



## **Middlefield Village Updates**

By Mayor Ben Garlich

The new Web site is receiving lots of attention and visitors. Since its launch in mid August, more than 2000 people have visited the site. It continues to improve as it's reviewed for functionality and enhancements. Please be aware, the site has dual functions and is a residential as well as a business site. We've placed additional banners around town displaying the Web site. It's very easy when on either side of the site to move from one to the other and both have interesting photos and current Village information including meeting agendas and minutes. There is also has a suggestion box, a very effective and user-friendly way for you to provide input to help us serve this community effectively. Our first e-news letter was launched on the Web site Sept. 18 and covers a variety of enjoyable topics. Take time review and sign up to receive future e-news letters. The Web site is designed to keep you informed and create an environment of unity within our Village. I look forward to residents and businesses using the site and, with your help, making decisions that constantly improve our Village.

As we continue to build and strengthen our relationship with local businesses they are becoming more proactive in our Village. I appreciate their desire to be contributing members of our community and I expect the momentum to continue to build.

On Sept. 13, the Middlefield area was able to showcase itself to Team NEO. Representatives from Team NEO, City of Chardon, Geauga County Tourism, County officials, GGP (Gauga Growth Partnership) and local business leaders were present. Middlefield Village representatives were able to communicate our attributes and recent efforts to attract and draw new business to our area. We appreciate the opportunity and it will help add value to our current national marketing release. Our goal is to continue to network with all individuals and groups that will assist in creating quality growth in the Middlefield area.

The M.A.C. (Middlefield Activity Committee) is busy planning the final event for this year. It will be a Christmas theme with more detail to follow. The "The Shop with a Cop" program is again well funded. More detail for this event will also be provided at later date. Many individuals in addition to the M.A.C. have sacrificed personal time to support the events that brought so much enjoyment and benefit to so many. Thanks again for your time and support.