

**Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for November 18, 2022- FINAL**

HELLO, IT IS **NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**, **PLEASE** STANDBY A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR EARNING THE TRIPLE-AAA GOLD COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS RECOGNIZED FOR MAKING THE ROADWAYS SAFER FOR MOTORISTS, BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS THROUGHOUT THE RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES.

I WANT TO ADD THAT OUR POLICE OFFICERS ARE PROVEN LEADERS WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO FIND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES.

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S **STUFF THE AMBULANCE FOOD DRIVE** LAST SUNDAY. THEY COLLECTED MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND POUNDS OF FOOD AND MORE THAN \$1,000 IN CASH DONATIONS FOR THE **LEND-A-HAND FOOD PANTRY**. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL MAKE THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY **EXTRA SPECIAL** FOR NEARLY **60 FAMILIES** IN OUR AREA.

AND AN EARLY REMINDER AHEAD OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, CITY HALL AND **MOST DEPARTMENTS** WILL BE CLOSED NEXT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

**HOWEVER**, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPEN ON THANKSGIVING FROM 8 TO 11 AM, AND REGULAR HOURS ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. THANK YOU, PARKS AND REC EMPLOYEES!

FOR RESIDENTS WHO NORMALLY GET THEIR RUBBISH AND RECYCLING PICKED UP ON THURSDAYS, NEXT WEEK IT WILL HAPPEN ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25. THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE DOUBLE ROUTES THAT DAY SO SOME STOPS MAY NOT OCCUR UNTIL AFTER 4:30 PM. – PLEASE BE PATIENT.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, BE WELL, AND AS ALWAYS, MAY **GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS US**.