



*MAYOR'S REPORT
TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF
GREENCASTLE
PRESENTED: April 4, 2022*

NORFOLK SOUTHERN LOCOMOTIVES IDLING UPDATE: No response has been received since Greencastle sent co-signed letters (by President Albert Miller and the Mayor) to the Chief Executive Officers and President of NORFOLK SOUTHERN in Atlanta, Georgia. The issue continues to be a health, safety, and welfare issue for our residents. As you will hear Norfolk-Southern set an idling record in the month of March at 162 hours.

GREENCASTLE POLICE SPRING SAFETY CAMPAIGN: Our Spring Safety Campaign is in full swing as Greencastle Police encourage our citizens to keep your vehicles, outbuildings, and homes locked and call 911 if you see something suspicious.

Pedestrian and traffic safety measures are so important. With warmer weather, more citizens are out walking. That is great to see as I observe folks drive to town to walk. Thank-you for doing so. Remember, pedestrians have the right of way when showing their intent to cross at a marked crosswalk. Pedestrians...look, look, look before crossing. Use the flashing lights at East Baltimore Street at two locations (Linden Avenue and Allison Street). More and more motor vehicle crashes are caused by distracted drivers. As I write so often, put down that phone. Greencastle Police patrols have been performing traffic safety enforcement of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that will continue. North Carlisle Street has been repaved and East Madison Street has been ordained no parking on the east curb. Please observe the posted speed limits for everyone's safety. Seat belt use is the law so please buckle up. If you need a child car safety seat inspection, call Greencastle Police to make a safety inspection appointment.

Bicycles? Don't let them lay in the yard or on the porch overnight. I again recall years ago investigating a rash of bicycle thefts. They were stripping them for parts and throwing them along the railroad tracks just outside of town. They were ultimately arrested. Remember the 4 ft. clearance rule when passing bicyclists.

Leaving on vacation? Contact Greencastle Police and fill out a vacation notification form so patrol checks can be conducted at your residence. The

form is also on the Greencastle web-site that can be completed and dropped at GPD. We are all in this together. Think Spring; think safety.

LICENSE PLATE READER GRANT RESEARCH: Our team continues to research opportunities and make contacts to assist funding this budgeted public safety item. A full report will be forthcoming in May.

Vietnam Veteran's Day, March 29: Approximately 2.7 million men and women served in Vietnam, many from right here in Greencastle. The G-A Veteran's Memorial Wall lists seven of our citizens who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Let us say THANK-YOU to our Vietnam Veterans.

NORTH CARLISLE STREET SEDIMENT: I continue to suggest the pallet business immediately initiate regular street sweeping activities as the stone and gravel parking lot loose residue is constantly being dragged onto North Carlisle Street.

On behalf of the citizens of Greencastle, I congratulate Susan Shaffer in celebration of ten (10) years for JOYFUL ARTS STUDIO, 21 E. Baltimore Street, providing an artistic oasis for people from all walks of life, from established artists to those with cognitive challenges and those suffering from post-traumatic stress.

I issue two proclamations. One, for National Arbor Day, 2022 celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day; Two, honoring Marie Eshleman who continues her green thumb stewardship leading volunteers with beautification projects in and around Greencastle.

This weekend please support our High School Drama Club students as they present *The Magical Lamp of Aladdin* Friday and Saturday evenings (April 8 and 9) at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Thomas, Jr.