

Recreation Board Meeting:

- The next Recreation Board meeting is on Wed., Feb. 8th at 5:30p at City Hall

Bexley Community Foundation Texas Hold'em Fundraiser:

- The Bexley Community Foundation Texas Hold'em Fundraiser will be held at Jeffrey Mansion on Fri., Jan. 27th.
- Food will be provided by event sponsor Jimmy Johns starting at 6p. The tournament will start at 7p.
- You can learn more about the event and pre-register by going to www.bexley.org/poker. If you pre-register, which closes at end of day Thursday, you will receive a discounted rate of \$50. Day of registration (at the door) will cost \$75.
- Also want to thank event sponsor Seventh Son for their support.
- The Bexley Community Foundation has done such wonderful things for our community, including being an amazing supporter of so many of the recreation and parks initiatives. Please consider supporting this event.

**Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) – Annual Conference:**

- The annual OPRA Conference opens this Sun., Jan. 29th and runs through Wed., Feb. 1st.
- A number of recreation staff will be attending the conference, which will include continuing educational classes, speakers from a variety of industry experts, and networking with recreation and parks professionals from throughout Ohio.
- This is a great opportunity to learn about what other municipalities are doing with their recreation and parks department. Staff will bring back new programming ideas, techniques for improving operations, and a renewed energy for serving.
- We appreciate the support from City Council and Mayor Kessler, allowing our staff to continue to learn and grow in our field.

Year of the Parks:

- With the start of the New Year, our attention and focus has turned toward the effort of the Year of the Parks (YOTP).
- We are very excited about the projects connected to the YOTP and are now meeting regularly to work toward implementation.
- Meetings are taking place with the various stakeholders including Capital University, the Bexley Public Library, Torat Emet, and more.
- We have also engaged MKSK to complete the Commonwealth Park – Columbia Project design. We will begin pre-design meetings over the next couple of weeks.
- We are excited about the parks enhancements, new installations, and opportunities for active play that the YOTP will provide our community.

