

Mayor's Message Oct. 23, 2013

*In my last article, I expressed how much I enjoyed all of the activities that take place in the Village during the summer season. It is hard to believe it is October, but time flies and we are now experiencing shorter days and very cool nights. The M.A.C. (Middlefield Activity Committee) is busy planning for "Snacks With Santa". The annual Community Airport Day was cancelled due to poor weather, which I am sure was as big a disappointment for others as it was for me. My grandkids were ready to take an airplane ride and the Economic Development Committee was looking forward to telling all visitors about Middlefield and why "Middlefield Means Business". They are generating a retail market analysis about the Village of Middlefield and hope to have this completed by the end of the year. This will be another tool that will encourage appropriate investment in our Village.*

*Our Recreation Department is in the midst of reorganization. I want to assure everyone that we are proud of the programs offered and it is our intention at the Village to maintain all current offerings. I've heard many questions regarding the future of the programs and want everyone to know we are taking steps to ensure all activities are continued. The Web site was just recently updated with additional winter programs.*

*I attended the annual "Friends of Mike" fund raiser and dinner. It was tremendous to see the amount of volunteers and the community support of this event. It is a huge undertaking and I applaud those who organize and create. Thank you to Al, Louise Fenselon and family, for the idea to create a vehicle to support our local schools. Your sincere concern and dedication are apparent and are a display of your caring for others.*

*We have four council seats up for election in November. I encourage everyone to attend the Candidates Night on Oct. 7 at the Middlefield Library at 7 p.m., so you will be well-informed and can select the best suited candidates, those who will keep this Village moving forward. I think this is a terrific forum allowing all to become acquainted with the candidates as they respond to pertinent questions regarding their philosophy and approach to local government. Hope to see you there.*



*Recently, I had the pleasure of hosting an afternoon with Ohio Auditor of State, David Yost. For a couple of hours, he witnessed the vibrancy of the industrial segment of Middlefield Village. He also took time to view the Village promotional video with me, which provided even more detail, supporting the attributes of our Village. I conversed with him many times last year, during the operational audit, that his office conducted for our Village. It was a pleasure meeting him and getting to know him on a more personal level.*