



MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE September 5, 2023

100TH ANNIVERSARY, JEROME R. KING PLAYGROUND ASSN: On August 10, I was honored to attend and briefly speak at the Association's 100th anniversary celebration at the Veteran's Memorial Bandshell. I presented citations on behalf of Greencastle and for Pa State Representative Paul Schemel from the PA House of Representatives to celebrate this century of recreational excellence.

VFW CRUISE IN: This annual event was held on August 16 at the Blue Heron Events Center with 112 vehicles registered and on display.

FRANKLIN COUNTY MAYOR'S MEETING: This regular event was held on August 17 in Chambersburg. Much discussion occurs at these gatherings.

2023-2024 SCHOOL SEASON HAS BEGUN: Students returned to the GASD on August 23. GPD has and continues pro-active patrols around the school campus as our buses and transporting and students are walking to school. Our daily population increases + 3,000 with school and extracurricular activities throughout the day and evenings.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS: I am working with Chief Phillippy, Ericka Faight, and Emilee Little in preparation of grant opportunities from the LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT STATEWIDE as administered by the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development. Applications will be received through November 30. At Council's October regular meeting I will ask for approval of a resolution to apply for a capital replacement grant for police vehicles, cameras, and computer technology. I recommend the Council consider a resolution in support of a grant application for the vacant lot recently purchased by the Borough.

GPD / GASD NEW PROGRAM "HANDLE WITH CARE:" Chief Phillippy and Superintendent Dr. Lura Hanks is working on a student support program known as "Handle With Care." When GPD officers interact with a home involving children (students) confidential information will be forwarded to the GASD so school professionals are aware and can offer appropriate resources with the students' best interests, health, and welfare, in mind.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN REPORT: Citizen Larry Pittman reports several warm weather idling events adjacent to the Jerome R. King Playground. I am concerned that with the approach of Autumn and cooler weather, the long-term idling will return. There's been no contact with the newly appointed N/S representative out of the Philadelphia area office.

PA CIVIL WAR TRAILS HISTORIC MARKER: I again sent an email to the Pa. Visitor's Bureau reference the deteriorated condition of the marker at the northwest corner of Center Square and received no response. I am working with Emilee as we will put a temporary information sheet on the marker so citizens may read the important history of Civil War Soldier, Corporal William H. Rihl.

REMINDER: Greencastle is hosting a meeting of the Cumberland-Franklin County Borough's Association meeting at B. Street 104 in downtown Greencastle on September 26 (6 PM).

ACTIVE ITEMS:

- PennDOT letter re: S. Antrim Way intersection with Williamsport Pike
- Local semi-truck traffic on Baltimore Street between I-81 and Antrim Way
- Researching grant opportunities for GPD capital replacement inventory
- Downtown parking inventory, new systems, partnerships

JOIN ME...THE MAYOR'S 9/11 WALK AS "WE REMEMBER!" In Greencastle, PA

Event information...

Walk begins at 8:30 A.M. Saturday, September 9, 2023, along Eastern Avenue (Medical Center), to Center Square, North on Carlisle Street, up the alley to Police Headquarters

ALL ARE INVITED TO WALK
BRIEF CEREMONY: 9:00 A.M.
At the G-A Veteran's Memorial
60 N. Washington Street

BLUE GRASS CONCERT
D&S BLUEGRASS BAND
2:00 till 3:30 P.M.
Rescue Hose Co. fire station, 842 S. Washington Street

FLY YOUR FLAG SEPT. 9, 10, 11 !

Respectfully submitted: Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor