



*MAYOR'S REPORT
TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF GREENCASTLE
PRESENTED: 01 November 2021*

Happy Birthday Rescue Hose Company #1: Founded October 26, 1896 the Rescue Hose Company commemorates their 125th anniversary. Please join me in wishing many more successes to the members of the Company who volunteer their time to help us 24 hours a day.

Congressional Redistricting Hearing: On October 13, I presented testimony at a public hearing before the Pa. House of Representatives Government Committee on Congressional Redistricting in which State Representative Paul Schemel is a member. I testified with my opinion that Franklin County should be kept whole in the 13th Congressional District. Also testifying was Mike Ross from the Franklin County Area Development Corporation and Sam Cressler, Supervisor, for Southampton Township in northern Franklin County.

Borough's Assn. Meeting: I represented Greencastle on October 19 at the Franklin / Cumberland County Boroughs' meeting in Shippensburg, hosted by Newburg Borough. Pa. State Assn. of Boroughs Deputy Director and Director of Education & Training Josh Ehrman was the guest speaker. He presented an interesting power point with various legislative tools and proposed legislation out of Harrisburg. Josh interned under me seven years ago as a Masters Degree candidate.

Norfolk Southern Engines Idling: Thanks to Congressman John Joyce' office I am in touch with representative at N/S Plymouth Meeting, PA office and hope to have a formal response in the next several weeks.

Penn State, Mont Alto, Forestry: Penn State, Mont Alto, was founded in 1903 as the Pa. State Forestry Academy which remains an integral part of the curriculum at the University. I serve on the PSU-Mont Alto Advisory Board. I recently met with Chancellor Dr. Francis Achampong along with several other academic officials about a variety of topics. One in particular was a possible partnership with the Forestry Division and the Borough of Greencastle's shade trees and responsibilities. Those present were very excited about the possibility of a partnership. I can discuss with VP Faight and Manager Little to bring them up to date. I believe the possibility exists for another wonderful resource from students and faculty at the PSU-Mont Alto campus.

Community Activities: Veterans Day Ceremony (November 11 @ 11:00 A.M.) here at Borough Hall; Tree Lighting Ceremony (November 19 @ 7:00 P.M.) Center Square; Christmas Parade (November 20); Shop Small Saturday (November 26). - continued to Page - 2

Blackout Veterans Tribute Tour: Along with Council President Steve Miller and Vice-President Larry Faight, I received a U.S. Flag on October 31 from Chuck Timbrook of Martinsburg, WV and the BLACKOUT VETERANS TRIBUTE TOUR honoring and memorializing the 13 men and women serving in the Marine Corp, Navy, and Army who lost their lives during the withdrawal from Afghanistan 26 August 2021. The flag was then presented to American Legion Commander David Kelly that will be displayed at the American Legion Post. The flag names all 13 service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation.

Congratulations to Barb and Ron Nicarry: Recipients of the 2021 G-A Chamber of Commerce James P. Oliver Award. Well deserved!

Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor