



*MAYOR'S REPORT
TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE
PRESENTED: March 7, 2022*

NORFOLK SOUTHERN LOCOMOTIVES IDLING UPDATE: Greencastle has sent co-signed letters (by President Albert Miller and the Mayor) to the Chief Executive Officers and President of NORFOLK SOUTHERN in Atlanta, Georgia. A site meeting was recently held with Congressman Joyce Legislative Liaison Nancy Bull, Larry Pittman, Emilee Little, Bob Manahan, and the Mayor. Congressman Joyce' staff is following up directly with NS regarding the extended staging of locomotives in a residential area of the Borough. Larry Pittman has submitted his February report of idling locomotives to me and to Congressman Joyce' office.

GREENCASTLE POLICE SPRING SAFETY CAMPAIGN: Working with Chief Phillippy, officers, and Police Secretary Ericka, the Mayor and GPD will soon initiate a Spring Citizens' Safety Campaign to promote just that in Greencastle. From traffic safety to vehicle and home security, we'll provide important information to work with our citizens with community policing. We'll use news media, social media, the Borough's website, and personal contacts with our Safety Campaign. Stay tuned for another Coffee with a Cop program this Spring as well.

FRANKLIN COUNTY AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STATE OF THE ECONOMY: I joined several members of Council and Emilee for last Thursday's program. FCADC President Mike Ross and several business leaders presented very informative power-point programs. Franklin County is #10 for growth counties in Pa. The County's 2020 gross domestic products for manufacturing was \$1.1 billion dollars.

LICENSE PLATE READER GRANT RESEARCH: Our team continues to research opportunities and make contacts to assist funding this budgeted public safety item.

NORTH CARLISLE STREET SEDIMENT: I strongly suggest the pallet business immediately initiate regular street sweeping activities as the stone and gravel parking lot loose residue is constantly being dragged onto the new street. This gravel dust ultimately ends up into the Borough's storm water drainage system that creates sediment issues within our pipes and flows down Mifflin Lane as part of the Moss Spring stream flow. This is similar to an issue Greencastle

experienced years ago on S. Carlisle Street at Strait Lane where that industrial business began regular street sweeping activities.

LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA: Pa. Governor Wolf and several legislators desire to see the legalization of recreational marijuana use. It is estimated that tax revenues would be \$3 billion. As a former DARE Police Officer I saw the negative impacts from the use of this gateway drug. I urge our citizens to contact our Pa. legislators and vote no to any such legislation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS. GUENON: A belated Happy Birthday to former, long time East Baltimore Street resident Mrs. Dorothy Guenon who recently celebrated her 110th birthday. Her Husband, Dr. William Guenon practiced medicine, first on W. Baltimore Street, then built his office on S. Allison Street, now the State Farm Insurance building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Thomas, Jr.