



**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF  
GREENCASTLE  
August 11, 2025**

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES; 42<sup>nd</sup> Triennial Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week: CONGRATULATIONS to President Garon Gembe, the 52 committees, and the 500 volunteers that made this wonderful event a huge success. Special thanks to all municipal employees (Greencastle and Antrim Township) and all public safety personnel and volunteers for keeping our community safe.

PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED: Last week, I presented Mayor, Council, Citizens' proclamations to OHW President Garon Gembe and Carl's Drug Store, Dr. Wayne Myers in celebration of 200 years of service here in Greencastle, being the longest running operating drug store in the USA.

As a follow up to Council's April, 2025 meeting, I authored a letter to PennDOT in June requesting permitted WIDE LOADS be redirected away from Baltimore Street (downtown) and stay on Route 11 from I-81 at interchanges 3 and 10. A PennDot acknowledgement letter has been received.

RESCUE HOSE PICNIC: I attended the August 2<sup>nd</sup> picnic and enjoyed the fellowship with our volunteers that serve us 24/7.

HERITAGE HILLS PERSONAL CARE HOME VISIT: On July 31, I visited the residents and explained the early water system of the late 1700 and 1800s' here and today's modern infrastructure that serves Greencastle and a portion of Antrim Township.

FORMER MEMBER OF COUNCIL, PETE LAZICH PASSING AND SERVICE: Services were held August 2 at his home church. I conveyed our thanks to Pete's family for his service as a former member of Borough Council.

With the appropriate committee / s' meetings, in the future, I desire to discuss W. Baltimore Street parking restrictions and the continued expansion of the pallet business along N. Carlisle, Chambers Lane, and N. Washington Streets.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN IDLING: Citizen Larry Pittman advises Norfolk Southern trains are occasionally idling. Union Pacific Railroad may be purchasing Norfolk Southern as has been recently in the news.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ben Thomas, Jr. -- Mayor*