



# City of Cheviot, Ohio

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MAYOR

Members of Council, As required by law the following is my State of the City address.

2018 was a very good year for the City of Cheviot as we celebrated our Bicentennial Birthday of 200 years. We started out the year with a bang and ended the year with a bang with not one but two fireworks display. We also managed to built a splash park in between and many, many other events that I will let the Bicentennial Co-Chairs address in their final report to Council. I would like to publicly thank the Bicentennial Co-chairs Kathy Goedl and Debbie Laumann and their committee members for all the hard work and dedication they put in to making our 200-year celebration a huge success. This celebration started out as one event each quarter and blossomed into almost a weekly/daily event that lasted year long. We still have three events planned for 2019.

In 2018 we replaced some members of our Police Dept, Fire Dept and Administrative staff with new hires to bring us up to levels of the past. We are currently holding our own even though our work load has increased drastically in these departments. Staffing levels in each department is something I will be asking Council to review for both the Police Dept, Fire Dept as well as the Building dept as we move into 2019.

I would like to publicly Thank our SSD Mr. Tom Braun for the outstanding work he has once again completed keeping our city moving forward. Our Police Chief Emmit Stone, Fire Chief Robert Klein and PWS Brent Craig are also to be thanked for their hard work running each of their perspective departments.

I would like to publicly thank our President of Council Mr. Mark Waters and all of Council for their work in creating the much-needed legislation to allow the city and its departments to run efficiently. The Law Director, Treasure and Auditor each have worked hard on the checks and balances needed to keep the city in compliance.

2018 saw many road projects completed and a few new ones started. Most notably was the completion of the WNBLVD/Washington Ave./School section project.

I have meet with all Department heads and discussed the year of 2018 and what's instore for the year of 2019. The city ended the year with just over \$2.369m cash balance with a carryover balance of just over \$700k in the general fund.

Public service is a thankless job, so I wanted to make sure I addressed the great work completed by our Elected officials as well as all of our employees.

Thank you all and

God Bless

Mayor Keller