



June 6, 2016

Dear Residents,

With arrival of summer and warmer weather, more residents are out walking to get fresh air and exercise. This is great to see, but please keep safety in mind at all times. There are several walking options available within the Village. The safest is the walking track at Droste Park – no roads to contend with and there is a sidewalk connecting the track to the cemetery for additional walking options. The Village sidewalks also allow you to walk around town safely, just be careful when crossing streets. Lastly there are the Village streets themselves. I know many residents prefer walking on the streets and although this is the least safe of the walking options, making yourself visible to road traffic by wearing bright clothing can greatly reduce the risk. This is especially important during the evening hours. Whatever your preference is, just keep walking – the exercise is very good for you!

It seems that most of the time there is some type of activity occurring at Droste Park. Whether it is family reunions, picnics, softball or baseball games, people walking the track, music being played in the pavilion, young children enjoying the playground equipment, or people just enjoying the serenity of nature, it is wonderful to see our beautiful park being used by so many of our local residents and visitors. As I have said before, I feel our park is a great asset to the Village and the Township. Thank you to the Park Commission and DPW for all they do to maintain the facility and to Leon Bierstetel for keeping the park mowed and looking so good. Get out and enjoy our wonderful park!

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Village sponsored the annual field trip for the St. Mary 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Stoney Creek where several biologists continued the educational experience as the students examined the waterway that our treated water feeds into. A picnic lunch was served to conclude the field trip. 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.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Westphalia Cruise-In Car Show is scheduled for Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. This event continues to be one of the biggest and best car shows in the whole state. So mark your calendars and come out to enjoy the cars, food, music and comradery of your friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia