

I recently had the pleasure of spending some time with a long-time friend who was raised here but has lived most of his adult life just outside of Dallas. I met him and his wife for dinner, and his first comment after we greeted each other was that he thought the town looked great. We have put a lot of energy behind encouraging businesses and residents to take pride in their property and show respect for their neighbors. I agree with him, our town does look great but as with all things there is always room for improvement. I see tall grass and unsightly tree lawns on the same properties year after year. We continue to send notices and increased fines for non-compliance with the intent of eliminating the issue. I walked by the basketball courts at Mineral Lake the other day and saw debris lining the fence (water bottles, food wrappers etc.) all within 15 feet of a large Village provided trash container. I am asking you, if you live in this community or visit this community, to do your part so as to maintain a place where people make positive comments about the appearance of our Village.

I want to thank VFW Post 9678, Commander Jeff Gardner and all who attended our annual Memorial Day ceremonies. It is such an important day to acknowledge those who sacrificed all for our freedom. Prior to the parade, I was notified that some of the veterans would be meeting us at the cemetery as the walk for them was challenging. I mentioned to Commander Gardner after the ceremony, I wonder who is going to back fill these responsibilities as we all continue to get older? He said he wondered about that as well, people with young families find it difficult to provide time outside their current daily responsibilities. I see this issue in numerous civic groups and wonder who will continue the important traditions. I think we all need to think of how we can contribute and give back to maintain traditions and support causes that provide value to society.

A new version of Middlefield SummerFest will be held on **Saturday, June 17 at Eagle Park. Village of Middlefield Community Day will start at 4:30 p.m.** with good food, a variety of vendors from civic organizations, entertainment (Eagles tribute band) rocket car and clowns to entertain children and adults. The evening will end with fireworks, which are always spectacular. Come enjoy the afternoon and evening with friends and family. Be informed, be involved, shop Middlefield and visit www.middlefieldohio.com.