



July 6, 2015

Dear Residents,

The annual Westphalia Cruise-In car show was once again a big success. Although the weather was a little suspect early in the day, the event still attracted 866 cars and thousands of people to the Village. Our local businesses provided some fantastic food options. In fact, I think for some people the awesome food is becoming almost as big an attraction as the cars and it really adds to the enjoyment of those attending the event. The cars, food, entertainment, camaraderie and especially the hospitality of our local residents all help to make this a very special day for the Village of Westphalia. Our goal is to have a good, safe and fun event that provides exposure of our wonderful Village and its businesses to those that visit. I believe the goal was accomplished.

As always, Dave and Karen Boswell (and family) deserve much thanks for all the work they put into making this event such a success. The Planning Commission and the many people who volunteer their services also deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication. Our local businesses, those that may directly benefit from the event and especially those that sacrifice their normal business routine for the success of the event, we thank as well. Thank you to the Clinton County Sheriff's Department for providing excellent security. Last but certainly not least, thank you to our local residents and many visitors who came out to support this event. We look forward to the Westphalia Cruise-In 2016!

The St. Mary Parish 4th of July Festival was once again a success. The weather was great and a good time was had by all that attended. The food was sensational (as always) as were the entertainment options. This is an event that the Village does not have a direct role in, outside of the work the DPW does to close streets and such. However, many of our Village residents do volunteer their time to make the day a success. To all those involved, especially those in leadership and chair positions, great job and thank you for your efforts. Thank you St. Mary Parish for contributing to the success of the Village with this special event.

I have spoken before about the "fabric" of our Village. I believe events that bring us all together play a big role in weaving this fabric and creating a strong community. Both the Cruise-In and the St. Mary 4th of July Festival are important events that expose our wonderful Village to others while at the same time allowing us to come together as neighbors, friends and partners in building the wonderful community atmosphere we have come to enjoy here in Westphalia.

Summer is here – put on your sun screen and get out and enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia