



# September 26, 2023

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

September 27, 6:30 pm:	The Intel on Intel
September 28, 4:00-7:00 pm:	Farmers' Market
September 28, 6:00 pm:	BZAP Meeting
September 29, 7:00 pm:	Bexley / Academy Mayor's/Headmaster's Cup Rivalry Game
September 30, 6:00-10:30 pm:	Main Event: Top Gun Maverick
October 1, 3:00-4:30 pm:	HEARTSafe Bexley Elected Official Training
October 1, 6:00-8:00 pm:	A One Bexley Gathering
October 3, 6:00 pm:	Jeffrey Park Master Plan Public Workshop
October 4, 5:30 pm:	Land Use Strategy Meeting
October 4, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board Meeting
October 5, 11:30 am:	Bike Boulevard Working Group
October 7, 9:00 am:	ReCycle Bikes Open Workshop
October 7:	Into the Woods Festival
October 10, 6:00 pm:	City Council Meeting
October 13:	Harvest Festival
October 31, 5:30 to 7:00 pm:	Trick or Treat Hours

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

- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Meeting and planning for One Bexley next steps
- Into the Woods meeting
- Grant meeting and reporting follow up with BCF
- Research, work, and meetings on various ordinances
- Prepared for bike lane and Pleasant Ridge traffic calming meeting
- Swearing in at BPD
- OEC board retreat
- Attended COTA/LinkUS Land Use Strategy learning session
- Land Use Strategy 2.0 emails, meetings, and calls
- Graphics work for HEARTSafe Bexley
- Meeting and follow up on Bexley Square parking lot
- Meeting with Bexley City Schools
- Year of the Parks meetings, communications items, and follow up calls and research
- Scheduled public workshops for several upcoming projects
- Worked on fall/winter newsletter
- Various follow-up / customer service meetings with residents and businesses
- Worked on on-boarding of HR Coordinator
- Chaired MORPC Sustainability Advisory Committee
- Received MORPC executive board Secretary position
- Attended Tree and Public Gardens Commission meeting
- Attended Bexley Beautification Fund Advisors meeting
- Attended OEPA awards ceremony
- Worked on bike boulevard route wayfinding

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## Year of the Parks Update

### Meetings and Progress Over Past Couple Weeks:

- Pond should be complete in late September
- Arboretum trail and plantings at Commonwealth are scheduled for October
- Schneider plantings will commence shortly
- Outdoor reading room construction drawings are complete and being prepared for bid
- Commonwealth follies beginning soon - look for a groundbreaking invite!
- Commonwealth unification plan concepts are being refined to prepare for a workshop later this year



## BCF Grant Awards

This month, we received good news on several grants that had been applied for or where fundraising is underway. This included:

- \$30,000 in grant funding for the Drexel Avenue median tree plantings and hardscape
- \$23,000 in grant funding for the Schneider Park birch walk and landscape infill
- News that the BCF is close to completing its \$500,000 YOTP commitment, thanks in part to a recent gift of \$150,000 towards the project
- A variety of smaller grants received through the 2nd round grant awards for 2023

## MORPC Executive Board - Secretary Position

At September's MORPC board meeting, I was voted in as Secretary of the Board. A ticker tape parade followed.

## Trinity Redevelopment Update

In September, the proposed development at 2200 E Main received preliminary review at the architectural review board and the tree and public gardens commission. Based on feedback received, the developer is working on honing plans and will not be attending the BZAP meeting this Thursday, as updated plans are still being worked on. The earliest next expected hearing will be in October, at the next ARB meeting.

Here are some possible upcoming dates / touch points:

- October 12: Architectural Review Board
- October 18: Tree and Public Gardens Commission
- October 26: BZAP

## Bike Lane Meetings

Next week, we will be meeting with residents along Roosevelt between Fair and Main and Cassingham between Fair and Main to discuss proposed dedicated bike lanes in these areas, to facilitate safe passage for cyclists and to assist with traffic calming.



*Filming the One Bexley Gathering promo spot :)*