

I want to express my appreciation to all residents that made the effort to vote on Nov. 5. I know I am being redundant, but I can't express enough the importance of voting. It is a freedom not shared by all of the world, and I firmly believe every vote (voice) matters. I want to thank my supporters for giving me a convincing victory and will commit to all supporters and non-supporters, the residents of this Village are my priority. I also want to thank my peers who believed I was the most suited for the job and supported me beyond all expectations. They gave this effort as they respect me, but more importantly were motivated by their love for our Village. I've been a resident here my entire adult life and want our Village to be a safe place we are proud to call home. Campaigning by going door-to-door is time consuming and hard work, but the information derived is priceless. Thanks to those who took the time to interact and provide opinions regardless of positive or negative. It is meaningful and takes gumption face-to-face. Each of these interactions bring value. I know social media is here to stay and we can all be an authority on a keyboard, but my respect goes to those that have the courage to have meaningful dialog in a person-to-person setting using their ability to communicate and convince to foster change. Thanks again for the privilege of being your Mayor for another term. We've done a lot of foundational building, and we are now out of the starting blocks and running the race. I am excited to be part of the positive plan as we move our Village forward.

Be informed, be involved, exercise your right to vote, shop Middlefield and [visitwww.middlefieldohio.com](http://www.middlefieldohio.com)

Village of Middlefield, Mayor Ben Garlich