



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

41ST TRIENNIAL G-A OLD HOME WEEK: Congratulations to President Bonnie Shockey, Committee chairs, and all volunteers who made the 41st Triennial G-A Old Home Week a wonderful success. Thanks for all the emergency services providers that kept us safe during eight days of events.

MAYOR'S 9/11 WALK AS "WE REMEMBER:" So where were you September 11, 2001? If you're of a certain age, you certainly remember. Yes, this coming weekend, we'll remember. You are welcome to join me for the mayor's walk as "we remember." Gather on Eastern Avenue around 8:00 A.M. this Saturday morning (September 10), light rain or shine. We'll promptly begin walking at 8:30 A.M. using the southern sidewalks on Baltimore Street, to Center Square, then to the G-A Veteran's monument and memorial at 60 N. Washington Street. You may also join us on Center Square and walk from that location, or bring a lawn chair and meet us at 60 N. Washington Street by 9:00 A.M. Half of N. Washington Street will be closed for a brief program. A FDNY (New York City) retired fire engine will join us. Bring your lawn chairs to the bandshell at the Jerome R. King Playground at 2:00 P.M. for the presentation of the colors by the American Legion and VFW color guard and a blue grass concert by D & S Bluegrass Band until 3:30 P.M.

CHESAPEAKE BAY / MS4 INFORMATION: The September, 2022 edition of the Chesapeake Bay Journal has many articles involving Pennsylvania and efforts in the planning stages for MS4 projects. Precision stream conservation will receive a ten-million-dollar federal funding boost in central Pennsylvania for 30 agricultural operations for practices to promote water quality. PA Dept. of Agriculture is also receiving nearly eight-million-dollars for additional soil health practices on PA farms.

LETTER SUPPORTING THE AURA BUILDING, 6 E. BALTIMORE STREET: I was pleased to support the Keystone Community Program / loan application to fund Laura Wallace' project and her entrepreneurial plan for the AURA Building in downtown Greencastle.

DUNKIN DONUTS TRAFFIC QUEUING: Dunkin Donuts has been in business for the past seven years at the intersection of E. Baltimore Street and Eastern Avenue. Dunkin has an outside order taker during AM peak drive times and has finally submitted a revised traffic plan to reduce AM drive time queuing. DUNKIN has a quote from a local contractor and should immediately implement this revised line painting / arrow plan to allow more vehicles in the queue. East Baltimore Street (SR0016) just east of Eastern Avenue (east bound) begins two travel lanes. One for thru traffic on Route 16 into Antrim Township. The other is for turning south onto I-81 in the Township. COVID has caused more motorists to stay in their vehicles using drive thru service. I've observed many traffic studies regarding drive thru queuing based on the floor plan square footage, number of employees, and drive thru traffic designs based on the types of business and expected customer, all experiencing high AM peak vehicles. Chief Phillippy will offer some recommendations for Council to consider regarding the mentioned

intersection. DUNKIN must do all it can to create more vehicle queue space, remove queuing gaps on the property, and have ample employees to expedite orders.

Respectfully submitted by: Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor