



# January 23, 2024

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

January 24, 5:30 pm:	Commonwealth Park Workshop
January 25, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning and Planning
January 25, 6:30 pm:	The Next Chapter: Planning for the Future of Central Ohio at Bexley Library
January 30, 7:00 pm:	Bexley Residential Design Update Program at Bexley Library
January 31, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board Special Meeting on 2200 East Main
February 2:	Bexley Poker Tournament
February 3, 9:00 - 11:00 am:	Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop
February 7, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
February 8, 5:30 - 7:00 pm:	Jeffrey Park Preservation and Enhancement Public Workshop
February 8, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board Meeting
February 12, 6:30 pm:	Land Use Strategy Meeting
February 13, 6:00 pm:	Public Hearing on Ordinance 04-24 / City Council Meeting
March 2:	Jeffrey Woods Festival
March 7:	State of the Community Address

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

- OEC Office Space Relocation Meetings and Tours
- Newsletter review and adjustments
- FOP Meetings and related work
- Jeffrey Mansion Preservation Meeting
- Outdoor Reading Room meetings and working agreement follow up
- Meetings and calls with One Bexley leadership and Coordinators regarding rollout/communications
- Multiple Land Use Strategy calls and meetings and related work
- ODOD Grant Meeting
- Continued extensive onboarding work and orientation for Megan Meyer
- Onboarding and Orientation with Karrie Martin
- Communications work including emails, calls, and more relating to resident input and questions
- Strategic meeting, work with OEC's Carol Kauffman
- Meeting with Rebecca Ness
- Meeting with City Engineer regarding upcoming projects and sewer improvement program
- Bexley Celebrations and Events meetings and work
- Livingston Avenue Land Use Strategic Planning meeting
- Invoice and purchase order research and work
- Right Stuff timekeeping software training and approvals
- Research and communications regarding health insurance issues
- Preparation for upcoming performance reviews
- Initial planning and work on State of the Community
- CAD/RMS Overview Meeting
- Met with Scouts to discuss city leadership
- Work and troubleshooting on Dropbox storage setup

Keep in touch! To sign up for weekly email updates from the City of Bexley, including information on community events and timely notifications and reminders, visit: [www.bexley.org/blast](http://www.bexley.org/blast)



## Commonwealth Park Workshop

We're hosting a workshop to discuss the plaza feature and seeking feedback on permanently connecting both sides of Commonwealth Park and closing vehicular traffic to . That discussion is being held at City Hall at **5:30 pm on January 24th at City Hall** - come provide feedback on how we can best finalize plans for the plaza at Commonwealth.

## Michael Wilkos Housing Presentation

With the arrival of Intel, renewed talks of passenger rail, and accelerated growth of development projects, Central Ohio is rapidly changing. The City has partnered with Bexley Public Library and United Way of Central Ohio to present The Next Chapter: Planning for the Future of Central Ohio with special speaker Michael Wilkos. This program will examine trends in population growth, demographics, job outlook, housing, transportation, education, and other aspects that affect the quality of life around Central Ohio. Learn about how we became the city we are today and how we can best prepare, influence, and embrace the city we are growing into. This is a really good presentation - highly recommend you check it out. **Thursday night at BPL, 6:30 pm.**

## State of the Community Details

Our annual State of the Community event will be held on **Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 pm** in the newly opened St. Charles Convocation Center. As in previous years, I'll present on the many projects and initiatives of 2023 and will share some of the key projects and plans for 2024. As with previous years, we'll also invite other community leaders to present and I'd welcome and appreciate your attendance if you're available.

This year we may make a video of city-wide projects and initiatives to share at the event and I'd love to have council involved - let me know if you're willing to help out!

## Winter Newsletter - Going Out This Week

Check out the close-to-final draft in your agenda packet! Thanks to Natalie and Megan for helping get this over the finish line...

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## Katalina's Coming to Bexley

It's official - Katalina's is coming to Bexley! In December, we started working closely with reps from the Harrison West and Clintonville cafe to encourage Katalina's exploration of space at the former Boston Market, and this week we're excited to share the news that Katalina's - the "little cafe with lots of local goodness" is bringing their world famous breakfast, brunch, and lunch food to Bexley. With a targeted opening date in the summer, we just can't wait for some patio brunch on Main!



## What's in a Chair?

If you've noticed the orange adirondack chairs at the new firepit at Schneider Park, you've certainly noticed the pop of color and energy they bring! We're curious to hear feedback on the brighter color and what you'd like to see in a larger rollout of these comfy and social chairs.

Last week we sent out a short poll to hear from residents - the results so far...



