

By Mayor Ben Garlich

During our last council meeting, Village Administrator Dan Weir gave his annual Village review for 2014. All areas are showing improvement with additional utility usage as well as improved income tax revenue. We have solid financial reporting being provided and the finance committee has better information including current financial position as well as future financial expectations. This has given the Village the ability to move forward to complete the repair of Glen Valley Drive as well as the ability to purchase some additional equipment that will enhance our ability to better serve residents. It is enjoyable to be looking at improvement when so many municipalities are spending their energy cutting services due to their reduced financial situations.

With plans currently in motion we will see some empty retail space occupied within the next few months and additional manufacturing employment required as current projects are started and others complete. I thank all Village officials and employees for their efforts and attitude to work towards working in a cooperative effort to assist and accommodate those who are willing to invest in our Village. As I've stated in earlier articles I expect continued improvement for the foreseeable future.

Our Police Department continues to impress me with their continued growth and their focus on community service. I've received more notes of appreciation in the last six months than ever before. Fire Chief Reed reported at the last council meeting that Police Sergeant Savage saved the life of a resident through being first on the scene and administering CPR. This is the second occasion within the last few months our officers saved a life. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and competent staff that serve us 24/7.

The M.A.C. (Middlefield Activities Committee) is busy planning **Middlefield Summer Fest** which will be held **June 20** this year. I know they are planning in addition to the parade additional activities that should be enjoyed by all ages. Their goal is to provide an enjoyable day where we can socialize with friends and neighbors and will be affordable for all. All events are free and I look forward to another great day that will again conclude with an outstanding fireworks display.

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