



# April 11, 2023 MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

April 12, 5:00 pm:	Civil Service Commission
April 12, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
April 12, 6:00 pm:	Board of Education
April 13, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
April 15, 6:00 pm:	Main Street Music Festival
April 18, 5:30 pm:	Board of Health
April 18, 6:30 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
April 19, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Garden Commission
April 19, 6:30 pm:	One Bexley Project Planning Meeting at Bexley Library
April 20, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Bike Friendly Bexley - Bike Boulevard on Tour
April 22, 10:00 am:	Trash Talk with Mayor Ben
April 22, 8:00 am - 11:00 am	Green Bexley Cleanup Day
April 22, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Earth and Arbor Days Celebration

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

- Weekly departmental meetings
- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Quarterly Meeting with Bexley City Schools
- Work on Commonwealth Folies RFP
- Extensive work on Year of the Parks including meetings on Skate Park and Columbia Plaza
- Planning and design work on Main Event 2023 Season
- Meetings on future senior center
- Commonwealth Park Plaza Oversight Meeting
- Meeting regarding House and Garden Tour
- MORPC State of the Region
- Extensive planning and organization of technical panels for Trinity Apartments site
- Meeting with potential developers
- Bexley Recycle Bikes Open Workshop and Montrose Fun-For-All
- OEC Strategic Planning Firm Selection work and meetings
- Lunch with Kathy Adams of Upper Arlington
- Eastern Franklin County Conservation Meeting
- Led Arbor Month Author Talk at library
- Meetings and work on Land Use Strategy Refresh commission
- Egg Dash at Jeffrey
- Featured Speaker at Greater Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival
- Oral Board for Police Officer Candidate
- Work and follow up on Alley of the Future
- Extensive work on Bexley One project including emails, outreach, meetings, and coordination of community planning 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 for bridge project
- Analyzing design RFPs for skate/bike playground

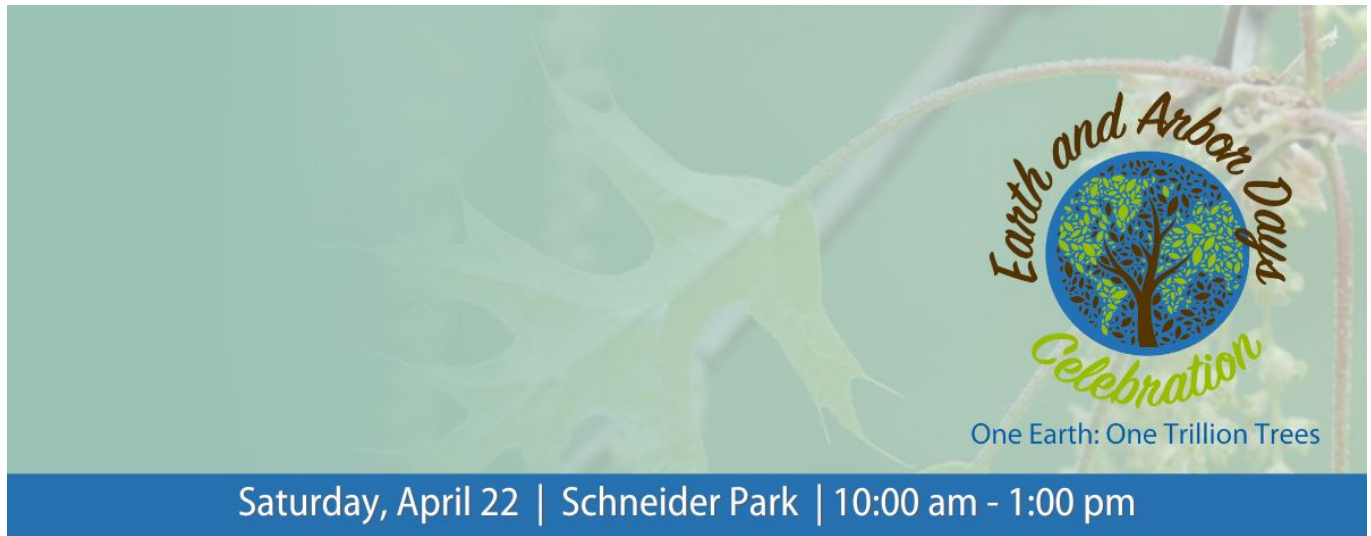
## Aggregation Update

PUCO Certification is updated, broker working on preparing RFP

## One Bexley Project Planning Meeting

We are holding a planning session for community members interested in helping to proactively plan and lead the One Bexley Project, in anticipation of a wider community program to come. The planning session will be held on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Bexley Public Library Auditorium. In order to help us plan for small-group facilitation and meeting logistics, we ask that participants [RSVP in advance via this link](#).





## Earth and Arbor Day Festival April 22nd

Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Schneider Park

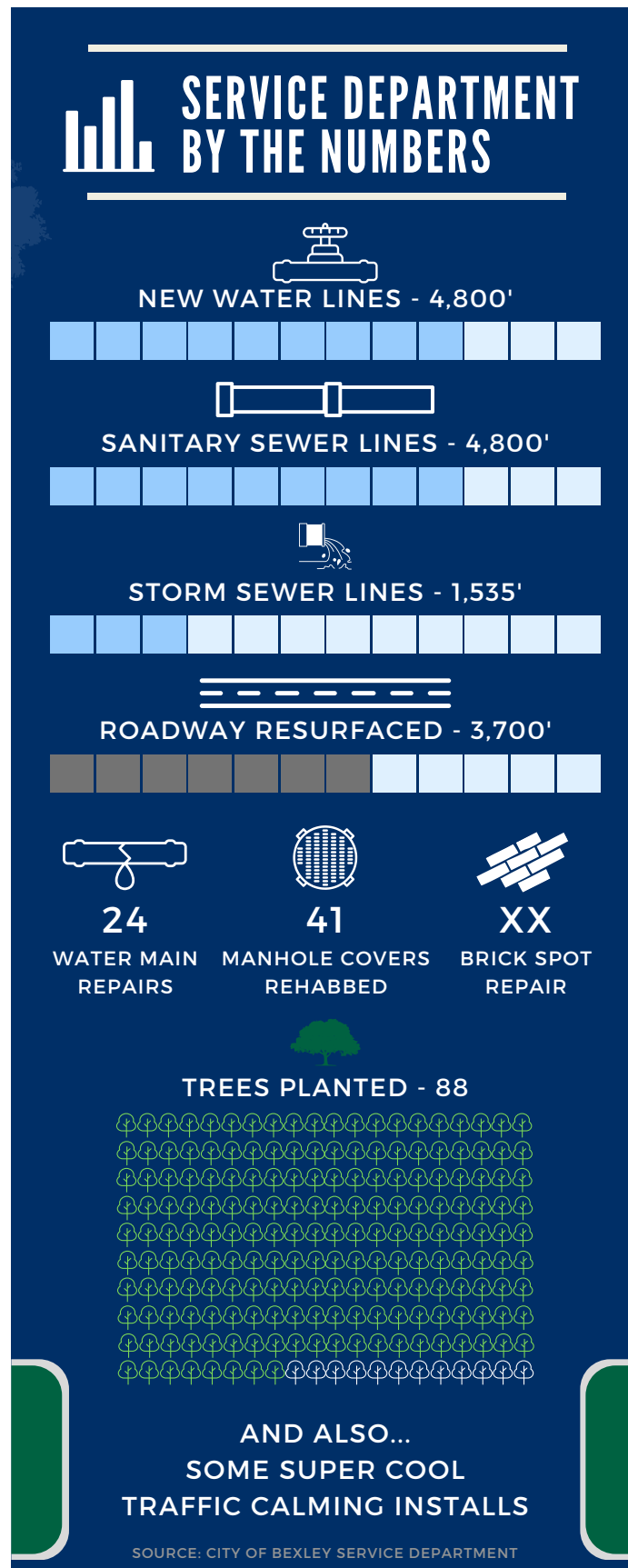
Green Bexley and Bexley's Tree & Public Gardens Commission are excited to join forces on April 22, 2023 for the Earth and Arbor Days Celebration from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Schneider Park, a former landfill which now is part of a long trail system and houses the Bexley Community Gardens. This year, we're celebrating one earth, one trillion trees; this concept marries the values of both organizations with the idea that one trillion trees can combat the climate crisis, regeneratively. The event will have fun, hands-on activities for kids and the whole family and will be an opportunity to learn more about taking care of our planet and arboretum! Learn more [here](#).

## Green Bexley Cleanup Day April 22nd

Saturday, April 22 from 8:00 to 11:00 am at Delmar Drive Drop-off Point

Drive through the Green Bexley Cleanup Day to discard select unwanted or unusable items on Delmar Drive. A list of accepted items is available [here](#). If you have items to discard that are still in good working order, please consider rehoming them instead of putting them in the landfill! Join us for Bexley's annual Green Bexley Cleanup Day! If you have time to lend a helping hand at the event, sign up [here](#). Learn more about this and other great Arbor and Earth Month events [here](#).

## Annual Report Drafting is Underway





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## **Calm Corridor Public Workshop**

Explore and share ideas for a reimagined, safer route  
between Bexley's school campuses

May 16th, 6:30 pm @ Bexley City Hall



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### 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









