



August 4, 2014

Dear Residents:

A local resident recently commented to me about how well Dan Droste Park is maintained. She mentioned that the Park always appears manicured and this reflects very positively on our community. I could not agree more, but have probably taken it a bit too much for granted. I would like to acknowledge the Parks & Recreation Committee for all they do to keep the park looking so good and especially Leon Bierstetel for doing such a great job of keeping up with the mowing. As most of you know, Leon was a member of our DPW staff for many years before retiring and we very much appreciate his continued service to the village.

The annual independent audit of the Village financial records was recently completed by Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. The audit uncovered no major issues and the Village remains on solid financial ground. The annual audit is important as it can be used to determine if there are any financial issues that need to be addressed before they become serious problems. It is also a useful tool in planning for the future. Being a small village, we do not have the financial means to staff a fulltime bookkeeper or CPA to handle our financial affairs. We are very fortunate to have such a competent Village Clerk that keeps everything in order and running smoothly. Thank you Sandy!

You may have noticed Jim and Steve working on smoothing out the sidewalks around town. This is an ongoing battle as tree roots and frost tend to get under the concrete and push it up. We appreciate the hard work that goes into keeping our sidewalks (and streets) safe.

I have had many people inquire about the recycling center at the PW High School. As was mentioned in an earlier message, the site had to be closed during construction at PW. The school administration has indicated that they do not wish to see the site return to the school. An alternative site has not yet been found and the cost of the infrastructure required for a recycle site (concrete, fencing, etc.) is also of concern. We will continue to work on a solution and keep you posted. In the meantime, other recycle site options are available on the Clinton County Web site www.clinton-county.org.

August is here already – time sure does fly! I hope everyone is having a good summer.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia