



**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF
GREENCASTLE
November 6, 2023**

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK / CAREER DAY ACTIVITIES: Thank-you to Rescue Hose Company for your expansive public education for this year's fire prevention week and for participating in career day at the Greencastle Antrim Primary School joining Greencastle Police Department for this informative program.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT:

REGIONAL CRIME ACTIVITIES: SPECIAL TRAINING AT RESCUE HOSE COMPANY: As criminal activities have no municipal boundaries our public safety providers are involved with activities that may not begin here, however, come to Greencastle. One example is recovery of a stolen vehicle located near S. Washington Street from Hagerstown. Our emergency services providers will again receive training this month regarding dangerous illegal drugs being used in the area that may have serious health affects on our personnel when confronting these citizens and visitors.

OFFICER PRESTON STRAYER RETIREMENT: *THANK-YOU Officer Strayer for your 15 years of service protecting the citizens of Greencastle and for your prior law enforcement service with the Chambersburg Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff's Department.*

SHOP SMALL: National Shop Small Saturday is November 25. I proclaim the months of November and December as "Shop Small Greencastle!" Please join me in shopping in our many shops that support our community where 67 cents of every dollar stays local and is continuously redistributed through their owners and employees supporting non-profit organizations right her at home.

Heritage Christmas will be in full color and lights with the tree lighting ceremony November 17 and parade November 18 that will continue during the holiday season.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN IDLING REPORT: Larry Pittman has issued his monthly report. I did receive a call from the new N/S representative regarding trains idling and will meet with me on site in a few weeks.

WELCOME NEW DOWNTOWN BUSINESS, EDEN BOUTIQUE and DESIGN along East Baltimore Street:

STATEMENT REGARDING BUDGET & FINANCE AGENDA ITEMS SPECIFIC TO ITEMS C. (POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE) AND F. (BOROUGH MANAGER BE

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE POLICE BUDGET): *I recommend Council discuss and modify item c. for the purchase of a replacement police vehicle in the event an LSA grant is approved. By further deferring one or two replacements, with supply chain vehicle issues, new police vehicles may be further deferred until 2025 that may drive the costs even higher and further depreciate the current vehicles for replacement. Also, reference item f. the Borough Manager would seek advice from the Mayor with his nearly 40 years of public safety budget experience. Please consider adding the Mayor to assist the Borough Manager for police budget management if the new Chief needs assistance.*

VETERAN'S DAY, 2023: "SERVICE;" The annual Veteran's Day program will be held in front of Borough Hall this Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 A.M., this year, sponsored by the Harry D. Zeigler VFW Post.

ACTIVE ITEMS:

- Downtown parking inventory, new systems, partnerships
- Downtown truck traffic

Respectfully submitted, *Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor*