

## SwiftReach for October 30, 2020 – FINAL

HELLO, IT IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30. PLEASE STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. THIS MESSAGE WILL REPEAT ONCE.

GOOD EVENING. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ. EVERY WEEK, I HOPE AND PRAY THAT IT WILL BE THE LAST WEEK THAT I HAVE TO CALL RESIDENTS ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS.

INSTEAD, OHIO IS IN THE MIDST OF A SURGE THAT IS SETTING NEW RECORDS.

I KNOW THAT PANDEMIC FATIGUE IS REAL. BUT SO IS THE FACT THAT THE COLD, DRY AIR OF FALL AND WINTER ALLOWS THE CORONAVIRUS TO THRIVE AND SPREAD FASTER.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

THAT SAID, I HAVE DECIDED TO PARTIALLY OPEN THE FIELD HOUSE NEXT MONDAY AND THE CIVIC CENTER THE FOLLOWING WEEK AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WILL BE **STRICTLY ENFORCED AT ALL CITY FACILITIES AT ALL TIMES.**

ALSO, THE CIVIC CENTER WILL BE OPEN ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 FROM 6:30 AM TO 7:30 PM.

I WANT TO CIRCLE-BACK TO MY MONDAY CALL ABOUT THE ARMED ROBBERY OUTSIDE A ROCKSIDE ROAD RESTAURANT.

BECAUSE THE INDEPENDENCE POLICE INCREASED PATROLS IN THE AREA MONTHS AGO, AN OFFICER WAS ON THE SCENE IN LESS THAN A MINUTE.

IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE "CASE AND POINT" FOR WHY THE CITY NEEDS TO ESTABLISH A HIGH-PROFILE, PERMANENT POLICE FACILITY ON ROCKSIDE ROAD.

YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THESE STORIES AND MORE IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE.

FINALLY, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT. DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR SO YOU CAN SLEEP IN ON SUNDAY MORNING.

TO ALL THE CHILDREN OUT THERE, HAPPY HALLOWEEN. STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS.