



MAYOR'S REPORT
TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, STAFF, AND OUR CITIZENS
PRESENTED MARCH 2, 2020:

CONGRATULATIONS to our Greencastle Police officers who were recently recognized for various incidents resulting in criminal arrests, injuries to our officers, and services rendered to our citizens. Commendations and Citations were presented to Officers Kevin Creager, Robert Petrunak, Jim Bradley, Eric Kamoie, and Chief John Phillippy. Their bravery and professionalism in serving this community displays courage and sets a positive example of public service as members of the Greencastle Police Department in keeping with the highest traditions of this Agency.

Thank-you for your dedicated service to the citizens and visitors of Greencastle, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Some public information programs may be delayed due to Greencastle Police work-load priorities with significant time being spent with investigations and limited staffing. Coffee with a Cop and Community Awareness Programs will be forthcoming this Spring.

It's March and Spring is just around the corner! Soon rakes and lawn mowers will be prepared for the warm weather and growing season. As I walk Borough streets it is disappointing to observe the number of discarded cigarette butts along the streets and front yards. As we look at "sediment" and MS4, where do these discarded cigarette filters end up? In our storm water system. I want to express my appreciation to the citizens to care for their properties.



Thanks to the Antrim Township Supervisors for their continued annual park grants program where both Antrim Township and Greencastle park facilities receive funding as they support use by citizens of Antrim Township. These include the Jerome R. King Playground, G-A Baseball-Softball Assn. and the Highline Train Station. The Township's park grant program has been in existence for approximately 30 years.

The Emergency Management Coordinator position remains vacant. When we next meet with Antrim Township, this should continue to be a topic of intergovernmental cooperation discussion.

Attached is information regarding free training offered by Healthy Communities Partnership of Greater Franklin County called "Operation Save-a-Life". This is part of the County's Opioid Overdose Response Program. Upcoming trainings are Monday, March 16 at Waynesboro Hospital and Thursday, March 26 at the Coyle Free Library in Chambersburg. Information can be found on the Borough's web-site under "POLICE."

Our thoughts and prayers for the Trooper who was shot at 0204 Hours on Saturday, 29 February 2020, while conducting a traffic stop in Guilford Township east of Chambersburg.

Greencastle recently mourned the passing of long time businessman Ed Zarger. Ed started in the plumbing and heating business following his service in World War II where he received the Purple Heart medal from wounds received in Europe.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Thomas, Jr. Mayor