

Recreation Board Meeting:

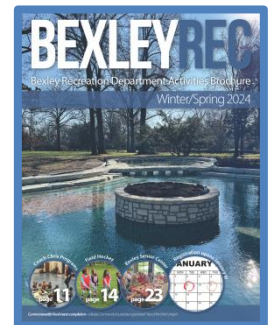
- The Recreation Board will hold their first 2024 meeting on Wed., Jan. 10th at 530p in the Bexley Senior Center.
 - Items on the agenda include the following:
 - Update on Year of the Parks
 - Update on the Preservation and Enhancement Committee

Bexley Community Ice Rink:

- Ice Skate Bexley is back!
- Based on the weather forecast, and if set up goes according to plan, we are hopeful that we will be skating by next Tue., Jan 16th.
- Skating fees will remain \$6 for an hour of skating, which includes skates and free hot chocolate.
- Once again, preregistration will be required and spots are limited. More information to come.
- Please note, this information is subject to change thanks to Ohio's weather and our inexact understanding of the science of freezing water 😊

**2024 Winter/Spring Activity Brochure Registration:**

- Registration for the 2024 Winter/Spring Activity Brochure will open for Bexley residents on Tue., Jan. 9th at 12noon. Non-resident registration opens on Thur., Jan 11th at noon.
- The 2024 Winter/Spring brochure contains program information for staple offering such as Jeffrey Summer Camp, Coach Chris Classes, Dance, Youth Baseball/Softball, Flag Football, Imperfect Art, Adult Fitness, Senior Programming and more.
- New program offerings include Balanced Child Method Classes, Growing Together, Midweek Reset, and more.
- Registration for the 2024-25 Jeffrey Mansion Preschool Year opens to new Bexley resident families on Wed., Jan 10th at noon. Non-Resident registration opens on Tue., Jan. 16th at noon.
- Staff will look at the potential to add more sessions and increase class capacity for any classes that form a large waitlist. However, there are a number of factors that impact this including class size that allows for a high quality experience, facility availability, instructor availability and more.

**Year of the Parks - Update:**

- The Commonwealth Park Pond is officially filled with water and open for the community to enjoy. Please take a walk by this beautiful addition to Commonwealth.
- We received great news over break as the city was awarded a state grant of \$500,000 for the construction of the pedestrian bridge at Schneider Park which will connect the Bexley trail system with the greenways trail system on the west side of Alum Creek.
- The Skate Park Committee has reviewed a handful of conceptual drawings for the new skate park. The committee continues to work with Hunger Skate Parks in preparation for the public workshop on Thur., Jan. 18th at 6p at City Hall. We encourage the community to attend the public meeting to give feedback on design concepts as we continue planning for the future skate park.

- We will hold a public workshop on Wed. Jan 24th at 530p at City Hall to discuss the plans for Commonwealth. During the workshop, we will present several design concepts that have been developed with the park's unification in mind. These designs reflect our commitment to preserving the park's natural beauty while introducing elements that will enrich the visitor experience. A crucial aspect of this proposal involves the closure of the block of Columbia Avenue that runs between Commonwealth North and South. To ensure that you are fully informed about the implications of this change, we will also share traffic studies that detail the impact of this closure.

Preservation and Enhancement Committee - Update:

- The committee has set the next three meetings in the process to develop a master plan for the preservation and enhancement of Jeffrey Park. The meeting schedule includes the following:
 - Wed., Jan 10th at 3p at Jeffrey Mansion – Committee meeting to continue to review the draft plan.
 - Thur., Feb. 8th at 530p – Public Workshop to review the draft plan (Location is TBA).
 - Wed., Feb. 28th – 430p – Committee meeting to review the final plan.
- Please note, these are all public meetings.