



November 7, 2016

Dear Residents:

You may have noticed our DPW doing some extensive crack-sealing on our streets this fall. This is a very effective method of preservation as it helps keep water from getting under the asphalt and then freezing causing potholes. It is very labor intensive work and we appreciate Jim and Steve (with help from John Thelen) making the effort to preserve our streets as long as possible in an economical manner. We will continue to evaluate the condition of our streets as we develop maintenance strategies.

I'm not sure when you may have last been through Pewamo and Fowler, but our neighboring communities have been busy on projects that have improved their towns. Pewamo has done some major infrastructure improvements and many of their businesses have made aesthetic improvements which makes their downtown area look very nice. They constructed a trailhead building last year for the Rails-to-Trails project and it is really awesome. Fowler is also constructing a trailhead building which is a replica of the original Fowler train depot and is amazing as well. I salute my good friends and fellow Village Presidents Randy Zenk (Pewamo) and Vern Thelen (Fowler) and all the residents of these villages on their achievements.

As a footnote, Randy has also served as "Pirate Pete" (the P-W mascot) for over 10 years and I would also like to congratulate him on being named the "High School Mascot of the Year" by the Lansing State Journal. He also serves on the Board of Education at P-W and truly provides a great example of what giving back to the community really means. Thank you Randy for all your work to make our communities so special through your community service.

With the autumn colors fading, days getting shorter and savings time upon us, please be sure to slow down as you move through town. Pedestrians are more difficult to see this time of year and we don't want any accidents.

I would like to wish everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Also, please remember to mark your calendars for the Christmas Light Parade on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is yet another great event sponsored by the Westphalia Historical Society.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia