

## *Community Connection, Winter 2015-2016*

### *Mayor's Message*

First of all, let me start by saying thank you for providing me the opportunity to continue to serve as your Mayor for another four years. We have a number of projects in the works that I am happy to be a part of and bring to fruition in our great city. I have highlighted a few of the projects below and you'll find updates on several of them on the following pages:

- \* Center Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road reconstruction projects
- \* A new assisted living facility to be constructed at the corner of Lorain Road and Bagley Road
- \* University Hospitals investment of \$32.4 million to build a state-of-the-art outpatient health center and freestanding emergency department on Lorain Road at the Turnpike entrance
- \* The school district is building a new grades 3-8 school and athletic complex on Bainbridge Road
- \* A proposed joint initiative with the City of Avon to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Route 83 and Mills Road
- \* A new Fire Station Headquarters. A sincere thank you goes out to the voters that supported issue #32 that will make the new fire station a reality. As we move forward with this project, updates will be posted on our city's website and will appear in subsequent newsletters.

Once these projects are completed, the landscape of the community will take on a new look and pave the way for future economic development. My administration has met with a number of prospective businesses that may locate to our city once the infrastructure is in place. Even though the construction phase may cause a few headaches along the way, when it is all said and done, it will be a time to celebrate our city's accomplishments.

If you haven't visited our parks recently, new artistic bike racks have been installed throughout our park system as part of the Communities Preventing Chronic Disease Grant. Another great addition to South Central Park is the new energy-efficient decorative lighting that illuminates the parking lot. We will continue to work towards adding more amenities to our parks as funds become available.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ward 3 Councilman Dr. Ron Arndt and Ward 4 Councilman Bob Olesen for their years of service and dedication to the community as they finish up their terms at the end of December. I would like to welcome incoming Ward 3 Councilman Bruce Abens and Ward 4 Councilman Bob Chapek as they begin their journey serving the residents effective January 1, 2016.

I plan to continue the monthly Coffee & Conversations with the Mayor and invite you to stop in to enjoy casual conversation and a cup of coffee on me. The dates are included under the Calendar of Events section and are also posted on our city's website. Or, if you have any questions at any time, don't hesitate to contact my office at (440) 353-0811.

As we move into the holidays, may this joyous season bring you peace, health and happiness throughout the coming year.

*Mayor G. David Gillock*