

We just finalized our annual review for 2017. I am pleased that all indicators are trending positively. Our income was up and expenses were down. Through Council's hard work and being creative, we are forecasting this trend will continue in 2018 and exceed 2017 results. Expenses are controlled, and with private projects slated for this year, employment will increase substantially in 2018 providing additional revenue. We will continue to support positive growth in the Village.

Edna Davis, a current member of our planning and zoning commission, has officially retired. Many of you longtime residents know Edna as she was a council person here for many years, a county commissioner and in addition was a local newspaper reporter. Edna has given many years to public service. Edna was knowledgeable and provided tremendous value in each of her capacities. I want to thank her for her contributions to our County and Village and wish her the best.

On Feb. 27, Congressman Joyce's office will have representatives conducting an open house from 9 to 11 a.m. They will be available at Village Hall Council Chambers to field and respond to any and all questions. If you have an issue of concern please take this opportunity to communicate your issues directly.

We had our second Middlefield Means Health event at the library this past Thursday. This is a monthly event the second Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is a great and economical way (free) to review and track your blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, weight and body fat. Every month has a different health theme: February was heart health, March's topic will be colorectal cancer awareness. We have four or five teams competing and will give quarterly updates on team status. This is one event where all participants are winners if health improvements are realized. We thank University Hospitals for their support and expertise making this event possible.

In addition to our monthly health initiative, the Village is sponsoring a fitness walking program. The program will provide instruction, regardless of your current walking ability, improving your walking ability. Classes will be held at Village Hall on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Classes will start March 7 and continue for 13 weeks. I hope many will utilize the newly-improved bike path to walk in a scenic and safe environment.

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