



June 3, 2013

Dear Residents:

The 9th Annual Westphalia Cruise-in will take place Thursday, June 13th. I would like to thank the Planning Commission, Village Council, DPW, and all the volunteers that make this event possible. A special thanks to Dave and Karen Boswell for all the extra effort they put in to making the Cruise-In such a success. This event gives our village, and its businesses, great exposure to individuals who may not otherwise have a reason to come to Westphalia. The folks that attend the Cruise-In truly enjoy our community and appreciate the hospitality they are shown. Many of the attendees will return to visit and patronize our local businesses. This is what keeps our community alive and vibrant. Many consider the Westphalia Cruise-In to not only be the best car show in mid-Michigan, but the best car show in the whole state! Please come out and enjoy the festivities.

On May 22nd, the Westphalia Department of Public Works hosted a field trip for the 2nd and 6th grade classes from St. Mary's School as part of a state grant secured by the Village for wellhead protection. Students were given a tour of the water tower, well, and waste treatment facilities. An explanation of how the Village handles its wastewater, and the various stages it goes through to be purified and safely returned into the environment, was provided by our DPW staff. Following the demonstration, the original plan was to treat students to a picnic lunch at Bierstetel Park where they would be able to see the wide variety of habitat the treated wastewater supports in the natural environment along Stoney Creek. However, due to the weather conditions the picnic was moved to Dan Droste Memorial Park for the final phase of the field trip.

I would like to thank the Clinton County Conservation Service for their involvement in this project, the Bierstetel family for offering up their beautiful park to the students, and especially Council Member Phil Smith and the DPW staff (Jim and Steve) for their time and effort to make the outing a great learning experience for the students. This is just another prime example of everyone working together for the benefit of our community and its people.

I would like to thank the local 4-H members for helping with the planting of the flowers around town. Also, with summer here it is a great time to once again enjoy beautiful Dan Droste Memorial Park. Take a stroll on the walking track while the kids (or grandkids) enjoy the playground equipment. Toss a game of horseshoes or watch a game of softball. Have a picnic, read a book, or just relax and enjoy the fresh air and green grass. We are fortunate to have such a beautiful park facility for our local residents and the extended community to enjoy. Thanks again to the Parks & Recreation Committee and all the individuals who have worked to make our park such a gem.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia