



November 2, 2014

Dear Residents:

In my September President's Message, I talked about complaints the Village have been receiving from residents regarding the excessive speed of some vehicles as they enter and leave town. In an effort to make drivers more aware of their speed, I asked the Clinton County Sheriff's Office to place a radar speed sign on the north and south ends of town. Unfortunately some drivers continue to speed and the Village continues to receive complaints about this issue. As was noted back in September, if the problem persists we will be forced to ask the Sheriff's Office to monitor the situation more closely. Please slow down for the safety of our residents, especially our school children.

Many in our community enjoy walking and/or jogging around town for exercise, fresh air and better health. This is wonderful to see. I would like to encourage those walkers/joggers to wear bright clothing, preferably with some light-reflective qualities, when they are out after dark. Now that daylight savings time is in affect, darkness comes pretty early. This can make it hard to see pedestrians, especially when they are wearing dark clothing. We do not want to see an accident or injury occur that could have been prevented by simply wearing clothing that is easy for drivers to see at night.

The Westphalia Historical Society has yet another great event scheduled for all to enjoy. On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, they will be sponsoring a Christmas Light Parade and Tree Lighting here in the Village. The parade will start at 6:00 p.m. with the P-W Marching Band leading the way down Main Street followed by floats, cars, trucks, tractors, golf carts... anything that can be decorated in lights. Following the parade there will be a Christmas tree lighting in front of the Historical Society building. St. Nicholas will be in the parade and will greet children and their families at the Ark following the Christmas tree lighting. I wouldn't be surprised if some of our very talented local singers lead us with a Christmas carol or two also. This is a great idea and I hope you can all come out and join your neighbors and friends for an evening of fun and togetherness as we celebrate the Christmas season together as a community. Thank you once again to the Historical Society for all they do to make our Village so very special.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very joyous Thanksgiving. This is an excellent time to reflect on all the things that we can be so grateful for and also to remember those that may be facing challenges in their lives at this time. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia