

Cheviot Mayor State of the City Address January 07, 2020

2019 was a good year for the City of Cheviot. We wrapped up our bicentennial year of 2018 with the completion of our two outstanding projects. The dedication of the Harvest Home Park Plaque as an Ohio Historical place and the dedication of the new bricks around the cannon at Cheviot Memorial Fieldhouse.

Greg Nolan, a long-time friend and city employee, retired as the Cheviot Tax Commissioner and we welcomed Steve Brown as the new Cheviot Tax Commissioner.

We swore in several new Police Officer's and finally after many years got our PD up to full staff which allowed our community to once again send an officer to be part of the County wide RENU program to combat drugs in our region.

We hired a new building dept employee to replace Larry Cole who moved out of state. We will once again be able to offer our residents, businesses and contractors regular business hours during the daytime.

In 2019 we were successful in the annexation of the Hillebrand Nursing & Rehabilitation Center into the City of Cheviot, something the administration had been working on for years.

2019 saw the demolition of the old Franks building, the reconstruction of Trevor Ave. from Harrison Ave to Smith Rd.

We applied for a State grant of \$100k towards the cost of \$170k renovation of Harvest Home Lodge. We made it thru the first round and now are in the final round up in the state capitol. We should hear in the first qtr. or so if our project makes the final cut for state funding.

In 2019 we received notice that our SKIP application was funded for the reconstruction of Delmar, Davis and Olivette Aves.

In 2019 the Cheviot bicentennial splash park/pool operated in the black and thanks to a generous donation from the bicentennial committee we were able to replace the aging filter at the pool. The new filter was installed in the fall and will be tested in the spring.

I would like to thank City Council, especially finance chairman Dave Voss and the finance committee for working to ensure that our city has the working capital to operate our different departments at peak performance to give our citizens what they truly deserve and that is top notch employees and equipment to do the job.

In 2019 the City finished the year once again operating in the black in spite of some major equipment break downs. This came as a result of hard work by our great administrative staff, Fire Chief Bob Klein, Police Chief Emmett Stone and PWS Brent Craig staying within our means. Patti, Brenda, Allison, Karen, Nicole and Sarah all make for a well-oiled machine that keeps our city rolling. I cannot begin to thank SSD Tom Braun enough for all the hard work and dedication he has always given to our city. His city knowledge and leadership are unmatched and I am truly blessed to have him as my administrator.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel D. Keller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Samuel D. Keller

Mayor City of Cheviot