



May 23, 2023

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

May 25, 4:00 - 7:00 pm:	Farmer's Market (also on June 1 and June 8)
May 25, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning
May 27, 11:00 am:	Bexley Pool Opens for the Season!
May 29, 11:00 am:	Memorial Day Service
May 29, 5:00 - 7:00 pm:	Havenwood Park Grand Re-Opening & Jazz in the Park
June 2, 6:00 - 11:00 pm:	Main Event - Bexley's Got Talent & Sing 2
June 3, 9:00 - 11:00 am:	Bexley ReCycle Bikes Open Workshop
June 3, 1:00 - 7:00 pm:	PorchFest
June 4, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm:	BWC House and Garden Tour
June 7, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
June 8, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
June 11, 1:00 - 2:30 pm:	Community Backyards Program

Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Weekly departmental meetings
- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Work and reserach on Council Chambers tech issues and future strategy
- Intern Interviews and onboarding for Communications Intern
- Attended Norheat Mayor's Lunch
- Research and follow up on Roosevelt speeding concerns
- Extensive work on strategic plan
- Planning and facilitation of Commonwealth Groundbreaking and Tour
- OEC Strategic Planning Meetings and Work
- Research, Meetings, and Follow Up on potential developments
- Ferndale Mayfield meeting
- Officiated Friend/Layne wedding
- Extensive work, planning, meetings, and communications for One Bexley workshop
- Attended Love Your Alley festival
- Planning and work on Newsletter
- Earth and Arbor Day wrap up meeting
- Planning and presentation at Calm Corridors Workshop
- Planning for Service Department appreciation cookout
- Grants meeting with BCF
- Opening Day at Bexley Farmer's Market
- Meeting with Representative Dontavius Jarell
- Jeffrey Park Planning Kickoff Meeting
- Jeffrey Cottage Meeting
- Attended Ferndale/Mayfield Barbecue
- Meeting with Building Department Consultants
- Planning and meetings for Land Use Strategy refresh
- Calm Corridors Workshop and Follow up
- Attended formal ribbon cutting NOAHLA
- Mayor's Court team 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:

- Commonwealth Pond Groundbreaking Event
- Columbia Plaza Design Development approved by both ARB and Tree and Public Garden Commission
- Splashpad construction is underway
- Commonwealth Follies bids are in and on Board of Control for tonight

Meetings and Progress Over Past Couple Weeks:

- Going to bid for Schneider Park Landscape improvements
- Should receive preliminary designs for pedestrian bridge
- Finalizing construction drawings for library and outdoor reading room
- Dog park grand opening - TBD



One Bexley Project Update

The One Bexley Project community planning session was held on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. At the workshop, participants helped us craft a vision to nurture a community free from racism and prejudice, where all residents and visitors are valued, respected, and empowered to thrive. The One Bexley project is a joint effort of the City, Schools, Library, and other area organizations. We had good attendance and great conversation. Next steps - the planning committee will reconvene and start planning for program launch and implementation needs. Expect to see a budget ask for this initiative in the coming months.

Human Resource Contract Update

After analyzing consultant quotes, Marc and I are working on expanding the search to additional potential consultants, as well as exploring a part of full time job position. We will bring back a position description at the next meeting, and, pending any results from expanded consultant search, may post the position in the coming weeks to see if there is interest from qualified individuals.

Board of Control Items

The following items will be discussed at the Board of Control Meeting tonight:

- Commonwealth Follies

Calm Corridors Workshop

At our Calm Corridors Workshop last week, residents heard concepts for slowing traffic and providing a safer environment for our youngest pedestrians and cyclists on their routes to school. Concepts discussed included tabletop intersections, scramble intersections, bump outs, bike lanes, and more! Engineering will now begin working on turning some of these ideas into reality, with a planned roll-out as part of our 2024 streets project.

Farmers' Market is Now Open

The Farmers' Market opening bell rang in a new season of fresh produce and creative local crafts and specialties. Catch the next market on Thursdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Dawson just north of Main.

Noahla Grand Opening

Last week we joined the Chamber of Commerce and local residents in cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of Noahla on Main! This New Orleans inspired restaurant features super fresh seafood, and some truly spectacular offerings. Check them out soon!

Love Your Alley at the Sherwood Business Alley behind Starbucks

Love Your Alley volunteers, primarily staffed by students from the Bexley High School Environmental Club, took to the alley behind Starbucks and did a fantastic job infusing art and native plantings in this highly visible alley. Thank you to the volunteers and planners for making such a special difference!

Service Department Takes Delivery of an F-150 Lightning Electric Truck

This week the service department took delivery of our first all-electric pickup truck. The truck will be used by the urban forestry department during the week, and will be available for community events during the weekend and after hours. Its onboard outlets essentially turn it into a powerful portable battery powered generator, and it will be especially helpful for community events. Props to Service Director Andy Bashore, who got a great deal on this hard-to-find truck, resulting in a truck that was less expensive than the equivalent gas-powered version despite these models being hard to find and often selling significantly above sticker price.

Bexley's ReCycle Bikes Annual Event

At our annual event, organized by DARN, we handed out over 60 bikes to kids and families in need, with police department staff helping outfit helmets and bike licenses. Additionally, kids got access to school and rec resources, among other items, in what was an amazing event last Saturday at Schneider Park.



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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



MAYOR'S PHOTO UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL



One Bexley Project - Public Workshop



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ReCycle Bikes at DARN
Block Party



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DARN Block Party / ReCycle Bikes



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Love Your Alley @ Sherwood/Main



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At the Noahla Grand Opening



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Celebrating John Laing's Achievement as an Eagle Scout



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It's Electric!