



April 11, 2016

Dear Residents:

You may have noticed some significant changes to the property at 401 West Main Street (former site of the Westphalia Auto Salvage). John and Tom Pung, owners of Pung Foundation, recently purchased the property and plan to relocate their business to the site. Although the property had not been a licensed salvage business for several years, many remnants from the old operation still remained. The fencing and buildings on the property were also in very bad shape. John and Tom have wasted no time on their cleanup efforts and have come a long way in a short amount of time. Their plans include demolition of the old house, which unfortunately is beyond repair. The block building will be renovated with new windows and a fresh coat of paint. Other old buildings and old trees are also being removed. When the project is completed it will greatly improve the aesthetics of this property and the Village as a whole. We are very appreciative of the investment John and Tom are making and we welcome Pung Foundation to Village of Westphalia.

That's not all, Bill and Mary Nurenberg have purchased the building that formerly housed Smith's Plumbing and plan to do major renovations to create a pizza parlor and banquet room. They have been working hard on the renovations and hope to open for business in early 2017. Again, we very much appreciate the investment Bill and Mary are making in our Village and wish them much success in their new business venture.

Last but not least, Jon Nobach will soon be using the building that formerly housed the Java Garden for his photography business, Nobach Creative LLC. We welcome Jon and wish him much success at this location.

We have some great businesses here in Westphalia and I believe all of our store fronts are now occupied. We should be very thankful for the investment our local merchants make in our Village. One of the best ways to show our appreciation is to support them. Please continue to patronize our local businesses whenever you can.

On March 28th, I attended an all-area meeting of local villages hosted by the Village of Fowler. The villages of Fowler, Muir, Lyons, Maple Rapids, Pewamo and Westphalia were present. This forum provides a great opportunity to share information and concerns that affect small villages in our area. Much information was exchanged and new ideas developed. The plan is to hold this meeting on an annual basis and the Village of Muir has offered to host in 2017. A special thank you to the Village of Fowler for hosting this year's meeting.

With the graphics done, the water tower renovations are now completed. I think the whole project turned out really well. I again want to thank our DPW and Village Council for their quick actions to make this happen on such short notice, thus allowing the work to be done at a significantly reduced cost to the Village.

Spring is in the air – get out and enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia