

**Recreation Board Meeting:**

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

**Bexley Community Foundation Texas Hold'em Fundraiser:**

- Congratulations to the Bexley Community Foundation on a wonderful Poker Fundraiser event on Fri., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The event had 72 registered participants, which is nearly 50% more than the last poker fundraiser.
- Thank you to Lauren Miller and Natalie Mullin for their support of the event and to all of the participants.
- Thank you to event sponsors:
  - Seventh Son
  - Jimmy Johns
  - Schooley Caldwell

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

- Staff attended this past weeks OPRA conference in Sandusky, Ohio.
- Besides watching the Bengals lose the big game, it was a very positive experience.
- Staff will provide a written synopsis of their experience which will include:
  - Overall takeaway from the conference
  - Feedback on improvements that we can recommend back to OPRA
  - 5 action items that they took from the conference and how they plan to implement in their career.
- We will also have a full staff meeting to share information and takeaways with all of the staff, including staff that was not able to attend the conference.

**Maple Syrup and Jeffrey Woods Festival:**

- The Jeffrey Woods Festival will be held on Sat., Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> from 8a-2p at the Clifton Shelter House by the pool parking lot.
- The Jeffrey Woods Festival will include the Kelveden Maple Syrup production, a sawmill demonstration, the Wood Chop Shop and a craft project.
- The Maple Syrup Production program starts with the tapping of the sugar maple trees on Sat., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9a at the Memorial Shelter House at Jeffrey Park.
  - Registration is required for the Maple Syrup Production and will include a bottle of the 2023 Kelveden Maple Syrup.
- The Wood Chop Shop also requires registration, although we currently have a significant waitlist.



## **Year of the Parks – Commonwealth Park Community Workshop – Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Bexley City Hall will host the Commonwealth Park Community Workshop on Mon., Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6p-7:30p.
- This will be a three part workshop:
  - Public Workshop for the Columbia Project Design
    - We have engaged MKSK to develop the design for the Columbia Street project between Commonwealth East and West. This public workshop will be an opportunity for the community to provide input for the design process.
  - Commonwealth Park Arboretum and Pond Update
    - This will be an opportunity for the community to review the arboretum and pond design and provide feedback.
  - Update on the Commonwealth Park Master Plan, which was approved back in 2018
    - The Columbia and Arboretum Projects were both called for within the approved Commonwealth Park Master Plan.

