



The Mayor's Report
To members of Borough Council, our Citizens, and Staff
Presented Tuesday, July 9, 2019

<i>Event:</i>	<i>Synopsis:</i>
<p>Phone call from Engineer RE: Bridge Replacement (SR0011 @ World Kitchen in Antrim Township:</p>	<p>I received a phone call on June 11, 2019 from Gannett Fleming P.E. Jeffrey Chubb. He was calling as a follow-up to written comments I had produced earlier this year upon reviewing the SR0011 bridge plans. Apparently, I was the only citizen who authored comments during the display and comment period when the plans were on display at the Township Office though plenty of people issued concerns to me over the proposed bridge closure. The result of the phone call caused a meeting regarding public safety issues for traffic in the Borough and Fire Department response routes, logistics, and concerns regarding the detour route. The June 28th Public Safety Meeting was very positive with input from Chief Phillippy and Rescue Hose Co. Administrator Brian Barkdoll, sitting in for Fire Chief Kevin Barnes. Their area knowledge speaks well for the safety of our citizens. Another positive result is that PennDot hopes to accelerate the concrete curing time for the project to expedite and shorten the closure; look at traffic control matters in the Borough of Greencastle to provide resources; Provide an improved and expedited access to Rescue Hose Co. when responding to emergencies south of their station. It is hoped the project will not be let and started until after GASD school closes in the Spring of 2020.</p>
<p>MS4 Citizens' contacts:</p>	<p>I appreciate the phone calls, e-mails, and personal contacts from citizens and property owners of Greencastle as they have received their first MS4 fee invoice. One caller complimented Emily for her patience in answering his many questions. I'm sure the office staff has had all hands-on deck to assist citizens with their MS4 questions in which I am grateful.</p>
<p>Attendance @ PSAB Conference:</p>	<p>I attended the Monday morning session of the Borough's Association Conference in Hershey on June 10. It is good to network with other Borough officials at these sessions. MS4</p>

	was certainly a hot topic during the legislative discussions with our State officials.
Around our great community:	My recent Mayor's Report in The Echo Pilot featured how I observed neighbors helping neighbors here in Greencastle. These examples are why Greencastle is a great place to live.
Sidewalk Days:	This coming Friday and Saturday! Please visit Greencastle and support our local businesses by shopping local.
40 th Triennial G-A Old Home Week:	It's just around the corner...August 3 thru 10. At the monthly meetings the Committees report that "we'll be ready." What a great tradition thanks for a 1902 letter authored by Phillip Baer.
Police Budget Summary (to date):	The budget is 41 percent complete with 33.9 percent of the Police budget expended.
Trucks continue to travel on S. Washington St. into downtown:	I'm disappointed in the size of the signs that PennDot recently replaced for north-bound trucks at the intersection of SR0011 and S. Washington Street. I will now work with Chief Phillippy, the Public Safety Committee, and Antrim Township regarding a "Weight, size, and load restrictions" study in accordance with PennDot Publication 212.
Overdoses:	I recently observed a life saved in Greencastle by Rescue Hose Co. and Medic 2 EMS from an apparently overdose where NARCAN was administered. The patient then refused treatment. Unfortunately, these calls are common in the Greencastle-Antrim community. I pray that this scourge will end. I also pray for our first-responders as they continue to save lives while placing their lives on the line for us every day.
A busy month for Greencastle PD	Chief Phillippy will issue his June Report regarding GPD activities. I regularly try to inter-act with officers as I am always concerned for their safety as I've walked in their shoes. It was certainly a busy month as they keep our community safe.

Have a wonderful Summer. Enjoy Sidewalk Days and the 40th Triennial G-A Old Home Week.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor