

By Mayor Ben Garlich

I am not going to comment on the weather this month as I do not want to jinx the improvement. As we move into the coming months, many events and changes are planned. The Recreation Department has planned and scheduled the first adult Easter Egg Hunt. This has been a well-attended annual event for children and I look forward to participating in the adult event. Both events are planned for the same day March 28. The children's hunt is in the morning and the adult's in the evening. It will be a busy day and I hope to see you there.

The police are having their semi-annual Fill-A-Cruiser on March 21. They will be collecting again outside of the Walmart and Save-A-Lot stores. Thank you to the officers who spend the day supporting this cause as well as the merchants for the use of these two great locations. More importantly the utmost appreciation to residents that give to support this worthwhile cause. I am always amazed and appreciative of the generosity shown by people of all ages.

Under the direction of the Village Economic Development Committee the Village has ordered new entrance signs for all four main arteries into the Village. They will be installed by our crew when delivered and weather permits and display our slogans of "Middlefield Means Business" and "Where Families Grow Strong". In addition to this, the Committee has also engaged Company 119 to create a responsive website for the Village. The contract has been approved and the committee will begin development work this week. We realize the importance of keeping the website current and relevant to today's users. This project should be completed by May 15. We welcome any suggestions for enhancing our website and adding information that you feel would add value.

The Township trustees and the Village will be actively pursuing the addition of buggy lanes on Routes 87 and 608. We've had the initial conversations with ODOT and are reaching out to state and federal officials for support. Both government entities feel it would be a tremendous improvement for vehicles as well as buggies improving logistics and safety for all. We look forward to working together on this project.

I encourage you to be informed be involved and visit [www.middlefieldohio.com](http://www.middlefieldohio.com).