

Looks like spring is finally coming to northeast Ohio. I look forward to doing yard work and outside activities. The break in the weather also marks the beginning of major projects within the Village. A summer-long project has started on Sperry Lane and renovation of a portion of Glen Valley will soon begin. The resurfacing of East and West High Streets is also slated for this summer.

In addition to the street improvements, there will be three new buildings constructed on the west side of our Village. All projects will impact traffic flow and create dust and noise, so your patience is appreciated. All projects listed, once completed, will yield an improved Village.

The M.A.C. (Middlefield Activity Committee) has been busy this winter putting together their summer schedule. The events scheduled are a Memorial Day tribute parade on May 27. They are busy building a patriotic float and encourage all children to decorate their bikes and ride in the parade. All participants will receive a prize.

Shred Day is scheduled for Friday, June 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. This service is free to all Village residents and businesses.

On Friday, June 14 and Friday, Aug. 9 from 8 to 10 p.m., bands will perform in Eagle Creek Park just south of Tare Creek. This year, the Middlefield Summer Fest will be held in the downtown area, on Saturday July 27. It will be an all-day event filled with activities for the entire family, including our second annual parade, Taste of Middlefield and will close with fireworks.

The Village will hold a Farmers Market every Saturday morning beginning July 6 and will take place until the end of September. A talented and diverse board has been created to plan a unique event with the goal of providing quality products and activities for the entire family. University Hospitals has offered their support as well. More detail will be provided as the board continues to move forward and plans become finalized.

Last but not least, we want to acknowledge those who went above and beyond to assist our brave officers during the tragic event on March 10. These individuals had no required obligation to be involved other than they were accountable to a personal moral compass that told them they needed to do what was right. We will recognize these individuals at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at the Senior Center on Ridgewood Drive. The following Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. we will honor Officers Thomas and Savage. This recognition will also be at the Ridgewood Drive, Senior Center. I encourage all Village residents to attend as we owe a lot to the private citizens and officers involved who protected all of us with their professional and fearless actions.

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