



City of Cortland

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Dear Cortland Residents and Businesses;

It has been a very busy 2018 for the City. Many accomplishments have been made such as road resurfacing, new water line upgrades, pickle ball court refurbishing, and new playground equipment at Pearl Park. A new ambulance was purchased as well as other fire, police and service vehicle upgrades were made. An approximate total of \$200,000 in grant monies was obtained to help fund all of these projects.

On the administrative side, the City has gone to an open checkbook for transparency which anyone can access by going to www.OpenCheckbook.com hosted by the Ohio State Treasurer's office. New city accounting software and utility software has finally been installed, replacing a very old and outdated system. The new utility billing system enables residents to see their current water/sewer usage and even compare the previous 10 years right from home on their own computers. Residents can now pay their bills on line from the following web site www.cortlandoh.authoritypay.com.

There have been two new completed projects located in the City; the Lakeview Schools K-8 building and the Veterans Memorial at Point Park. The memorial project was solely spearheaded by a very dedicated group of hard working citizens. Not only were they in charge of the design, but also, raised the entire amount of construction money through State, corporate, and private money. The beautiful new state of the art school building was funded through state grant and levy monies. Our police department is now providing two resource officers of which the school provides \$71,000 as a reimbursement for wage expenses.

Some of the major projects for 2019 include: the annual roads resurfacing, Main Street resurfacing, Cedar Drive (phase 2) water line replacement and North Mecca St. waterline replacement. Willow Park tennis courts will be completely refurbished to also include new fencing. The Police Department will be accepting delivery of new police vehicles and new state of the art communication equipment. The Fire Department will be taking delivery of another new ambulance, a power lift cot for the ambulance, new state of the art communication equipment, and 18 new Scott air packs (SBA's). The Finance Department will be setting up the ability for the city to accept credit card payments for utility billing as well as other fees the city collects. Most of these projects are being partially funded through outside donations (tennis court project) and grant money.

I'd like to take this time to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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