:30 ON PUBLIC SQUARE. AFTERWARDS, WE WILL HAVE THE TRADITIONAL PROCESSION DOWN BRECKSVILLE ROAD TO MAPLE SHADE CEMETERY FOR A BRIEF SERVICE.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND, STAY SAFE, AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS.