

I left my office the other night around 5:30 and was amazed it was still daylight. The days are getting longer which is always an encouraging indicator that warmer weather is on the horizon. At our last council meeting, the department heads and fire chief reported their activities for the month. As I listened to their reports, I thought how great it is to live in this community where we have an economic base that provides the resources to support the quality services we enjoy. The frigid weather created more activity in the safety and service departments but they were equipped to handle all situations. We are fortunate to have dedicated employees that sincerely care about the welfare of our residents.

I've recently attended a few of the Recreation Department's winter events. I am amazed at the amount of children participating, the number of volunteer coaches, the tremendous facilities the school provides and the healthy environment of competition that is displayed. These programs teach such valuable life lessons which are critical to future success. Thanks to all who are willing to be involved and help provide character building programs for the youth of the area.

On March 27, Middlefield Village will be hosting the Northeast Ohio Section Water Environment Association. The attendees will be touring our state of the art water treatment facilities. This will be excellent exposure for our Village as approximately 100 people from outside the area will be attending. The facilities are neat, maintained and well run. I know when they arrive they will be impressed as the facilities reflect the pride the employees have in their workplace.

Our most recent copy of the newsletter was released last week. It is available on our website, copies are available at numerous locations in town or you can have it emailed to you directly by signing up on the Village website, www.middlefieldohio.com. The format has changed somewhat this month with the addition of "Around the Corner". This is a personal article provided from a local business owner providing history of the business and current services. I think it is a tremendous way to inform residents and visitors about the amenities Middlefield Village has to offer.

As always I encourage you to be informed, be involved, shop local and visit us at www.middlefieldohio.com.