

## MAYOR GARLICH'S MESSAGE BOARD



I spent a large part of this past week interviewing for a new recreation director. Middlefield Village has a recreation program that includes athletic programs as well as many social functions. These add tremendous value by providing residents with many opportunities not common to Villages our size. We feel it is important that the programs are not only maintained but continue to improve. The interviewing committee was impressed with the quality of candidates and expects to employ a highly qualified, dedicated director by the end of November. We will continue to offer a well-run program that adds value and contributes to why this is a great place to live. "Middlefield Village Where Families Grow Strong."

On Veterans Day, I will have the privilege to speak to a group of seniors at Briar Hill Health Care in Middlefield. Daily, I wake up appreciative that I was born in America and have all of the freedoms that provide a great quality of life. The only limitations we have are the limitations we place on ourselves. What we enjoy did not come without the ultimate effort of many. I hope we never forget those individuals whose effort made this country great.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, a small army of volunteers spent the day putting up thousands of Christmas lights in the downtown area. This is an effort being organized by the M.A.C. (Middlefield Activity Committee) to add additional Christmas spirit to the community. They were able to solicit the advice and coaching from Dave Kiraly who is a Woodsong resident. Dave had a long career with GE and was involved in the lighting of Public Square and Nela Park. Dave spent hours designing what he felt would suit the downtown area best. All four corners will be lit with different color themes. We thank Dave for his free, professional advice and help. We also want to thank Middlefield Bank and CVS for providing electricity for their respective corners. Along with the lighting of the area, the first annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. The tree will be located in the mini park downtown; hot chocolate and cookies will be served. I hope all 2,800 residents attend this event, as it is a great way to see neighbors and get in the holiday spirit. Please shop local, be informed, be involved and visit us at [www.middlefieldohio.com](http://www.middlefieldohio.com).