



MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE November 3, 2025

Community activities: Welcome Patriot Federal Credit Union to our community; Spoke to the senior members of First Church Nov. 1. Lots of questions regarding truck traffic; Attended Rescue Hose Co. Fire Prevention Week open house Nov. 4; Attended Allison Antrim Museum meeting Nov. 9.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN IDLING: Citizen Larry Pittman advises Norfolk Southern trains are now idling for longer periods, presumably due to colder weather conditions. Will make contact with my N/S government relations rep and request trains park further north away from dwellings.

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF DOWNTOWN PASS THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC TO AND FROM I-81 EXIT 5: 1. Authored another letter to PennDot's District Executive reference signage at SRs' 0011 & 0016 that directs I-81 traffic into downtown; 2. New, larger truck signage is being erected along SR 0011, NB, in Antrim Township at S. Washington St. extended "stay on SR0011!"; 3. Meeting with G-A High School students later this week, volunteers to document 53' traveling on Baltimore Street to and from I-81 interchange 5.

CONGRATULATIONS to our GAHS volleyball team for earning gold medals, PIAA District 3, Class 3A champions. Now on to state competition tomorrow evening (at home).

CONGRATULATIONS GAHS kindergarten through fifth grades by raising over \$75,000 with their PTO to fund special "GA FUN RUN" program. Over the past 13 years, students have raised \$830,000.

Please keep our food pantries in mind during the Federal shutdown. We have two that I'm aware of; Greencastle Presbyterian Food Pantry and Praying Time Ministries Food Pantry.

Repeat comments from last month. I received no response from members of Council...SUGGESTION TO COUNCIL IN 2026: At the Franklin County Municipal Breakfast, Antrim Township announced they have some 1,500 additional building lots on the books, primarily accessing Williamsport Pike and Williamson Road, both with limited access. The Inch & Company website is advertising some 198 apartments "in Greencastle" that will intersect with E. Baltimore Street east of Spring Grove Avenue. Most of the planned residential development will be high density as water and sewer service will serve these communities. This has a greater impact on our roads, schools, and emergency services.

- Council members, we must work with Antrim Township and the Franklin County Planning Commission to update our 15-year-old regional Comprehensive Plan and, at the very least, update our future transportation planning that we could do “in house.” Without the support of Franklin County Planning Commission, and our Franklin County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), we cannot get future projects on PennDot’s “12 year plan.” The most recent plan was adopted by the MPO in 2024. We need a seat at the table for our future transportation needs.

By: *Ben Thomas, Jr. – Mayor*