



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

## Coming up in Bexley:

March 8, 5:30 pm:	Chamber of Commerce
March 8, 6:00 pm:	Board of Education
March 9, 11:30am-1:00 pm:	Bike Friendly Bexley - Open Workshop
March 9, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
March 13, 5:30 pm:	Bexley Historical Society
March 13, 6:00 pm:	Community Improvement Corporation
March 14, 6:30 pm:	State of the Community Address
March 15, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Public Garden Commission
March 15, 7:00 pm:	Bexley Jeopardy with Chamber of Commerce at Drexel Theatre
March 20, 6:30 pm:	Bexley Minority Parent Alliance
March 20 - March 24:	Bexley City Schools Spring Break
March 21, 4:00 pm:	Citizen Review Board
March 21, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
March 23, 11:30am-1:00 pm:	Bike Friendly Bexley - Open Workshop
March 23, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
March 28, 6:00 pm:	City Council and Public Hearing for Ordinances 06-23 and 07-23

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

- Weekly departmental meetings
- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Extensive work on planning, preparation, staffing and cleanup of the Jeffrey Woods Festival
- Meeting and follow up on Commonwealth Plaza
- Email and follow up with residents on Roosevelt traffic concerns
- Meeting and research on Columbia Place
- Creation, posting, and organization of submissions for electrical aggregate vendor RFQ.
- Extensive work on Year of the Parks including meetings, calls, and funding planning
- Meetings and calls with potential developers
- Interviews with Columbus Dispatch, WSYX Channel 6, and Columbus Jewish News.
- Ferndale/Mayfield Brainstorming Meeting
- Interview with Bexley Torch on Bexley Architecture
- OEC Communications and Policy Meeting
- Attend Smile For We library program
- Planning and attendance at New Resident Welcome Event
- Met with Jason Fine and Ben Heckman
- Extensive work, meetings, calls, emails, and follow up on community-wide belonging and anti-racism efforts
- Meeting with BRAIR
- Meeting with Nicole Boyer
- COMMA Meeting
- Community Leaders Strategic Lunch at Library
- Meeting with Capital University
- Preparation, organization, and presentation at Commonwealth Park Public Workshop
- Quarterly Meeting with Schools
- Creation and posting of HR RFP
- Post-Renewal Insurance Meeting

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## Year of the Parks Update

Work and meetings for Year of the Parks continues!

### Meetings and Progress Over Past Couple Weeks:

- Continued progress on Invitation to Bid for Commonwealth Follies
- Community Public Workshop for Commonwealth Park
- Zoning ordinances introduced to ensure proper, consistent, appropriate zoning along Schneider Park



### Next Steps Coming Up Soon:

- Invitation to Bid to be posted for Commonwealth Park Follies
- Evaluation of Commonwealth Park Public Workshop Feedback
- Assessment of survey data

## Parkview Trees

With the completion of the Jeffrey Manion renovations, the City has partnered with the Bexley Community Foundation to upgrade the tree lawn on Parkview. The declining crab apple and golden rain trees will be removed by the City to make way for replacement Persian Ironwood trees. The Persian Ironwood represents a new species for our municipal arboretum and has many beneficial features including colorful leaves, disease resistance, and a moderate height, which is optimal given the utility poles in the area.

The Trees for Bexley 2022 fall campaign focused on raising private funds for this project. The success of this campaign and the generosity of donors ensured this project will be completed without cost to residents. Work for this project is underway and I'm looking forward to seeing our newest trees once the plantings are complete.

## Human Resources RFP

The City of Bexley is seeking proposals from human resource consultants to assist the City. Proposals are due by March 22, 2023 and should include support for the following HR functions:

Hiring process management  
Discipline management  
Pay scale and pay equity management  
Workers' Compensation management  
Employee training  
Employee evaluation standardization and tracking  
Employee complaints/investigations  
Health insurance and benefits enrollment and management

The Request for Proposal requests hourly rates for service with billable hours for the contract are estimated at 80 to 100 hours per month.

## Community Belonging / Anti-Racism Programming

We're continuing to work full-speed ahead in partnership with the school district and the library on a community education program focused around coaching white allyship for black residents; fostering a greater sense of belonging for all community members; and educating the community on the historical context of systemic racism in America and Bexley. Our third planning meeting is later this week, and we hope to broaden input reach as we finalize details for the program.

## Columbus Regional ESID

Last week, I was honored to accept nomination as chair of the Columbus Regional ESID. Formed in 2015, the Columbus Regional ESID enables lenders to offer Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing in a specified geographic area in the Columbus Region. The geography changes over time as properties in non-ESID areas request to be added to the ESID to enable property owner access to PACE financing. Bexley joined the ESID as part of our City Hall and Service Garage solar panel project, and as a board member I've been active in helping establish greater incentives to developers to nudge projects toward higher efficiency gains. <https://columbusregionalesid.com>

### 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 impermeable 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





















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