



MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE March 2, 2026

Community activities: Attended a GA America250 meeting at Antrim Township, Rescue Hose Company activities, GAHS sporting events, the Public Facilities Committee meeting, a Greencastle Police budget review meeting with the Chief and Administrator, the CF Borough's Assn. dinner meeting, and a variety of community events.

CUMBERLAND FRANKLIN COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSN.: Our meeting was held last week at B Street 104 in Greencastle. Two resolutions were approved and have been forwarded to Pennsylvania State Assn. of Boroughs (attached). Your packet includes PSAB's legislative initiatives along with our local Borough's Assn. initiatives. Please review this important information. Also, what is the status regarding Franklin County boroughs' initiative regarding county-wide reassessment? Several lawsuits are currently pending in Pa. regarding the property assessment system challenging the constitutionality of the state's base year assessment system which allows counties to delay property reassessments for extended periods. Franklin County's last assessment was 1961. There is no known timeline for legal outcomes.

AMERICA (G-A) 250 COMMEMORATION: I have been requested to spearhead a commemorative ceremony for this significant event, sponsored by non-profit organizations here. Tentative plans include a G-A Alumni Association bad concert and pageant. Ringing of the bells across G-A on July 4 at 7:00 P.M. A time capsule, Chambersburg parade, April 18, at 1:00 P.M. Franklin County Liberty Bell on display in Greencastle the first week of August. WRGG with a weeklong guest program on the Morning Show regarding G-A history. A heritage walk sponsored by GAHS students and more.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN IDLING:

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF DOWNTOWN PASS THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC TO AND FROM I-81 EXIT 5: High School students documented truck traffic flow over the holiday period. Additional truck traffic reductions will only occur if PennDot authorizes large signage, as we have requested, at 11 and 16 and along I-81 in southern Franklin County. We await PennDot's response to the Mayor's October 30, 2025 letter.

Spring into Spring and SHOP SMALL in Greencastle! Remember the penny parking meters?



Last week (February 26), I was honored to join PA State Representative Chad Reichard, Senator Doug Mastriano, District Attorney Ian Brink, Franklin County Commissioners, Greencastle Borough Council President Larry Faight, and staff, along with Antrim Township Administrator Chris Ardinger in presenting citations to Pa. State Troopers Lucas Amarose, Thomas Pack, and WellSpan Physician, Dr. Vincent Barnhart for their actions last October in Antrim Township. The Mayor's citations acknowledge their valor and unwavering resolve while demonstrating exceptional courage in responding to a dangerous incident near I-81, PA Exit 3. On behalf of the citizens of Greencastle, your service, and continued service, is sincerely appreciated. Let us remember our military personnel all over the world. Because of our public safety and military men and women, we are certainly blessed.

On behalf of the citizens of Greencastle, I offer my condolences to the family of H. Duane Kinzer following his passing. Duane and family contributed greatly to the G-A community over the decades and to his beloved Scouts and scouting everywhere.

By: *Ben Thomas, Jr. - Mayor*

Cumberland-Franklin Counties Borough's Association

**RESOLUTIONS DULY ADOPTED AT A QUORUM OF MEMBER'S PRESENT BY
UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026
B Street 104 @ 104 East Baltimore Street, Greencastle, PA**

**SUBMISSION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

- 1. RESOLUTION 2026-01; Submitted by the Borough of Chambersburg recommending the Pa. Borough Code fire millage cap from three (3) mils to an increased amount similar to the 10 mil increase by Pennsylvania's Act 54 of 2024 which granted the stated mil increase to certain counties of the Commonwealth. Chambersburg Borough requests removal of the three-mil fire tax cap and removal of the one mill cap on using fire tax proceeds for firefighter salaries, benefits, or other compensation; and to allow each borough to make a local decision on the need to establish these taxes or not.**
- 2. RESOLUTION 2026-02; Amendment to the PA Prevailing Wage Law that would increase the threshold for municipal / authority utilities maintenance projects from \$25,000 to \$100,000 for only municipality / authority funded projects. This is similar to what the legislature approved on November 21, 2013, when the transportation bill included a similar provision for local highway and bridge maintenance projects (from \$25,000 to \$100,000). Signed by then Governor Tom Corbett for enactment January 1, 2014.**

APPROVED by the Cumberland Franklin Counties Borough's Assn.

/S/ Sandra Mailey; Secretary

/S/ Ben Thomas, Jr. President

Submitted March 2, 2026