



# February 7, 2023 **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

## Coming up in Bexley:

February 8, 5:00 pm:	Civil Service Commission Working Group
February 8, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
February 8, 6:00 pm:	Board of Education
February 9, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
February 13, 5:30 pm:	Bexley Historical Society
February 15, 9:00 am-12:00 pm:	City Council Strategic Planning Session
February 15, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Garden Commission
February 15, 7:30 pm:	Gerhold Lecture Series featuring Marlon James @ Capital University
February 21, 6:00 pm:	City Council
February 21, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
February 23, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning and Appeals Planning
February 25:	Sugar Maple Tapping in Jeffrey Woods
February 26, 3:00 - 4:30 pm:	New Residents Welcome Event at Jeffrey Mansion
March 1, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
March 4, 8:00 am and on:	Jeffrey Woods Festival
March 4, 9:00 - 11:00 am	ReCycle Bikes Workshop
March 6, 6:00 - 7:30 pm:	Commonwealth Park Plaza Public Workshop

## Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Weekly departmental meetings
- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Meetings and follow up with City Engineer on upcoming and potential projects
- Meeting regarding 4th Parade Route Planning
- Meeting regarding north end water meter replacement plans
- Extensive work on strategic plan refresh
- Extensive Year of the Parks work including multiple meetings, planning work, and emails and phone calls with stakeholders
- Meetings, research and follow up on pending and existing tobacco legislation
- Meeting with skate enthusiasts regarding potential skate/bike playground
- Meeting with BCF reps re: YOTP
- Meeting with public art consultant
- BCF Grant LOI submittals
- Meeting with new farmers' market management
- COMMA meeting and tour of East Market progress
- Dog park committee
- Meeting with residents re: Broad/Cassingham
- Meeting with OSU students re: climate action plan
- Participated on panel for Master Gardener Volunteers conference
- Volunteered at re:cycle bikes workshop
- OEC committee meeting
- Arboretum signage meeting
- Meeting with Rapid 5 reps re potential Bexley project
- Work, research and calls on Land Use Strategy 2.0
- Gun violence meeting preparation and follow up
- Meetings with potential developers
- Meeting with a student regarding stormwater management concept
- Extensive research on parcels and zoning near Schneider Park.
- Alley of the Future workshop

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CITY OF BEXLEY EMAIL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

## Year of the Parks Update

Year of the Parks is moving along with some wonderful recent meetings, including the preliminary approval of the Outdoor Reading Room design by the Bexley Public Library and Torat Emet boards and the approval of the Schneider Park splash pad.



### Meetings and Progress Over Past Couple Weeks:

- Presentation of refined Outdoor Reading Garden to Torat Emet Board
- Review and assess preliminary estimate on splash pad at Schneider Park
- Selection of vendor for park signage package
- "Skate/bike playground" meeting with community members

### Next Steps Coming Up Soon:

- Posting invitation to Bid for Commonwealth Park Pond
- Posting Invitation to Bid for Commonwealth Follies
- Commonwealth Park Plaza Public Workshop (March 6)
- Outdoor Reading Room preliminary design to Tree and Public Gardens



## Commonwealth Park Plaza Public Workshop

Work has begun on finalizing the Commonwealth Plaza plan. A public workshop will be held March 6th in order to provide a park update and to solicit feedback on finalizing the details of the plaza that will serve to help harmonize the east and west sides of the park.

## Outdoor Reading Room Update - Roles of the Stakeholders

As the Outdoor Reading Room at the Bexley Public Library and Torat Emet is taking shape, details are firming up on how to finance, install, and maintain the proposed park. The proposal is that the Library and Torat Emet would negotiate easements to allow the library to maintain and manage the park. The City is helping to convene the process and assist with the design and project oversight, and will be assisting with funding the park as an eligible project of the Main Street Streetscape TIF. The City would then assist with construction oversight and portions of the initial maintenance of the park in the first year while plant material is being established. The library would then proceed with park maintenance in the years to come.

## Ferndale/Mayfield Action Update

Yesterday afternoon we received the completed Phase II environmental survey for the last 9 properties located on Ferndale and Mayfield that had not previously had a Phase II survey. All 9 properties were contaminated at a similar level to the other properties on top of the Holtzman landfill. Letters are being sent to tenants to notify them of the contamination and provide action items, and letters are being drafted to landlords pursuant to the City's nuisance sites ordinance.

## Trinity Apartments Update

Capital University announced this week that they are offering the Trinity Apartments site for sale. We have received numerous inquiries from developers over the years, and will continue to provide support and assistance as requested.

## HR Audit Update

We received an initial draft of our HR audit last week and met with the HR firm that performed it to discuss the findings. Once the report has been finalized, we will present its findings and recommendations to council, some of which will involve detailing additional proposed HR expenditures which were budgeted for in advance as part of the 2023 budget process.

## Franklin County Public Health - Health Works Franklin County Feb 23

Health Works Franklin County (HWFC) is a cross-sector, collective impact coalition designed to bring together partners from across the entire public health system with a focus on social determinants of health to guide and inform FCPH's next community health improvement plan. Additional meetings of HWFC will be held in the next few months as FCPH works to finalize a new plan for our health jurisdiction by May 2023. Guidance and expertise from City Leaders is critical to inform this effort, and you are invited to join this virtual meeting on February 23 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Learn more about Health Works Franklin County at <https://myfcph.org/>. If you are interested in attending, feel free to reach out and we'll be happy to register you for this meeting.

## Post Office Update

As we've continued to advocate with federal leaders and regional and local post office management for improvements to service, we've recently received an update I wanted to pass along. After a prolonged period of being understaffed, we're being told that the 43209 post office is now fully staffed and training is under way, with the goal of restoring regular, daily deliveries and resolving other service issues over the next several weeks.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**THE 10TH JEFFREY WOODS**  
**FESTIVAL**  
**MARCH 4 2023**



### Mayor's Office Major Goals for 2023

#### Mega Meta Goal

Finalize and complete the Year of the Parks projects

#### Safety and Community Health

Continue to study and pursue the cleanup of unsafe environmental sites

Complete and institute Youth Interaction Working Group recommendations

Enact income-based fines for minor misdemeanors

Craft and institute community mental health and social services support model

Support and encourage police department community policing expansion

Help facilitate new, positive programs with police and schools around traffic and student safety and relationship development

Help facilitate police department command structure updates

Launch bike boulevard network and signage

Institute trail town recommendations

#### Environment and Sustainability

Work with Council to advance zero emissions landscaping incentive ordinance

Complete Climate Action Plan for Council adoption

Pass and institute universal recycling

Identify and install on-street EV charging infrastructure

Monitor electrical aggregation options

Stormwater onsite treatment code

#### Zoning and Development

Facilitate unsafe environmental site remediation and redevelopment

Launch Land Use Strategy Commission update process

Continue to encourage development of the Gateway South site

Work with the property owner of Chelsea and Main to remove all site improvements, remediate the site, and make it available for development

Update Livingston Avenue Zoning Code to conform with Joint Livingston Avenue Plan recommendations

#### Parks and Recreation

Work with Council and Rec Board on modernizing park rules and rec board ordinance

Work with Recreation Department to launch Jeffrey Park Plan process

#### Service and Infrastructure

Leverage ARP funds to fast-track sewer infrastructure improvements

Work with Council to implement rigorous onsite stormwater treatment requirements for additive impervious surface

Plan and install "Alley of the Future" project

Finalize Columbia Place proposal

Complete Drexel Avenue road diet

Plan and execute 2023 street program

#### Communications and Strategy

Complete 2023 Strategic Plan Update (early 2023)

Draft and circulate Annual Report to the Community

Re-launch New Resident Welcome events

Revamp internal communications

Institute HR audit recommendations











