

September 2021 Mayor's Report



As summer comes to an end and fall starts to take shape, it is a perfect moment to take some time to reflect. Pools close for the year, schools are in session, sports are picking back up and leaves will soon begin to change color and fall to the ground. One season is ending, but immediately another picks up and a new journey is starting.

On August 29th, 2021, Mayor Patrick Rockinberg ended his season with his family and beloved town. Just as summer leaves us, and we wish we could hold onto its warmth a little longer, I wish I could take one more moment with my friend and colleague to say, "Thank you for everything and I love you brother!"

Mayor Pat was instrumental in helping me learn how to effectively work for the residents of the town as a member of the Mt. Airy Town Council. I saw him give his all to a duty that he loved and learned that you do whatever it takes to get the job done.

When first introducing Pat to my children, I had to explain to them that he was the Mayor. He took special care for my youngest, Callan, his little buddy. All three of my boys were lucky enough to know him, see him work, and appreciated all that he did for the town. He never once boasted about being Mayor- it was just part of who he was.

There are so many things we can attribute to Pat and remember fondly about him. A few that stand out to me are him coming into Nottingham to help with tornado relief efforts immediately after it happened, dedicating so much time to establishing the Mt. Airy Police Department, creating pop-up parks to help local businesses, orchestrating tribute parades for senior graduates and those that lost a family member, being a positive presence at all town events and most importantly, just being there- if someone needed him, for anything, all they had to do was call. Seemed like everyone had his phone number!

His season may be physically over with us, but while you drive through town, take a look around. I have no doubt you will see him in many places. We love you Mayor Pat, may you rest in peace.

September brings along cooler weather and great outdoor activities! As we know, sports are kicking off. And although this can be a hectic time with traveling and games, enjoy this special time with the youth in our town.

Oktoberfest makes its return on September 25th! This is a wonderful opportunity to walk our Main Street and shop our local businesses. The train yard will have music and fun activities for the whole family. Please be aware of any traffic delays and detours around our Main Street area.

Up at the Fireman's Activities Grounds also on September 25th is the biggest and best yard sale event in Mt. Airy. Join the Mt. Airy Lion's Club at their Community Yard Sale from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Main Street Farmers' Market is in full swing each Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. in the Railyard, 1 N. Main Street through the end of the month. Please stop by to say hello to your local farmers and pick up some fruits and veggies for the week and other amazing local products. On September 29th the Mt. Airy Sustainable Commission is giving demonstrations on recycling, composting, and handing out compost bins to people in the Mt. Airy area.

I am honored to serve as Acting Mayor over the next few months. Much like Mayor Pat, I will be here for everyone – residents and business owners alike. If you need anything, I am here. Please contact Town Hall. 301-829-1424.

Jason Poirier, acting mayor
and council president
Town of Mount Airy

