



**MAYOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF  
COUNCIL, STAFF, AND OUR  
CITIZENS**  
*Presented December 2, 2019*

As we near our closing of 2019 it's been an exciting year in Greencastle. A successful 41<sup>st</sup> Triennial G-A Old Home Week was celebrated in August. In November we honored our military veterans with special program on Veteran's Day, November 11. Borough Hall is an appropriate place to honor those who have served as the second floor of this original building was used for physical exams for those entering military service. The G-A Chamber of Commerce Tree lighting was an exciting event to kick off Heritage Christmas. A special thanks to the Ron Martin family of Williamsport Pike for donating this year's beautiful tree on Center Square. Wonderful weather supported a beautiful Christmas Parade the morning of November 23. The Thanksgiving season is also a wonderful time in Greencastle. We hope our local shops had a successful time this weekend for Small Business Saturday. As Mayor I encourage our residents to make your December Small Business Christmas by supporting the men and women that offer commodities and employ local citizens. It was an honor to visit Mrs. Kirkner's Government class last week at GAHS, along with Manager Lorraine Hohl, and discuss local issues. I am

encouraged that their questions and a better understanding of the community will lead to these students being future leaders in G-A.

I thank members of Council and the Antrim Township Supervisors for suspending the planning and capital MS4 projects until there is further clarification on this Federal and State mandate. I recently completed MS4 education and am happy to impart this information to Borough Manager Lorraine Hohl as we should continue our planning and documenting our MCMs' (Minimum Control Measures). It appears that Resolution 2019-02 unanimously passed by Council June 3 will finally be formed and begin meeting in January, 2020.

With the hiring of a competent professional engineer with Pa. DEP / MS4 waiver experience, I would like to author a cover letter to accompany the waiver application. I would impart highlights of my meeting with Pa. DEP Secretary Patrick O'Donnell October 29 in Harrisburg where we specifically spoke of a post waiver application.

Greencastle-Antrim still awaits the mounting of new truck restriction signs

on SR0011 and S. Washington Street by PennDot.

We remember Richard (Dick) Fisher following his passing in November. Mr. Fisher "Hammer" served the community in many ways. He served on Borough Council for 12 years when the meetings were held upstairs. Our condolences go to Police Chief John Phillippy following the Thanksgiving Day passing of his Father, Jack Phillippy. Mr. Phillippy was a long time resident of Greencastle. Following graduation from Greencastle High School he served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas!



*Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor*