

By Mayor Ben Garlich

This has been an extremely active month for the Village as well as many local community organizations. The Cancer Society Relay For Life was held recently and the weather was perfect. The Middlefield Chamber of Commerce hosted the Geauga Consumer Connection on May 8; it was well attended and The M.A.C (Middlefield Activity Committee) along with the VFW are finalizing their preparations for the Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 27. The parade will begin at noon, which is 1 hour later than last year, as the Veterans are involved in the ceremonies in Huntsburg and Parkman earlier in the day. The parade will start at Middlefield Fire Station and conclude at the cemetery. Children are again encouraged to decorate their bikes with a patriotic theme and join in the parade. The VFW will conduct the ceremony at the cemetery and be serving hot dogs and hamburgers immediately following at the VFW. I encourage all residents to attend and show their appreciation to all those who made it possible for us to reside with freedom in this great country.

The Village Council and sub committees are busy finalizing the annexation of the land on the east side of the Village, reviewing proposals for an improved and updated comprehensive plan and planning a promotional video to show the attributes of our Village, which will encourage perspective new business development as well as residential expansion.

We are also preparing garden space, which will be made available for Village residents that desire to have a garden but don't have room on their own property. We are going to initially provide 16 plots and will expand and contract as the need dictates going forward. If you are interested please contact Village Hall, 440-632-5248, to acquire an application and regulations.

The Farmers Market is still on track to take place on July 6. The vendors are being secured and I look forward to having a central location where area residents can buy a variety of locally produced high-quality products as well as have the ability to participate in the educational venues offering health services and food preparation. [Click here for updates.](#)

I know this has been a cool and wet spring, but as weather improves I am asking that we are all are mindful of the aesthetics in the Village. Flowers in baskets will soon be planted and hung on the poles (which are the finest in the area) and all Village property will be mowed and maintained. You can play a tremendous role in making an attractive Village if you take ownership of your residence and ensure that your lawn and tree lawns are mowed and trimmed. This simple exercise adds so much value to the appearance of our Village.

I look forward to an active and exciting summer.