



**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF
GREENCASTLE
September 2, 2025**

THE MAYOR'S 9/11 WALK AS WE REMEMBER AND WEEKEND OF UNITY:

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: 42nd Triennial Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week is now officially in the books with the last meeting and reports held August __, 2025 at the Rescue Hose Company. See you August, 2028. I attended ribbon cuttings for the expanded Horizon Goodwill Industries program and the new Soul Wellness Center located to the rear of the Life Center along N. Carlisle Street.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATION PRESENTED: I joined several members of Council and staff at an August 27 ceremony in the Town Hall Plaza, presenting a Citation to Ken and Bonnie Shockey and the Paul and Anna Shockey Foundation for their generous contribution to the Town Hall project.

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. See the Task Force statement below.

I recently attended several Council committee meetings. Unfortunately, I had to leave early from the Public Facilities meeting before my topics were discussed to attend two funerals of public servants that provided many years of distinguished service to the Community.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN IDLING: Citizen Larry Pittman advises Norfolk Southern trains were quiet in August with one brief idling period. Nothing new regarding Union Pacific Railroad purchasing Norfolk Southern as has been recently in the news.

FORMATION OF THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE AMOUNT OF DOWNTOWN PASS THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC TO AND FROM I-81 EXIT 5. Let me explain. I am enlisting the following to the Task Force...a member of Council, a member of staff, surrounding municipalities, Franklin Co. Area Development Corporation, and students of GAHS. Our mission is to work with these trucking companies and PennDot for appropriate signage along all PA highways directing trucks to I-81 interchanges 3 and 10 to and from their destinations. Just like was done in past Greencastle comprehensive plans, students will assist in documenting these trucking companies passing through our downtown traveling to and from interchange #5.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Thomas, Jr. -- Mayor