

Greencastle, Pennsylvania's 9/11 Weekend of Unity September 11 & 12, 2021

If you are of a certain age we remember that day...where we were...our thoughts, concerns, and the sacrifices made that day and in the past 20 years. "Never Forget!" Greencastle remembers September 11, 2001 when this great Nation was attacked in New York City, the Pentagon, and in rural Somerset County, Pennsylvania at Shanksville. The attacks occurred at 8:46 A.M.; 9:03 A.M.; 9:37 A.M.; and 10:03 A.M. 2,996 civilians, firefighters, EMS personnel, police officers, and military personnel died that day. Thousands were injured with many more paying the ultimate sacrifice in our military and from illnesses caused by the September 11th attacks. The physical and mental trauma continues today.

ACTIVITIES:

9/11 WALK: Consider joining the Mayor and members of the Rescue Hose Company of Greencastle, PA at 8:30 A.M. for a walk from Eastern Avenue to Baltimore Street simulating the 110 floors (2,071 steps) of the World Trade Center that firefighters, police officers, EMS providers, and civilians climbed and descended to saving many citizens that morning. The walk will proceed west to Center Square then continue to N. Washington Street (Veteran's Monument and Memorial) where a moment of silence and remembrance will be held (approximately 9:00 A.M.) for A GATHERING; NEVER FORGET; WE REMEMBER with prayer offered to culminate the 9/11 WALK. A FDNY Seagrave fire engine that was on duty that day in New York City is expected to be present along with a rivet from the World Trade Center.

FISH WITH A COP: This annual event is held at the Greencastle Sportsmen's Farm lake and sponsored by the Greencastle Police Department as organized by Officer Jim Bradley.

GREENCASTLE REMEMBERS BLUE GRASS CONCERTS; PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: Two live patriotic blue grass concerts will be held at 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. featuring the D&S Bluegrass Band at the Jerome R. King Bandshell off of Mifflin Lane. The Colors will be presented at the beginning of each concert by the VFW and American Legion Joint Color guard. Bring a lawn chair for this free concert as we commemorate 9/11. The Nelson Pavilion will also be available for citizens to use. Be sure to bring a lawn chair.

ENCOURAGE A WEEKEND OF UNITY AND GOOD DEEDS: Citizens and groups are encouraged to help neighbors, family members, and those in need this weekend with a good deed by helping around their homes and properties or just by visiting showing love and support.

CHURCHES ENCOURAGED TO HOLD SERVICES COMMEMORATING THE SACRIFICES MADE ON 9/11 AND BEYOND: Ministers and congregations are encouraged to include 9/11 reflections during their weekend services.

Thanks for supporting our great community. - Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor