



March 6, 2017

Dear Residents:

In the past, I have acknowledged the contributions of many of our local citizens who serve the Village in various ways. Whether it's the Council, Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Commission, DPW, administrative support or other capacities, the folks we have in these important positions do a great job and contribute much to the success of the village.

With this in mind, I would like to acknowledge our Village Clerk, Sandy Smith, for her excellent work on behalf of the village. I believe the Village Clerk position is one of the most important and challenging in Village government. Sandy is the person that helps keep everybody and everything on track and running smoothly. Whether it's attending Village Council and Planning Commission meetings, working on budget and billing issues, handling resident questions and concerns, or whatever else may come her way, Sandy is always up for the challenge. The Village is very fortunate to have someone with Sandy's knowledge, abilities, and expertise in this very important position.

Another person I would like to acknowledge is our Village Treasurer, Wendy Thelen. Wendy retired as Village Treasurer in February after 29 years of service and her expertise will be greatly missed. I would like to thank Wendy personally for handling this important position with great skill and integrity. On the up-side of this announcement, Wendy's daughter Jamie (Smith) has agreed to accept the position of Village Treasurer. This will make for a very smooth transition and is just another example of what our local citizens do to contribute to the good of the community – most often without the acknowledgement they so rightly deserve.

Although neither Sandy nor Wendy are the type to seek out recognition for their hard work, I think all of our residents should be aware and appreciate their efforts and realize what a valuable asset they are to our community. On behalf of the village, I would like to say "thank you" to Sandy and Wendy for their commitment to making Westphalia such a great place to live.

The first Clean Community Event sponsored by the Clinton County Department of Waste Management will be held in St. Johns on Saturday, April 22 from 8:00–2:00. This is great way to safely and responsibly dispose of hazardous waste and other items. Appointments are required. More information is available at [www.Clinton-County.org](http://www.Clinton-County.org) under Department of Waste Management; or call 989-224-5186; or email [recycle@clinton-county.org](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org).

Hope you are staying warm and healthy during this winter season.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia