

# The Mayor's Message

By Mayor Ben Garlich

Welcome to 2013. The past year has gone quickly and I've certainly enjoyed my first year as mayor of the Village of Middlefield. The goals that we had set for 2012 have been accomplished. The foundation has been laid through the dedication and hard work of so many. All jobs are easy when you have support of qualified and dedicated people. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by individuals that have passion and take ownership with the goal of improving our Village. I am confident Village operations are streamlined and functioning efficiently both operationally and fiscally. Due to the actions taken in 2012, I expect 2013 to be a year of action, excitement and continuous improvement.

We have created an environment of partnership with local civic groups, schools and local businesses. I see tremendous potential when all of these facets communicate and work for the good of the whole. We will be working on structuring a solid communication network where all entities will have the opportunity to be heard and contribute. When we develop a real sense of community the benefits will be limitless. Our logo and message "Middlefield Means Business" has received tremendous media support. Many current local businesses have communicated their desire to help support and add value to this initiative, which will only make it stronger. We have many projects and events in the pipeline slated for 2013. In 2013, we will see completion of state and local road projects, several new businesses are coming to our Village, some occupying current structures and others building new facilities. We are very aware cooperation is a powerful tool and we are using this to create discussions that will yield opportunities with surrounding township and Villages to the benefit of all involved. We've accomplished a lot but still have a lot to do as we move toward our goal of making Middlefield a location of choice. I thank you for your support and feel honored to be the mayor of Middlefield.

