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Dear Fellow Mayor or City Manager,

I want to thank Mayor Heath for leading the Mayor's Partnership over 2015 and hope that we can have another great year in 2016. Living up to the standards set forth by the leaders of this organization during the past 20 years will be a true challenge, but as a team, I feel we can accomplish great things together. I truly hope each of you will include us in your plans for this coming year.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month at 12 noon usually at the Ohio University Inn in Athens. Our meetings last about two hours including lunch. Attendees order from the OU Inn at their own expense.

Each meeting features a special presentation of interest (see website for full schedule), followed by a short business meeting. The meeting then concludes with a round-table discussion. Attendees comment on the issues affecting their communities. This is especially informative as many of us have the same issues.

The exceptions to our regular meeting times can be viewed on the Mayor's Partnership for Progress website: www.mayorspartnership.org. We are also privileged to have present at our meetings a number of individuals representing our state and federal office holders. They are very helpful in answering questions concerning issues above the local level.

In addition, this forum offers us a much stronger singular voice on the many issues that affect Southeastern Ohio, some of which are unique to us. There is always strength in numbers. The more of us who are in attendance advocating for our communities and our region, the greater the chances we have of being heard.

The Mayor's Partnership is also fortunate to have the assistance and guidance of Robert Gordon, Coordinator, representing Ohio University's Voinovich School. They provide a great deal of technical support and their expertise is absolutely an asset to our organization. You can find much more information about the MPP at the website www.mayorspartnership.org.

I hope each of you will be able to attend at least a portion of our meetings this year.

If you'd like to inquire further about our organization, please feel free to call me at the mayor's office at 740-448-2411 or email me at amesvillemayor@gmail.com.

Again, thank you for your consideration of the Mayor's Partnership for Progress. May 2016 be your most productive and fulfilling year ever!

Sincerely yours,

Gary Goosman, Mayor
The Village of Amesville