



# November 28, 2023 **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

## Coming up in Bexley:

<b>November 29, 3:00 pm:</b>	<b>Jeffrey Park Preservation and Enhancement Steering Committee</b>
<b>November 29, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Architectural Review Board - Special Meeting on 2200 East Main</b>
<b>November 30, 11:30 am:</b>	<b>Bike Friendly Bexley Bike Boulevard Meeting</b>
<b>November 30, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning</b>
<b>December 1, 7:30 am - 1:30 pm:</b>	<b>Economic Development 411 - Hyatt Regency on High Street</b>
<b>December 2, 9:00 am:</b>	<b>Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop</b>
<b>December 3, 5:00 pm:</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Lighting at Drexel Circle</b>
<b>December 5, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b>
<b>December 9, 8:30 am:</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast at Jeffrey Mansion</b>
<b>December 10, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Menorah Lighting at Drexel Circle</b>
<b>December 14, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Mayor's and Solicitor's Holiday Party</b>

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

- Extensive work on budget including planning, work, meetings and research
- Meetings, calls, and emails in response to proposed development at 2200 East Main Street
- Follow up and communications related to community speed and traffic concerns
- Planning and coordination work for Mayor's and Solicitor's Party and City Hall employee gathering
- OEC Meetings for Office Space Relocation and other initiatives
- Work and meetings on universal recycling implementation
- Year of the Parks work, follow up, and site visits, with particular focus on MOU for Outdoor Reading Room and Commonwealth Park progress.
- Planning and facilitation of Strategic Plan Public Workshop
- Panelist on Agudas Achim Town Hall
- Various calls, emails, meetings with developers
- Onboarding for new BZAP board member
- Outreach for appointments on board and commission openings in 2024
- Meetings and calls to finalize selection process for the One Bexley Project Coordinator
- Interviews with Columbus Monthly and WSYX-6
- Meeting on Public Art in Bexley
- Attended Tree Commission special meeting
- Supported runners at the annual St. Albans Turkey Trot
- Meetings, job description work, and other personnel planning efforts for 2024

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## Year of the Parks Update

### Meetings and Progress Over Past Couple Weeks:

- Pond is nearly complete - tentative polar plunge in the works
- Arboretum trail and plantings at Commonwealth are underway
- MOU for Outdoor Reading Garden is in the process of being finalized
- Outdoor Reading Room bid is live
- Skate Park workshops are planned for this January
- Plans for Commonwealth Park Public Workshop this January

## One Bexley RFP

The One Bexley Project Coordinator interviews are complete and an offer has been tentatively accepted by the selected firm. An announcement should be included in next week's Council Update.



## 2200 East Main Review Update:

2200 East Main continues to go through the board review process, and will be discussed at the upcoming City meetings:

**ARB Special Meeting:** November 29, 6:00 pm

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

Updated plans and information have been posted to the City's project page at [bexley.org/2200-main](http://bexley.org/2200-main)



## Commonwealth Park Update

Consistent with our discussions in the fall, we are planning a public workshop on January 22 at 5:30 pm to discuss concepts for unifying Commonwealth Park. To prepare for the workshop, we have worked on the following:

- Traffic survey of existing conditions on Parkview, Columbia, and Drexel (completed earlier this month)
- Design renderings of unification concepts for the park (pending finalization)

Columbia will be closed at the park starting on December 4th in order to commence underground utility work as part of the Columbia Avenue OPWC project. Once the closure has occurred, we will perform follow up traffic surveys to compare data.









