



**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS  
OF GREENCASTLE  
August 7, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE AT CUMBERLAND VALLEY BUSINESS ALLIANCE AWARD BREAKFAST AND VISIT FROM PA DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP:** Following the July 20th breakfast, I was requested to provide a walking tour of downtown Greencastle, along with G-A Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debby Cunningham, Rick Villello, Deputy Secretary of PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development, and Executive Assistant Evelyn Chianelli. We visited several downtown businesses, the Highline Train Station, and the open space recently purchased by the Borough of Greencastle. PA DCED will be a great resource for future grant applications and funding as plans come together to support the community.

**USDA MEETING AND CONTACTS:** Manager Emilee Little and I met on July 11 with United States Dept. of Agriculture State Director Bob Morgan and Daniel Blottenberger, Public Affairs Specialist. We enjoyed a driving tour of Greencastle. USDA offers a host of grant programs for financially eligible municipalities based on citizens' income levels. Unfortunately, Greencastle does not meet the low income level, however, low interest, long term loans are available for future capital projects and support for farmers' markets in communities.

**GREENCASTLE SIDEWALK DAYS:** July 7 & 8...Congratulations to the G-A Chamber of Commerce for a successful 56<sup>th</sup> annual Greencastle Sidewalk Days. I am working with Debby Cunningham regarding traffic challenges experienced for our downtown events.

**JEROME R. KING PLAYGROUND 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Special ceremonies will be held this Thursday, August 10, at 6:00 P.M. at the Veteran's Memorial Bandshell, across from the Borough Garage. You are all invited to attend.

**DANCO PRODUCTS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations Darlene Reynolds and family as we share your celebration of manufacturing many DANCO Products

over the past 50 years that was founded your husband, the late Dan Reynolds, who was very active in the G-A community and beyond.

**CORPORAL RIHL HISTORICAL MARKER, NW CORNER OF CENTER SQUARE:** The PA Civil War Trust has failed to respond to my multiple requests to replace the illegible historic sign located on the Square. In speaking to Franklin County Visitor's Bureau Executive Director, Janet Pollard, she too has attempted to have the sign corrected. It appears that the PA Civil War Trail has no funds to maintain these signs. She is seeking new signage to replace this marker. Therefore, I recommend the Borough write a letter to the PA Civil War Trail requesting the sign be replaced or the Borough will remove the eligible sign and store it for the Trust and work with the Franklin County Visitor's Bureau to replace the sign.



**NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAINS:** Information received from resident Larry Pittman states that trains still are using the Borough for lay-overs that included noise from diesel locomotives running and brake dryers constantly relieving pressure even though the weather was above freezing.

**THANK YOU TO GREENCASTLE POLICE:** For your quick investigation and action to apprehend a suspect following an incident last week at the new Sheetz Store.

Respectfully submitted, Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor