

January 14, 2013

Dear Residents:

Consumers Energy has contracted with Inspired Green, a local company based in Grand Ledge, to perform free home performance evaluations for Village residents that would like this service. The evaluation looks at the home's energy efficiency, comfort, and safety. Inspired Green representatives will be going door-to-door within the Village the week of January 21-25 to schedule appointments with any homeowner that would like to have a free evaluation done on their home. There is no obligation or cost to the homeowner. The representative will simply knock on your door and you can either schedule an appointment, tell them no, or simply not answer. The choice is totally up to you.

I personally contacted Inspired Green to secure some background information on the company. They are part of the Consumers Energy Home Performance ENERGY STAR Program and have been performing free evaluations in many of our surrounding communities (DeWitt, Portland, Eagle, St. Johns, etc.). They performed over 11,000 home evaluations last year with the goal of addressing three basic areas: 1) energy efficiency – are there ways you can reduce your home energy costs; 2) comfort – do you have areas of your home that sometimes feel uncomfortable, maybe are drafty or cold; 3) safety – is the air inside your home clean, safe, and healthy.

If you choose to have an evaluation done, a date and time will be scheduled by the representative to have a certified professional from Inspired Green spend 20 to 30 minutes evaluating your home. They will then provide you with the results and advise you of any free services offered by Consumers Energy to help mediate any issues that may be revealed during the evaluation. There is no financial obligation to the homeowner.

For more information about Inspired Green, you can go to their Web site at www.goinspiredgreen.com. You can also call company representative Scott Wright at 517-994-8113 to ask questions or schedule an appointment.

Along with the rest of our community, I was greatly saddened to learn that Trent Bengel's courageous battle with cancer had ended with his passing. I would not pretend to know what Terri, Randy, Brooke, and Alexia are going through at this time, but I do know that they will continue to need the prayers and support of our community. Please keep Trent, his family, and his friends, in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

May all of our residents have a safe, happy, and prosperous 2013.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia