## By Mayor Ben Garlich

This summer has flown and except for the brown yards due to lack of rain, it has been a fantastic summer to be outside.

I am reflecting as when I see the Geauga County Fair advertised and notices that school is resuming, I know fall will soon be here and summer will be history. I was privileged to take an extended vacation this summer and went to multiple national parks which brought to life, even more, what a great and beautiful country we are blessed to live in. Immersed in the history of our country, I learned more about those that formed this nation and kept in on the road of progress.

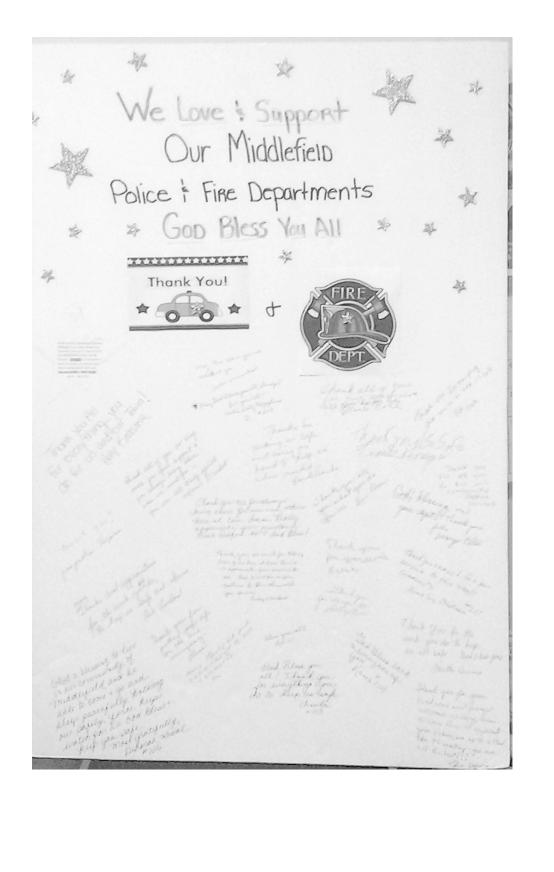
It infuriates me, when watching the news to see the turmoil in many areas of our country and know that many have an agenda to disrupt and destroy the values that make our country great. We see a decline of respect for authority and each other and more and more frequently police officers being murdered, as for some they have become the enemy. I meet with our police chief almost daily and am so thankful we live in a community where the police support the community and the community supports the police.

Included with my article this month, are pictures displaying appreciation for our police from residents of our Village. I am proud of the attitude and actions of our police department, their involvement in the community and their sincere desire to serve the residents of this Village.

In the month of August, the Village has contracted with Channel 3 to run two different commercials; they will run the entire month. These are only 15 second segments and one segment focuses on bolstering residential and using our slogan "Where Families Grow Strong" and the second segment focuses on bolstering manufacturing using our slogan "Middlefield Means Business". This is a start and if beneficial we will continue to pursue more extensive marketing.

The Village is seeing some growth as we have a pet hospital slated to be constructed this year in a new very attractive building, Briar Hill is still working through their plans and should be ready to move forward in 2017. Chem Tech has communicated they are preparing to start Phase II and expect that to be underway before bad weather. We are working diligently to keep our Village moving forward. We must continue to improve our revenue stream thru job creation and increased utility usage created by expansion to maintain the level and quality of service we enjoy.

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These posters where presented to the Middlefield Police Department from residents of Casa Lucia and some children residing in Glen Valley showing appreciation for MPD efforts and keeping this community safe.