



November 5, 2018

Dear Residents:

You may have noticed that the stop light at the intersection of Main and Westphalia Streets has been temporarily removed. This was necessary to prepare for the new metal pole that will be installed in its place. The concrete base and sidewalk had to be completed before the cold weather arrived. Please use extra caution when approaching the intersection until the stop light can be reinstalled.

We have received many positive comments on the downtown improvements. One thing that I believe really enriches the overall look is the work that Charlie's Restaurant, The Little Flower Market and Ox's Smoked Meats did to their parking lots and alleyways. Please show your appreciation by patronizing these and all of our local businesses.

The St. Mary's Bazaar was once again a big success. I am always impressed with the number of people this event brings to our Village. Many of these people not only purchase goods from the bazaar, but also visit many of our local businesses and make purchases. This is a big plus for our local economy and we appreciate their business.

Speaking of St. Mary's, a *We C.A.R.E. Ministry* is being initiated at the Parish. The objective is to give those in need of assistance the help they require. Volunteers are needed to assist with home visits, physical labor, getting groceries, transportation, meals, etc. This is a great way to show the unity, grace and charity we have here in our community. If you are someone who could use a little help, this is an opportunity to receive help you need. Both the volunteer and recipient will be greatly blessed. Contact Mary Lou Thelen (989.587.6600) or Pat Simon (989.640.7115) if you have any question.

Congratulations to the PW boys and girls cross-country teams for their outstanding performances in the State Finals. The boys took runner-up honors and the girls finished in third place. PW has become quite a state power in cross-country thanks to the work of all those involved in the program, especially Coach Scott Werner and the student athletes. GO PIRATES.

The annual Westphalia Historical Society Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. and proceed down Main Street culminating with the Christmas tree lighting in front of the Historical Society building. Many thanks to the Historical Society for sponsoring this event that brings so many from our community together in such a wonderful way.

Thank you for re-electing me as your Village President. Although I ran unopposed, I do appreciate your continued support.

May everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving. Please remember to be generous to those in need during this very special time of year.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia