



February 6, 2017

Dear Residents:

Well the anticipation is finally over and Fabiano's Pizzeria is now officially open for business. This has probably been one of the most intriguing new businesses to open in the Village in recent times. As we all watched the steady progress, Bill and Mary Nurenberg transformed the former Smith Plumbing Building back to its original historic grander and then some. The building is absolutely stunning and what a great addition to our beautiful downtown business district.

The Village is very appreciative of Bill and Mary's investment in Westphalia. I haven't quite made it through the entire menu yet (although that's my goal), I can say that everything I've had thus far has been excellent. We wish Fabiano's Pizzeria much success and a long and historic presence here in Westphalia.

With Charlie's Bar & Grill, Diana's Restaurant, Schafer's Bar, The Ark, and now Fabiano's, we have quite a variety of great food and entertainment options to choose from right here in our own little Village. All of our local businesses are very important to the economic and social well-being of the Westphalia area. We ask that you please patronize our local businesses whenever possible.

You may have also noticed the aesthetic improvements to Portland Federal Credit Union and the Ark. New paint and awnings have made these two businesses look really nice. We appreciate the investment PFCU and the Ark have made to improve the appearance of their businesses, which once again makes our already beautiful downtown area look even better. Like I said, the best way to say "thanks" is to give them your business.

We have been notified by Granger Waste Management that when the seasonal load restrictions are placed on local roads they are forced to haul only half-loads in their trucks. To efficiently collect trash during this time, they generally double the number of trucks they send to a particular location. With two trucks in town, trash collection goes pretty fast. Although collection will not occur before 7:00 a.m., Granger would like to remind customers to get their trash out early as they will likely complete their rounds and be out of town sooner than normal during the altered schedule.

Well we are pretty much in the dead of the winter right now. The grey skies and lack of sunshine can make this time of year a bit challenging for some. But you know, this can also be a great time to get together with family, friends and neighbors for a bite to eat, a game of cards or just a nice visit to break up the monotony of the season. Some folks might even be able to escape to a sunnier climate for a little break. Either way, hang in there as the promise of sunshine and warmer weather is always on the horizon.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia