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Dear Residents:

You have probably noticed the repaving project that has taken place within the village. Over three-quarters of a mile of local streets were resurfaced in August. Our DPW does a great job of crack sealing and other maintenance to keep our streets in the best shape possible. However, there comes a point where resurfacing becomes necessary, as will be the case for other streets within the village at some point in time. Resurfacing is very expensive, but does become necessary when sealing and repairs have done all they can do. Good streets are an essential part of our village infrastructure and our quality of life. Determining how best to maintain what we have, while envisioning and planning for our future needs, is very important. Thank you to Jim and Steve for their work on this project, especially partnering with other local communities to get the best resurfacing price possible for the village.

We have another new business in town! Nicole and Andrew Arens have opened the Growing Patch Preschool in the former kindergarten building on School Street. I had the pleasure of attending a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 20<sup>th</sup> to mark this wonderful event. It is always great to see our business community grow. I am certain the Growing Patch Preschool will be another in the long line of wonderful corporate citizens we have here in Westphalia.

I would like to personally welcome and thank Nicole and Andrew for investing in our village. I would also like to acknowledge the Planning Commission and Village Council for their efforts in helping to make the Arens' vision a reality. Lastly, a special thank you goes out to the local neighbors for supporting the establishment of this new business in their neighborhood. This is a fine example of people working together towards an outcome that is mutually beneficial to those directly involved, as well as the whole community. On behalf of the Village, I wish much success to Nicole and Andrew in their new business venture.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia