



June 1, 2015

Dear Residents:

Recycling has officially returned to the Westphalia area! The initial monthly recycle event was held the first weekend of May and by all accounts it went quite well. Just as a reminder, recycling is collected behind the DPW building (water tower area) the first weekend of the month and glass is not accepted as part of this program. Thanks to all who helped bring the recycling program back to the Westphalia area.

On the subject of recycling, please mark your calendars for the St. Mary School Electronic Recycle Day which is Tuesday, June 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (early drop off is available on Monday, June 15th from noon – 6:00 p.m. or by appointment). This is a great way to safely and responsibly recycle your electronic devices. See the St. Mary Parish bulletin for more details on what is accepted (<http://stmarychurch.net>). We appreciate St. Mary's hosting this event.

On May 27th, a field trip for the St. Mary 2nd & 6th grade students was conducted as part of the Village Wellhead Protection program. Students toured the water tower, pump house and lagoons. After which they were taken to Stoney Creek where a microbiologist continued the educational experience. A picnic lunch was served to conclude the field trip. This event gives students the opportunity to learn firsthand how our Village's 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.

Congratulations to the PW Girls Track Team and coach Scott Werner on their 2015 State Championship! What an exciting and remarkable achievement. It was a real team effort with 12 different girls scoring points to help defeat second place Frankenmuth by just 2-1/2 points. The team and its coach are a great source of pride for our local communities.

As wonderful and special the State Championship is, I think there is another side to this story that should make us even more proud. Coach Werner asked the girls to compete for something beyond themselves. Be it a friend, classmate, family member or special cause, the girls were asked to look beyond their personal desires and goals and to reach deep inside themselves for special motivation. I'm sure this helped in their quest for the State Championship. What an inspiration to us all. We could all use Coach Werner's idea to help motivate ourselves in our everyday lives. Thank you PW Girls Track Team and Coach Werner for making us all proud in so many ways.

The annual Westphalia Cruise-In Car Show is June 18th so mark your calendars. This is the 11th year for this outstanding event and I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia