



May 4, 2015

Dear Residents:

For the last year or so, the Westphalia Planning Commission has been working diligently on updating our Village Ordinances. This is a big project that needs to be done periodically. It is not a simple task and I applaud the members of the Planning Commission, especially chairman Dave Boswell, for all the hours of hard work spent reviewing the ordinances and making necessary changes. I would also like to thank the Thrun Law Firm for their legal guidance and valuable recommendations. I believe the updated Village Ordinances will serve the Village well into the future. Excellent job Planning Commission!

The annual Westphalia Cruise-in car show will be held Thursday, June 18th so be sure to mark your calendars. This promises to once again be a major event for the Village of Westphalia. This is yet another project the Planning Commission spearheads with help from countless volunteers. Thank you to all those involved!

The Village has acquired a new piece of equipment. In collaboration with the Village of Fowler, we have purchased a sewer jet truck. The Fowler DPW located the truck and inquired if Westphalia would be willing to partner with the Village of Fowler to purchasing it. The price was very reasonable and the cost will be offset within a couple of years by not having to contract for sewer jet services. We would like to thank the Village of Fowler for thinking of us and being an ongoing partner for sharing services and saving money.

The Westphalia Historical Center will be open the first Sunday of the month from 1:00-4:00 and the third Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 beginning in May. If you have visitors or a family gathering during non-posted hours and would like for them to be able to visit the Center, please contact the Society and they will try to accommodate your needs.

The Historical Society is working on a "School Related Theme" for their current display. This should be very interesting and I encourage everyone to check it out. They have also released their events calendar and it is quite impressive. In April they held a bake sale. In May they hosted a *Westphalia Antiques Road Show* where you could bring in your own antique items to be appraised. For the June Cruise-in they are selling pretzels. In September they are hosting another Cemetery Walk. And if everything falls into place, in October the Historical Society will be hosting a Westphalia Oktoberfest celebration! These events add to the fabric of our Village and are very important. We thank the Historical Society for all the effort it takes to make these events happen.

You may have also noticed from the pledge sign that the Westphalia Historical Society has achieved their initial \$75,000 fund raising goal. A huge "thank you" to all that contributed to this worthy cause. Just because the goal has been met doesn't mean they don't still need your support – please consider making a donation to the Society if you haven't already done so.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia