



March 3, 2013

Dear Residents:

As this winter rolls on with its frigid temperatures and snowy conditions, I hope residents are “weathering the storm.” Hopefully, some may have been able to escape to a warmer climate at some point for a much needed break. March is now here and with it comes the anticipation of warmer weather. Hang-in there – the worst should be behind us!

You may have noticed a note from Vern Pung in the St. Mary Parish bulletin a few weeks back thanking our DPW for their efforts to promptly remove snow from the streets around the church. For years the Parish has allowed the use of their property for displaying cars during the Westphalia Cruise-In, which is greatly appreciated by the Village. These are just two examples of separate entities working together for the betterment of all involved. The Village has an excellent and greatly valued relationship with St. Mary Parish and we look forward to continuing that relationship long into the future.

We were notified by a resident that two people came to their door selling goods (in this case it was vacuum cleaners). They were quite persuasive and were able to gain entry into the house. After entering, it was very difficult to get them to leave. It is not believed that these individuals presented any danger – just pesky salespeople. However, I contacted the Clinton County Sheriff’s office and they advised the following on how to handle unwanted solicitations:

- Do not open your door or let the unwanted solicitors into your home
- If they do gain entry, instruct them to leave immediately or you will call the police
- If they do not leave immediately, call 911 and an officer will be dispatched to your home

There will be another Clean Community Event in St. Johns on Saturday, April 26th. This is a great way to safely dispose unwanted materials, especially hazardous waste (chemicals, oil, electronics, etc.). Additional information is available on the Web at www.Clinton-County.org. Appointments are required so call (989-224-5186) or email (recycle@clinton-county.org) at least one week before the event. Please remember that batteries and ink cartridges can be disposed of at the Westphalia Municipal Center during regular business hours.

We were all greatly saddened to hear of the death of PW student Nick Risher. Nick was a sophomore at PW and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Please keep Nick, his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia