



MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE October 5, 2026

AMERICA (G-A) 250 COMMEMORATION: The G-A community celebrated with a G-A Alumni Band concert and six pageant plays with lots of local talent singing, acting, power-point presentations, and piano, held September 24 and 26 in the Shockey Family Center for Performing Arts in the GAHS auditorium. Two wonderful, talented, patriotic events with lots of local history in the plays.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES: To commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11, the Mayor's Walk of Unity and ceremony was held on Saturday, September 5, with many citizens who walked with us or attended a special program at the G-A Veterans' Memorial here at the Borough Office. G-A football team met with James Buchanan for the first time in ten years with a victorious evening for the Blue Devils at JBHS Stadium on September 11. I met with Congressman John Joyce and members of the Rescue Hose Company on September 24 at the fire station. I was honored to give the oath to our new police officer, Randy Kane, on September 25, who joins us with decades of law enforcement experience that will benefit our citizens and GPD. The mayors of Franklin County met on September 29 in Chambersburg to discuss mutual issues affecting our communities. Congrats to GPD for winning the WAWA grand opening hoagie making contest last Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS, to Antrim Township for submitting a 2025, PA Local Share Account grant for the Rescue Hose Company. The Commonwealth awarded \$250,000 for a new engine that is on order to benefit the G-A community.

CUMBERLAND-FRANKLIN COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSN.: Council members and mayors will meet on Thursday, October 22nd, 6:00 P.M., at University Grill in downtown Shippensburg. Our guest speaker will be PA State Borough's Assn. Deputy Executive Director Josh Ehrman who will bring us up to date regarding legislative initiatives. You are all invited.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN IDLING: Citizen Larry Pittman reported two train idling incidents along Jerome R. King Playground in September.

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

Repeating: Planning for our future continues to be important.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Ben Thomas, Jr. - Mayor*