



July 6, 2020

Dear Residents:

The road work on Elm Street and Vidua Circle has been completed and it looks great. Also, you may notice the repair “patch” that was done on Main Street in the downtown area. The asphalt in that area began to separate and needed to be repaired. The fix was done by the contractor at no cost to the Village.

We continue to field citizens’ concerns regarding golf carts being operated by non-age-appropriate drivers. The situation gets worse when there are several young people on the cart which often distracts the driver. Only age-appropriate drivers should be allowed to drive a golf cart unsupervised. Also, golf cart traffic on primary streets (Main & Westphalia) should be avoided as much as possible. Heavier traffic, trucks, tractors, etc., make these streets even more of a safety concern for golf carts.

After 23 years, 400-plus victories, a state championship, 49 wins in his last 50 games and a shot at a possible second state title upended by the pandemic, P-W boys head basketball coach Luke Pohl has decided to retire. Coach Pohl has built what is arguably one of the premier and most respected high school basketball programs in the entire State. However, it is his positive impact on so many of our young people that is really most impressive. I have heard many of his former players talk of the important “life-lessons” – beyond basketball – that Coach Pohl taught them and positive impact he has had on their lives. Congratulations Coach Pohl on a stellar career and thank you for all you have done to make our schools, students and communities so very special.

We were all greatly saddened by the passing of Gary Hengesbach. As a developer and builder, Gary played an instrumental role in the growth of our village, especially in regards to the Windward Estates development. To those of us who knew Gary personally, it was his generosity and willingness to always lend a hand that we admired most about him. A great example was his charity work with our local chapter of the Knights of Columbus where he chaired many events and activities over the years. Gary also served the chapter as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Trustee, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Please remember Gary, his wife Libby and the rest of his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

The annual audit of the Village finances has been completed by Maner Costerian PC and I am pleased to report the Village remains on solid financial ground. This is a result of the hard work, competence and ethics of our Village Council, Clerk and DPW. They make important financial decisions with great integrity based on what is in the best interest of the community and a focus on fiscal responsibility.

Be safe and enjoy the dog days of summer!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia