

MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE PRESENTED: 07 June 2021

Memorial Day, May 31, 2021: I was humbled and honored to represent the citizens of Greencastle and Council at the 11:00 A.M. ceremony. I briefly spoke of United States Army Sgt. Frank L. Carbaugh who succumbed to wounds on the French battlefield "Marne" in 1918. Sgt. Carbaugh was born in 1896 and grew up on the farm now owned by the Water Authority.

Traffic Congestion; East Baltimore Street @ Eastern Avenue: I've made multiple attempts to schedule a meeting with the owner and manager of Dunkin Donuts reference the traffic staking onto E. Baltimore St. during morning drive times. I will continue to do so as Chief Phillippy, Public Safety Chair Faight, and I have recommendations. Dunkin did not acquire a PennDot driveway permit (Highway Occupancy) when they opened as the location was a pre-existing condition.

Route 11 and Route 81 Traffic Studies: We must keep these active studies on our lists for review regarding future traffic impacts in Greencastle with regional growth and much land surrounding us for sale for future development.

Police Budget Analysis (January through April, 2021): As of the stated date police debit line items are within budget parameters with 33% of the budget year complete.

Summer Traffic Safety: A reminder that students are out of school and more pedestrians enjoy exercising in Greencastle. Please put down the cell phone, watch for pedestrians and bicyclists; and drive safely.

Greencastle Business Development / Expansions: I am so pleased to see remodeling to the former Ford building on S. Antrim Way along with some consolidation at ELM Department Store that will allow for additional downtown business opportunities.

Getting Help for Addiction: With COVID and other mental health challenges that continue I encourage anyone that is struggling with any addiction issues to please contact Greencastle Police Department and reach out to Counselor Kay Martin. Information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

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