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Dear Residents:

There have been increasing safety concerns expressed by residents regarding the use of golf carts on Village streets. Reports of near accidents, excessive speeding, reckless driving, and underage operators have been received and must be addressed. With the summer approaching, I believe it is **very important** to deal with these issues before an accident occurs and someone gets hurt.

The law states that for a golf cart to be operated legally on a public street the following modifications are required:

*“All golf cart modifications must comply with Michigan MCL 257.25 and federal regulation CFR 571.500, which call for headlights, tail lights, turn signals, four-way flashers, seat belts, horn, windshield and windshield wiper, reflectors, parking brake and brakes on all four wheels, inside rear-view mirror and outside rear-view mirrors on the left and right sides of the vehicle.”*

*AND*

*“The operator must have a driver license and the vehicle must be registered and insured.”*

This means that by law, a golf cart must have all of the modification outlined above, the operator must be a licensed driver, and the golf cart must be registered and insured, or it cannot be legally driven on a public street. Golf carts are not allowed on sidewalks. **Please be aware that if excessive speeding, reckless driving and underage operators continue to be a problem, violators may be reported to law enforcement officials and potentially ticketed.**

Just a reminder that the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Westphalia Cruise-in will be held on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. This event has grown to be one of the biggest and best auto shows in Michigan. Let's hope the weather cooperates again this year and I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia