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## 9/11 Weekend of Unity Planned for September 10 and 11, 2022

Mayor Ben Thomas, Jr. released the events scheduled for the **2022 9/11 Weekend of Unity** in Greencastle, PA. Said Thomas, "Those of us of a certain age certainly remember that day; where we were, our thoughts, concerns, and the sacrifices made that day and over the past 21 years."

On September 11, 2001 the United States was attacked in New York City, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA at 8:46 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:37 a.m. and 10:03 a.m. In all, 2,996 civilians, firefighters, EMS personnel, police officers, and military personnel died that day. Many thousands were injured that day and have since paid the ultimate sacrifice due to illness or in service to our armed forces. Added Thomas, "their physical and mental trauma continues today."

On Saturday, September 10 at 8:30 a.m., Mayor Thomas will lead a **9/11** Walk from Eastern Avenue to Center Square and then to the Greencastle-Antrim Veteran's Memorial at 60 N. Washington Street to simulate the 110 floors (2,071 steps) of the World Trade Center that civilians and emergency personnel climbed and descended that morning. A moment of remembrance will be held with reflections and a prayer offered to culminate the 9/11 Walk. All veterans, emergency services personnel, citizens, and families are invited to participate in the walk or a portion thereof, or residents can bring lawn chairs to N. Washington Street by 9 a.m. There will be a retired FDNY fire engine on site for the program.

On Saturday, September 10 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., the *Greencastle Remembers Blue Grass Concerts with Presentation of the Colors* will be held at the Jerome R. King band shell off Mifflin Lane. The concerts will feature the D&S Bluegrass Band with colors presented prior to each concert by members of the VFW and American Legion Joint Color Guard. Participants are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, with additional seating available at the Nelson Pavilion.

On Saturday, September 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Fish with a Cop* will be held at the Greencastle Sportsman's Club Lake, sponsored by the Greencastle Police Department and organized by Officer Jim Bradley. The event is open to children aged 7-17. You must register for this event. Anyone interested in participating can contact Officer Jim Bradley at 717-597-9506, extension 244 or email <u>ibradley@greencastlepa.gov</u> prior to September 1, 2022. The event is limited to 75 participants. The rain date for the event is September 22.

Thomas said that he "encourages a weekend of unity and good deeds where citizens of Greencastle will help neighbors, family, and those in need. He also asked that Greencastle residents fly the flag of the United States of America throughout the area, and encouraged area churches to hold services on September 11 to commemorate, honor, and reflect this monumental day."