



**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF
GREENCASTLE
May 6, 2024**

POLICE OPERATIONS / OIC, STRATEGIC PLANNING: I have regular briefings with OIC Keith Russell and look forward to this continued professional relationship with Chief Russell as we navigate through the challenges this and all police agencies are facing.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK: Please join me in commemorating the 50th Anniversary, nationally, of Emergency Medical Services Week, May 19-25, 2024; "HONORING OUR PAST. FORGING OUR FUTURE." The Rescue Hose Company created an "ambulance squad" by vote of the Company members in October, 1967 with ambulances donated by former providers, Harold Zimmerman Funeral Home and Arvid Minnich / Marvin Miller Funeral Home. I hope to join Antrim Township Supervisors with a joint community proclamation.

G-A Chamber SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY: Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon. Thanks to nearly two dozen volunteers who participated this rainy morning. Thank-you Steve Miller for participating.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN IDLING REPORT: Citizen Larry Pittman recorded limited locomotive idling events in April. Most of the time the locomotive's diesel engines were shut off.

CUMBERLAND-FRANKLIN COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION: I presided over the April 30 meeting in Chambersburg. I'm pleased to report a quorum was present, so the business of the Association was conducted. PA State Representative Paul Schemel of Greencastle gave an informative presentation on the happenings in Harrisburg affected municipalities. The next meeting will be September 24 (Tuesday) in the Carlisle, PA area, hosted by the Borough of Carlisle.

WRGG SHREDDING EVENT: A special thank-you to WRGG radio for providing a free paper shredding event this past rainy Saturday for our citizens.

I am honored to represent Greencastle and attend many public events in the Greencastle, Franklin County, area. On April 2, I attended the Antrim Township Supervisors public workshop in Shady Grove as the topic was about food processing residual (FPR) materials being spread on farms in the Township. The bulk day appeared very successful. Thanks to the staff for again organizing and helping our residents. I was able to attend several committee meetings of the council.

ACTIVE ITEMS:

- Downtown parking inventory, new systems, private owner partnerships and directional signage for parking
- Recommendation for “parking with arrow” signs downtown
- Downtown truck traffic (letter authorized to PennDot requesting local truck traffic on Baltimore Street)
- Recruitment and Retention grant for newly hired police officer/s

Respectfully submitted, *Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor*