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

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES: Attended the WAWA ribbon cutting on October 2. Attended the Rescue Hose Company Fire Prevention Week open house on October 3. The GASD Apple Festival at Tayamentasachta Environmental Center was held October 10. Attended the Franklin County Council of Governments informational breakfast on October 16. On Saturday, October 17, I attended and presented mayoral congratulatory citations to three Eagle Scouts at G-A Middle School auditorium. I attended various council committee meetings and bid openings including the G-A School District's bid opening for additions to the high school, primary school, and a new field house. Bids will be reviewed by the School Board this Thursday.

THIRD GRADE COMMUNITY TOURS: I enjoyed speaking to all third classes about our responsibilities on Friday, October 23. My discussions were held at the Jerome R. King Playground as the students visited a variety of locations in Greencastle and Antrim Township.

CUMBERLAND-FRANKLIN COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSN.: Council members from three boroughs met on Thursday, October 22nd, 6:00 P.M., at University Grill in downtown Shippensburg. Our guest speaker was PA State Borough's Assn. Deputy Executive Director Josh Ehrman. Mr. Ehrman offered various new laws that were signed by Governor Shapiro October 22 that include tighter restrictions on public meeting agendas (SB 1150 signed). PSAB offers a variety of training, both classroom and online. PSAB legislative priorities include Public Notice Reform, RTK Law Reform, Stormwater on PA highways, Civil Service #s from three to ten for public safety employees (police, career firefighters).

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS: Presented to Joshua Woodruff for construction of a brick patio with benches at the historic Highline Train Station. To Andrew Timmons for construction of five concrete pads with benches at Trinity Lutheran Church. To Benjamin Jansen for construction of an outdoor seating area with five picnic tables at the historic Chinquapin Oak Tree at Tayamentasachta Environmental Center.

NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY was recognized by Proclamation on October 28.

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: PennDot has acknowledged our second letter as we await a study, response, and additional directional signage for trucks.

Repeating: Planning for our future continues to be important.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Ben Thomas, Jr. – Mayor*