

MAYOR GARLICH'S MESSAGE BOARD

By Mayor Ben Garlich

I would like to express my appreciation to the business community for becoming more and more involved in our Village. The communication has been great and through this communication we can better shape our actions and move forward. I see a growing involvement in projects with the historical society, community events, and keen interest and higher participation in the Village's calendar of events.

The responses to date for the Middlefield Summer Fest Parade have been outstanding. Last year the event was planned on short notice, while this year we have the luxury of more planning time. The parade will be held Saturday, July 27 at 1p.m. and I encourage every business in the area to participate. This is a great way to be part of the community and to promote your local business.

The Grand Marshall for the parade last year was Jean McNish, a long time resident who was selected for providing the name for this annual event. This year the Grand Marshall will be Roy Rogers Jr., who has roots in this area. Roy Jr. is the son of Roy Rogers, who, if you are not old enough remember his movies and weekly show, was King of the Cowboys in the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Roy Rogers knew the White Brothers who owned and operated the largest grocery store in Geauga County. The brothers built a new facility in Middlefield in the late 60s, which is now the building occupied by Great Lakes Outdoor Supply. Roy Jr. came to the Grand Opening and while he was here began dating a local girl, Linda Yoder and ending up marrying her. They stayed in the area a few years but then returned to Apple Valley, Calif. where his parents Roy and Dale (Evans) Rogers resided. He is very involved in running his father's business and museum and also has a cowboy band. Linda Rogers is my wife's (Karen) sister, so we look forward to having them here both to participate in the parade and to reunite with family.

Shred Day is Friday, June 7 from 4 to 7p.m. Residents and businesses of Middlefield Village may bring their materials to be shredded behind the Village Hall.

Community gardens are now available and ready for planting. Reserve your free 10X10 plot now by calling 440-632-5248.

Be involved. Shop local.