



November 3, 2014

Dear Residents:

I continue to field inquiries about the status of the recycling program here in Westphalia. Due to the permanent closing of the recycling center at the PW High School and the issues regarding an alternative site (i.e. appropriate location, infrastructure costs, etc.), we have approached the Village of Fowler about a potential recycling partnership. The Fowler site is very well-kept and I'm sure many of you have already used it. As we continue to work on a more permanent solution, feel free to use the Fowler site or any of the other recycle site options that are available on the Clinton County Web site www.clinton-county.org. We very much appreciate the spirit of cooperation the Village of Fowler has extended to our community.

On October 29th I had the pleasure of attending an open house for the new Westphalia Historical Center. This was a special "preview" event held for Society members and others that have worked so hard to make this dream a reality. The building is pretty much finished and it looks GREAT!!! There were even a few displays already on-site for viewing. Work still needs to be done regarding the planning of displays/events, record keeping, etc., but it is amazing to see how far everything has come in such a relatively short amount of time. The public grand opening is scheduled for December 6th so mark your calendars. As I have said many times, this is a great addition to our community and we should all be very grateful to those who have worked so hard to make it happen.

I'm sure many of you attended the annual St. Mary Christmas Bazaar that was held on November 2nd. What a great event and yet another opportunity to show our wonderful village to visitors, support the Parish, help our local businesses and most importantly, see our friends and neighbors. Any event that brings all these things together is excellent for Westphalia. Many thanks to those that work so hard for the success of the bazaar and St. Mary Parish.

November 11th is Veteran's Day. Please take the time to acknowledge our local (and all) Veterans and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We are all deeply indebted to the many sacrifices these brave men and women have made on our behalf. May God bless them all on this much deserved special day of recognition.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. This is a great time to reflect on all the things that we can be so thankful for and to remember those that may be facing challenges that life can sometimes present. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia