

This has been a busy summer with any events and projects. It is hard to believe school will soon be resuming and the days are getting shorter.

A little more than three years ago we adopted slogans to represent our ideals for this Village. "Middlefield Means Business" and "Where Families Grow Strong." We have supported those slogans with action and it is thrilling to see our business base expand, our schools moving forward and events that build a sense of community. I've been in office almost four years and the support of the residents, our business community, your elected officials and Village employees has been extremely rewarding. I appreciate all who believe in our community and contribute to its continuous improvement. It is a pleasure to work with individuals that share a common goal of keeping this area vital and moving forward.

We are realizing some traction with our desire to create buggy lanes on Routes 608 and 87. We've assembled a team that includes county, state and local officials (Township and Village). This will be a tremendous improvement in the areas of safety and logistics. I look forward to working with all involved to make this a reality.

Glen Valley drive is nearing completion. I know it was a nuisance for those residents while the project was in progress, but I appreciate everyone's patience and the result will be worth the inconvenience. I am pleased we were able to do both phases and get this project behind us. Our Village administration did an excellent job of putting the project together to minimize the inconvenience and the contractor did an excellent job of working efficiently and completing in a minimum amount of time. We are working on plans to redo the mini park in the center of town. Plans should be submitted within the next 30 days. It is our intent to make this a more useful and active area for residents. Our economic director Leslie Gambosi-McCoy was successful in securing a grant to make this project feasible.

We have many irons in the fire and the tools in place to make these potential prospects a reality. We look forward to working with those individuals that desire to invest in our community. The Station Square plaza (old Ace Hardware) is now fully occupied. The signage identifying this facility is outstanding and yields another improvement in a once vacant building.

I encourage you to shop in Middlefield, be informed, be involved and visit www.middlefieldohio.com using our newly redesigned responsive website.