

Village of Middlefield Update

By Mayor Ben Garlich

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. I spent some time at The Great Geauga County Fair and found it is a great time to run into friends, see all the competitive entries and eat some unhealthy food. Every year, I am encouraged by those involved in Junior Fair and 4-H. I see youth that are developing life skills that will make them successful as adults. It is the perfect way to start off a busy month with school beginning and many local events are slated for this month.

This weekend, Saturday Sept. 7 is the Friends of Mike annual dinner and fund raiser. My hat is off to the Fenselon family and supporters for their dedication and energy in making this event successful year after year.

The following weekend, Sept. 14, is the first annual salute to Veterans at the Geauga Veterans Sports Fest sponsored by Middlefield Chamber, Great Lakes Outdoor Supply, American Legion and Veterans organizations from the area. The day's events will be capped off with a fireworks display sponsored by Middlefield Village. This event is meant to create a day for our community to get together, but more importantly, show support of Veterans. I am often in formal situations where politicians or local business leaders will be recognized for their contribution to the area. The most important people at any of those events are the veterans. Thanks to our Veterans, we live in a country where we have the freedom to run for office in free elections and have a free-enterprise system where we can fulfill our dreams and have the ability to be successful in business. Thank you, Veterans, for protecting our freedom.

On Sept. 21, John's Country Nursery is holding their first Honeybee Festival. It is an event that will be educational and entertaining and will interest the entire family.

I appreciate all companies and individuals that are creative and energetic and contribute to the betterment of our community. Please support to make all of these events successful.

The Village is busy preparing for the change of season. The splash park closed last weekend after another well-attended successful year. We are working on updating regulations to make it more user-friendly for local residents.

Our crew has been busy patching potholes and ODOT will be repaving the intersection of High and State streets as well as North and South State which is desperately needed. We will be putting our capital projects out to bid again this December to ensure favorable bidding before contractor's schedules are filled. Thanks again to all Village taxpayers for providing the required funds to maintain a Village that we can all be proud of.

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