

By Mayor Ben Garlich

I was privileged again to attend and participate in the annual Memorial Day recognition ceremony. The people in attendance showed their patriotism by showing appreciation and realizing the value and cost of our current freedom and their commitment to preserving future freedom. I want to thank those that attended, the merchants that contributed, those adults and children that participated in the parade and especially thank VFW Post 9678 for their organizing and keeping this tradition alive and helping remind all of us how lucky we are to be free Americans. View photos of this event on line at [www.middlefieldohio.com](http://www.middlefieldohio.com).

The fifth annual parade and Summer Fest is scheduled for June 18. The parade is scheduled for 1 p.m.. Entrants are to line up at the Jordak Elementary parking lot at noon. I encourage every resident and all businesses to join in the parade. If you have a special car, truck or golf cart please come participate. All area businesses are invited to participate as it is a great way to advertise your business and show your community support. The parade will conclude again at Harrington Square where the M.A.C has a great afternoon of entertainment planned. The event again is structured with food and games that will provide enjoyment for the entire family. The Grand Marshal this year is Forest Klingman. Forest is 94 years old and was our police chief when our village had a police force of one. We are honored to have him and appreciate his willingness at 94 to participate. I want to thank the Middlefield Activities Committee for their hard work in putting this event together. Every year it improves and you do a fantastic job. The day will end with amazing fireworks and I guarantee those in attendance an enjoyable economical day. Come join your friends and neighbors and have some great fun.

On the business side of things we are actively working with the state and local companies on property improvements, we had our second buggy lane meetings with ODOT on June 8.

This is an important election year with many local, state and federal issues that will be decided. I again encourage you to be informed and exercise your right to vote. The Village of Middlefield, the State of Ohio, and America need your input and participation.  
Please be informed, be involved, shop Middlefield and visit [www.middlefieldohio.com](http://www.middlefieldohio.com).