



# October 24, 2023

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

<b>October 26, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning</b>
<b>October 28, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm:</b>	<b>DEA National Rx Takeback Day at BPD</b>
<b>October 28, 7:30 - 11:30 pm:</b>	<b>Halloween Bash</b>
<b>October 31, 5:30 - 7:00 pm:</b>	<b>Trick or Treat Hours</b>
<b>November 1, 6:00 - 7:00 pm:</b>	<b>Land Use Strategy Public Workshop</b>
<b>November 4, 9:00 - 11:00 am:</b>	<b>Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop</b>
<b>November 7:</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
<b>November 9, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Architectural Review Board</b>
<b>November 13, 5:00 pm:</b>	<b>Civil Service Commission</b>
<b>November 13, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Community Improvement Corporation</b>
<b>November 14, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>City Council</b>
<b>November 16, 5:30 pm:</b>	<b>Draft Strategic Plan Public Workshop</b>
<b>November 23, 9:00 am:</b>	<b>St. Albans Turkey Trot</b>
<b>December 3, 5:00 pm:</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Lighting at Drexel Circle</b>
<b>December 9, 8:30 am:</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast at Jeffrey Mansion</b>
<b>December 13, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Menorah Lighting at Drexel Circle</b>

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

- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Extensive planning, work, meetings and communications for Cassingham bike lanes
- Facilitated group discussion at The Big Table
- OEC Office Space Relocation Meeting
- Cooked chili for Harvest Festival
- Code enforcement and mayor's court meeting
- Meetings, emails, and calls with potential developers
- Emails and calls with residents on a variety of issues
- Multiple budget meetings with staff members
- Attended Jeffrey Park Preservation Workshop
- Reviewed and followed up on grant applications
- One Bexley Planning meeting, RFP review, and RFP evaluation meeting and follow up work
- Communications to Pleasant Ridge
- Multiple calls and emails regarding safety updates in community
- Meeting with BCEP
- Alley of the Future Workshop planning work and facilitated workshop
- EV Meeting
- Attended Taste of Bexley
- Attended JewishColumbus event
- Meetings on potential future ordinances
- Meeting with HR relating to benefits audits and 2024 benefits options
- Work on Year of the Parks and planning
- Follow up on Euclaire speed sign issues
- Summit on Sustainability planning
- Birch placement meeting
- Attended Safety Patrol Swearing In at Montrose

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## Year of the Parks Update

### Meetings and Progress Over Past Couple Weeks:

- Pond should be complete in late October / early November
- 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



## One Bexley RFP

The One Bexley Project Coordinator RFPs are in and we are reviewing responses. Hope to have a partner selected, through a joint process with the schools and library, in coming weeks.

## Alley of the Future Draft Workshop

We held a workshop for the draft plan for Alley of the Future, which is slated for a Spring, 2024 install.

## Public Workshop Updates:

**Land Use Strategy 2.0:** Initial public workshop scheduled for November 1

**Jeffrey Park Master Plan:** Initial public workshop was held last week; follow up workshop coming up in November

**Bexley Strategic Plan:** Public workshop to review draft plan is provisionally set for November 16th

**Skate Park design:** Survey is live, initial workshop TBD, will include draft concepts

## 2200 East Main Review Update:

2200 East Main will not be reviewed at the BZAP meeting this Thursday, October 26th.

The Architectural Review Board workshop was Wednesday morning at City Hall, where revised architecture was reviewed.

Upcoming meetings at which there *is planned to be* review of the proposed project:

**ARB:** November 9, 6:00 pm

**Tree Commission:** November 15, 4:00 pm

**BZAP:** November 30, 6:00 pm



## Joint Livingston Avenue Project Update

This week we held a meeting with Columbus to work on coordinating the federal funds project. The cost sharing agreement is in draft form and will be brought to both councils next month for approval.

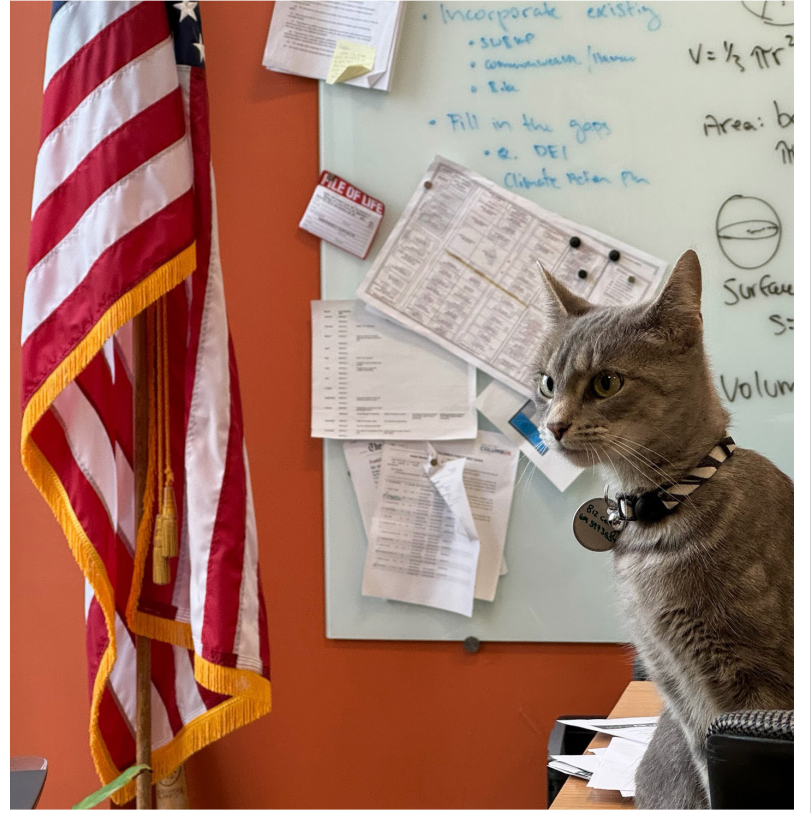


## Bexley Receives SolSmart Gold Designation

Bexley has applied for certification and received a Gold designation from the national SolSmart program for encouraging the growth of clean, affordable solar energy at the local level. As a SolSmart Gold designee, Bexley has adopted nationally recognized best practices to advance solar market growth. We worked with SolSmart's no-cost technical assistance team to increase local knowledge of solar energy so the entire community can benefit. SolSmart is led by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office. Nearly 500 cities, towns, counties, and regional organizations have achieved SolSmart designation since the program launched in 2016.



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