



July 7, 2014

Dear Residents:

I hope you were able to attend the 10th Annual Westphalia Cruise-In car show. The official car count totaled 1,094 and they came from as far away as Colorado! The weather once again cooperated and the evening went quite well. Again, I would like to thank all those that put in so much time and effort into this event. Hopefully many of our local businesses benefitted from those attending the show and the “out-of-towners” will return to patronize our businesses in the future. The goal is to have a good, safe and fun event that provides exposure of our fine Village and its businesses to others. We will continue to pursue this goal in future events.

A field trip for the St. Mary 2nd & 6th grades was conducted as part of the Village Wellhead Protection Grant. Approximately 80 students toured the water tower, pump house, lagoons and were treated to a lunch at Bierstetel Park on the banks of Stoney Creek where they were joined by environmental specialists who explained the many different organisms that depend on clean water to survive. This gives students the opportunity to learn how our Village’s wastewater treatment system works to protect these important and fragile ecosystems. Many thanks go to the Village DPW (Jim & Steve), Clerk Sandy Smith, Council Member Phil Smith, and the Clinton County Conservation Service for making this learning experience possible.

The weather was beautiful for the St. Mary Parish 4th of July festival. The parade was great and the food was awesome as usual. It was good to see so many of our local residents, and those visiting from other areas, enjoying the festivities. An amazing amount of time, work and talent goes into making this event happen. To all those involved, I thank you for your efforts. It is another great opportunity for us to come together and enjoy each others company.

The contract with the Portland Area Ambulance Service has been renewed and our per capita fee has been reduced from \$7.00 to \$5.75 for this year. Decreases like that don’t happen very often! We appreciate the close association the Portland Fire & Ambulance Department has with the Westphalia Township Fire Department and look forward to continuing that positive relationship.

May everyone enjoy the “dog days” of summer.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia