

Message from the Mayor

By Mayor Ben Garlich

On Monday, Feb. 19, I was privileged to attend an employee celebration luncheon at Chem Technologies, which is located at the northeastern end of Middlefield Village. The luncheon was a celebration to recognize Chem Tech employees for their efforts, which resulted in the best January in the history of the company.

CEO Jim Schill spoke and explained why they were so successful. His message was simple in content but complicated in execution, "listen to your customer, exceed their expectations". Jim knows satisfied customers result when employees take pride in their work and their workplace. It was evident that treating his employees fairly is a priority. His success as an employer, his provision of quality employment and his bullish approach to grow the business made me glad he is part of the Middlefield community.

It was the expansion plans of Chem Technologies that prompted Middlefield Village to move forward with the annexation of the property at Routes 528 and 87, as expanding on this land will meet Chem Tech's immediate and long term needs. On Thursday, Feb. 22, as a result of the cooperation of Middlefield Township, Cardinal Schools, Geauga County and elected Village officials, this annexation became a reality.

We continue to focus on the creation of opportunities that will expand employment options in the Village of Middlefield. We know when people live and work in the Village of Middlefield, all aspects of our Village become stronger. Maintaining open lines of communication and pursuing initiatives to further set this Village apart will make us the location of choice for families to live and do business.

I again encourage you to utilize our Web site www.middlefield.ohio.com and stay informed. The more informed and engaged you become, the better our Village will be.