



June 3, 2019

Dear Residents:

At the June meeting of the Westphalia Village Council, Ordinance 151 was passed which prohibits the establishment of commercial marijuana businesses within the Village. This action was taken in response to the passing of Proposal 1 in November of 2018 which allows such establishments unless the local government takes action to prohibit them. The Village Council is of the opinion that prohibiting commercial marijuana establishments within the Village is in the best interest of our community.

On May 29th, the Village sponsored the annual field trip for the St. Mary 2nd & 6th grade students as part of the Village Wellhead Protection Program. Nearly 90 students toured the water tower, pump house and lagoons. After which they were taken to Droste Park where professional biologists continued the educational experience and a picnic lunch was served to conclude the outing. This event gives students the opportunity to learn firsthand how our Village wastewater treatment system works to protect our important and fragile water ecosystems. Many thanks go to the Village DPW, Council Member Phil Smith, and all those involved in making this important learning experience possible for the students.

Congratulations to the P-W girls track and field team for winning the Division 3 state championship! The boys team also made a great bid, but missed winning the state championship by the slimmest of margins – just 1 point. Congratulations to all the student athletes and coaches on a remarkable season!

P-W has now won four athletic state championships this year, which is truly an extraordinary feat ... and the baseball team has been ranked #1 in their division and is just one win from making it to the state championship game also. The accomplishments of the P-W athletic programs continue to be simply amazing. Even with all the success, the character and sportsmanship demonstrated by our student athletes is still what is most impressive. Thank you to them for keeping things in perspective – that's something we can all be very proud of.

P-W was also ranked 15th best high school in the state (out of a total of 650 schools) by U.S News and World Report in its most recent study. Only one area high school (Okemos) was rated ahead of P-W. Our schools continue to be an enormous source of pride for our communities. Congratulations to the students, teachers, administration, parents and all that help to make our local schools so outstanding.

There continues to be serious concerns about the speed of traffic entering and leaving town. Although many observe the speed limit, some do not. This becomes even more of an issue now that summer break is here for the school kids and more of them are out and about. We have asked the Clinton County Sheriff's Office to closely monitor the situation. Please slow down for safety of all and to avoid being ticketed.

The 15th Annual Westphalia Cruise-In Car Show is scheduled for Thursday, June 13th. I hope to see everyone there!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia