

## MAYOR GARLICH'S MESSAGE BOARD

As reported in my last article, the foundation has been laid and 2013 will be an exciting year of activity. All committees have been working on major initiatives and events. The P & Z (Planning and Zoning) committee at their last meeting reviewed and approved three new requests for expansion in the Village. Middlefield Village Council just passed and is forwarding a petition for annexation to the county commissioners for incorporation of a strip center and additional land for industrial development. This is the first Village expansion in many years and was made possible by Middlefield Township, Cardinal School District and Middlefield Village working in a spirit of cooperation to make this a reality. I appreciate the support of all.

The EDC (Economic Development Committee) is working on additional ways to market this Village and these initiatives will continue to set us apart. The current areas of focus are regional storm water control, enhancing the entrances to our Village and additional plans for outside promotion.

All council committees have taken the auditors recommendations and are implementing those that have merit. The Village service crew has been extremely busy handling the elements and doing an outstanding job. The police are working with local school leaders and organizations improving the security of all Cardinal schools. They have laid out a footprint for improvement and are implementing that plan.

The Middlefield Fire Department has reviewed and updated the Emergency Recovery Plan for Middlefield Village and identified areas that need to be addressed. We will be working together to ensure that all are prepared.

The M.A.C (Middlefield Activity Committee) is planning events for the year. The first will be the Memorial Day tribute and I know they are working on building a patriotic float. They will be encouraging children to decorate bikes and join in the parade. The second annual Shred Day will be June 7 and open to all Village businesses and residents. Last year, they shredded 10,000 lbs. of paper and filled the truck to maximum capacity. This year's Middlefield Summer Fest is being planned in collaboration with the Middlefield Chamber of Commerce to create a 1-day enjoyable event that will include parade, food, attractions and conclude with fireworks in the downtown area.

The Village administrative staff has been closing the books for 2012 and monitoring budgets for 2013. I thank each employee, committee member and elected official for their dedication and energy to maintain and move this Village forward.

The Village has installed a new electronic sign in front of Village Hall. I feel this will be a valuable communication tool and will keep residents apprised of meetings and events. I encourage you to visit our Web site [www.middlefieldohio.com](http://www.middlefieldohio.com) to view meeting schedules, minutes, upcoming events, photos and signup for the Village e-newsletter. I also encourage you to shop local as the amenities we all desire only remain when they receive sufficient support.