



May 4, 2020

Dear Residents:

Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus situation, the Village Council has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Cruise-In Car show. This difficult decision was necessary to protect the health and welfare of all who attend this event. We appreciate the time and effort already expended by those involved in the show, especially Dave and Karen Boswell.

One of the main goals of the Car Show is to provide exposure for our local businesses and the services they provide. This event normally gives many of them a bit of a financial boost, so this is not good news for those businesses. With that in mind, please support our local businesses more than ever.

The SAW Grant video of our water/sewer system is revealing several areas that will need attention. At this point data is still being evaluated, however a “priority list” of projects will be developed based on the severity of the needed maintenance. This will allow preventive maintenance to be done before a more expensive system failure occurs. One repair that will be done immediately is on Elm Street north of St. Mary School. This will be done in coordination with the street project that is currently underway. We are fortunate that the problem was discovered prior to the completion of the street project, as it would have required the new street to be torn-up for the repairs to be done.

I would like to take this opportunity to salute our 2020 Pewamo-Westphalia High School Graduates. These students have gone through the most unusual and difficult school year and are to be commended for their maturity in dealing with the unforeseen adversities that came their way as the result of the COVID-19 virus. Our schools continue to be rated among the best in the state and nation. This is the result of the dedication of many people, but it really boils down to the performance of the students themselves. To the 2020 graduates – good luck and may your futures be bright. Remember that no matter where life takes you from here, you will always have a place to call “home.”

Speaking of the P-W, I would like to offer congratulations to middle and high school Principal, Mr. Todd Simmons, who was named by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals as the “2020 Principal of the Year.” The success of our local schools would not be possible without the dedication and efforts of individuals like Mr. Simmons. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

Good news!!! Recycling will return to the Village beginning May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Please do not leave any materials outside of the containers.

Spring is here! The grass is green, flowers are blooming, trees have leaves, birds are singing – all signs of a somewhat more “normal” life than what we have been experiencing over the last few months. Please continue to be safe and healthy as you get out to enjoy nature's rebirth. Stay Positive – we will get through this!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President

Village of Westphalia