



February 3, 2013

Dear Residents:

I guess it goes without saying that this has been one heck of a winter thus far. The extremely cold temperatures and large amounts of snow have made this a challenging season for many of our residents. However, I've noticed something during this time that again reminds me of how special our Village and its residents truly are.

In my neighborhood and other neighborhoods around town, I've seen many neighbors helping neighbors with snow and ice removal. This is especially true with people helping their older neighbors and those that may be recovering from illness or injury. This is really nothing new in our Village, but it is something that once again makes Westphalia a great place to call home.

I would also like to acknowledge our DPW for all of their efforts during this winter season. Many early mornings and late evenings of snow removal have kept the Village streets and sidewalks in a safe condition. Jim and Steve do a great job in this respect and their efforts are very much appreciated.

After the month long community review/comment period and open public meeting held on January 6th, the *Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan* was approved by Village Council Resolution and has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their review and anticipated approval. Once approved, the Plan will allow the Village to apply for various grants for qualifying public park improvement projects.

Please continue to be a good neighbor and lend a helping hand to those in our community that may need a little assistance during this cold and snowy winter season.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia