

Finally, this year the weather for the Middlefield Summer Fest, was good. We had some rain in the evening but it let up and gave us a window for a spectacular fireworks display. I can't adequately express my appreciation to all who work and participate to make this event successful. The M.A.C (Middlefield Activities Committee) always amaze me with the way they pull the event together and create an agenda that is interesting and resident-friendly. This event takes tremendous effort by the village police and service departments. They did an excellent job, ensuring all requirements from site preparation to traffic control were managed perfectly. I've received many positive emails regarding the day. I know how busy and difficult it is to operate a business in today's economic environment, and to see parade participants give of their time to contribute, is certainly appreciated. I look forward to next year as we continue to create an enjoyable day where family and friends can come and build upon the so important sense of community. Thanks again to all who created and participated, as well as, those who attended.

On a less positive topic, Middlefield Village including the township and surrounding communities experienced a rainstorm that I've not witnessed in my lifetime. It impacted many businesses and residents to the point of some people needing to relocate and some businesses experienced operational disruptions. I learned, during this event, of the resilient quality of our residents and experienced the network of support provided within Geauga County. Residents have accepted that the event was exceptional and have taken personal responsibility to rectify the damages required to get life back to normal, without placing blame. We've had support from the Red Cross, County Emergency Management Services, Jobs and Family Services and many other agencies. We are privileged to live in this area that is so well supported. The Fire, Service, and Police Departments were on scene and handled all situations professionally and effectively. I would like to express my appreciation to all, for keeping the safety and welfare of our village intact.

I consider it a privilege to be your mayor and appreciate your continued acts of support. Please be informed, be involved, shop local and visit www.middlefieldohio.com.