



MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE September 8, 2026

9/11, 25th Anniversary! A special thank-you to the citizens, veterans, and public safety officials that participated in the Mayor's 9/11 Walk of Unity and Remembrance. 25 years ago, nearly 3,000 lives were lost when the United States of America was attacked. Countless lives have been affected even today with continued loss of life along with the physical and emotional scars. Pray for them and the families of the lost souls as this Friday, we commemorate Patriot's Day.

AMERICA (G-A) 250 COMMEMORATION: Plans continue and include a G-A Alumni band concert and pageant plays, September 24 and 26 (7 PM) in the Shockey Center for Performing Arts auditorium at GAHS.

Motor Vehicle Crash, 11 / 12 August 2026; 300 block of W. Baltimore Street: A special thank-you to the volunteers and organizations that assisted at this horrific crash...in order of responses: Greencastle Police, Pa. State Police, Rescue Hose Company EMS, Fire, Fire-Police, Mike Lehman, Greencastle Public Works, Franklin County Coroner's representative; Antrim Township, West Penn Power, PennDot. Staff held an "after action" review on August 17. Attended a reassessment meeting in Chambersburg on August 27.

Attendance and participation in the month of August: Attended the National Night Out event sponsored by GPD on August 4; Attended several GPD briefings; the VFW Cruise In was held on August 12.

Please note, the next Cumberland Franklin Counties Borough's Assn. meeting will be held the evening of October 22nd in the Shippensburg area.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE for 2027 Review, funding, approval: Regarding the intersection of E. Baltimore and Washington Streets, I anxiously await our latest request to PennDot to provide an extended red signal so pedestrians may more safely cross as was the case for decades. I recommend two items to this committee:

1. Review pedestrian crossings known as "pedestrian scramble" crosswalks that I've observed in high traffic crosswalks. This provides a red traffic signal in all directions while pedestrians may cross directly from corner to corner. I constantly observe pedestrians crossing in the vicinity outside of the crosswalks as they proceed to businesses, the post office, and restaurants. A "scramble" system would create a safer pedestrian walking environment (see diagram)

TOWN HALL PLAZA CORNER

POST OFFICE CORNER



SE CORNER WHERE PARKING LOTS ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR RESTAURANTS/SHOPPING B-STREET CORNER

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN IDLING: August joined July with quiet idling months.

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF DOWNTOWN PASS THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC TO AND FROM I-81 EXIT 5: 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. PennDot has acknowledged our second letter as we await additional signage for trucks.

Future regional planning is welcome for discussions with the writer.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Ben Thomas, Jr.* - Mayor