



MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE JUNE 6, 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GASD CLASS OF 2022: 238 students walked across the outdoor stage at Kaley Field this past Saturday, June 4, under beautiful blue skies. They are on to college, trade school, already in the work-force, will or have enlisted in the military. Nine juniors had qualified for graduation receiving their required credits and received diplomas. 1974 G-A graduate Vernon McCauley gave a wonderful commencement speech.

MEMORIAL DAY, 2022 IN G-A: A special thanks to USN Rear-Admiral Grafton Chase for visiting G-A and serving as guest speaker at Memorial Day services at Cedar Hill Cemetery, this year, sponsored by the Harry D. Zeigler VFW Post. The Veteran's Memorial in front of our government center names 120 military personnel from G-A who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

RECENT ATTENDANCE AT THE PA STATE ASSN. OF BOROUGH EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE: I was pleased to attend the PSAB conference and educational seminars specifically for legislative and legal updates. I'm happy to provide an update to Council at a future work-session.

MR. PITTMAN'S NORFOLK SOUTHERN LOCOMOTIVES IDLING REPORT: Mr. Pittman indicates locomotives idled a total of 36.5 hours during the month of May. Trains appear to briefly pull further north for short periods along the Jerome R. King Playground baseball field.

JEROME R. KING PLAYGROUND ANNUAL FUND-DRIVE: This annual campaign is underway to support maintenance and capital projects of this Greencastle recreational gem. I encourage area citizens and businesses that are able to contribute what you can to support these volunteers and all they provide to our citizens and visitors.

SIDEWALK DAYS 2022: The 55th Annual Greencastle Sidewalk Days is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 8 & 9, 2022. This two-day event runs from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** on Friday and from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** on Saturday. G-A Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to two great days of activities, food, and entertainment!

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNE 6 (D-DAY): On this day in 1944 I'm sure everyone in this room and community had family members from prior generations participate in D-Day be it in military service to our Nation or civilian service at one of many installations in the region in support of the ultimate victory in Europe. The Greencastle community actively served during the war effort in support of our troops and doing what was needed to protect Greencastle.

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As requested by Council at the April 25, 2022 workshop here is an overview and recommendations by the Mayor regarding two yellow curbed areas of that are not ordained; Revised May 22, 2022 for the following:

YELLOW CURB LINES (NOT ENFORCEABLE): As discussed at the April 25, 2022 workshop of Council there are two locations where the curb lines are painted yellow which typically indicates “no parking,” however, the areas are not ordained in the Code of Ordinances. (See prior submitted photos)

LOCATION ONE: Unit (first) block; area of 23 West Baltimore Street. Borough Ordinance § 190-36 designates this block as a parking meter zone. It is my understanding that one or two parking meters were removed and the curb was painted yellow to create a loading zone. There is no such ordinance for this location, however, Ordinance § 190-24 states what is permissible for loading and unloading goods, wares, and merchandise.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION: I suggest a portion of the yellow curbing be removed and re-establish one parking meter space at this location which will leave adequate access into a private driveway and into north-bound Elm Lane (alley). By current ordinance, “Loading and unloading shall not be considered as parking.” No ordinance revision is needed as this area is already designated meter parking only. The Borough should provide as much on street parking as possible as zoning does not require off street parking for downtown businesses in the Community Commercial district. The current yellow curbed area has been used for private, free parking since it was never ordained no parking. The subject business could utilize its driveway for loading / unloading purposes. West Baltimore Street to Jefferson Street is already ordained a parking meter zone and vehicles must park wholly within marked spaces (§ 190-39).

LOCATION TWO: S. Washington Street at Crowell Lane. This is another painted yellow curb that is not ordained no parking. Police receive parking complaints here, however, the area is not enforceable. I presume the Borough painted the curbing yellow due to the limited site distance pulling from Crowell Lane onto S. Washington Street. There are several options; (1) Ordain the current yellow curbed area “no parking.” (2) Remove the yellow paint and allow parking as there are several rental units in the area where parking is a premium. (3) Crowell Lane is one short block. Ordain “one way” west-bound from S. Washington Street and allow more parking on S. Washington Street

REVISED RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor met with the property owners adjacent to Crowell Lane. None of the owners’ desire “one way” west-bound regulations as they would be hindered from entering their own driveways. Therefore, I recommend the current yellow curbed area be officially ordained “no parking” by Council and posted accordingly for the safety of motorists utilizing Crowell Lane as I believe this was the intention in the first place.

By: Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor