



October 7, 2013

Dear Residents:

The annual independent audit of the Village financial records was recently completed by Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. I am happy to report that the audit uncovered no major issues and the Village remains on solid financial ground. These audits also provide suggestions on ways to improve the way we do things, which can be very helpful. Being a small village, we do not have the financial means to staff a bookkeeper or CPA to handle our financial affairs. We are very fortunate to have such a competent Village Clerk that keeps everything in order and running smoothly. Thank you Sandy!

You probably notice our DPW staff have been busy sealing cracks in the streets before the cold weather sets in. This is a big job that takes a significant amount of effort to complete. However, the results of this effort is increased longevity for our roads which saves tax dollars. Thank you to Steve and Jim for the good work.

Several of the trees in the grassy area east of the paved parking lot at Droste Park have been removed. These were ash trees that were infested with the Emerald Ash Borer and needed to be cut down. Our forward thinking Parks & Recreation Committee has planted many new trees over the past several years and the park is in fine shape. A concrete sidewalk has been added to the walking path to connect it to the cemetery grounds for additional walking area. The new sidewalk allows for easy access to the cemetery for walkers, those with baby strollers, and anyone using a wheelchair. Thank you to St. Mary's Parish, Tom Hattis and the P&R Committee for working together to get this done. Droste Park remains a real gem and valued asset to our community.

With the beautiful fall colors starting to show, we are reminded that fall is here and with it comes Halloween. Be aware that the trick-or-treat hours will be the same as in the past – 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please drive with extreme care during those hours and watch out for the children. Westphalia will also be hosting the P-W Homecoming Parade on October 18th. Get out and enjoy this beautiful time of the year.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia