



# March 26, 2024

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

March 27, 6:00 pm:	Skate Park Public Workshop
March 28, 5:00 pm:	Trash Talk with the Mayor
March 28, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning
March 28, 6:30 pm:	The Next Chapter: The Future of Transportation in Central Ohio
March 29:	City Hall Closed - Staff Retreat
March 30, 12:00 pm:	Egg Dash
April 1, 5:30 pm:	Community Improvement Corporation
April 1, 6:30 pm:	Land Use Strategy 2.0
April 3, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
April 6, 9:00 am:	Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop
April 6, 10:00 am:	Trash Talk with the Mayor
April 6, 7:00 pm:	Bexley Education Foundation BRAVO
April 7, 12:00 pm:	Repair Cafe
April 9, 6:00 pm:	City Council
April 15, 6:30 pm:	State of the Community - New Date!
April 20:	Earth and Arbor Day Celebration
April 27:	Green Bexley Cleanup Day
May 18-19:	Community Yard Sale and Freecycle Weekend

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

- Bexley Magazine Article on Bexley's Sustainability Programs and Arboretum Anniversary
- Preparation for and facilitation of meeting with Ferndale/Mayfield owners.
- OEC Working Space contract review and follow up work and meetings
- EV Charging Meeting and related follow up
- MORPC State of the Region and welcome reception events
- Main Event meetings and planning including finalization of sponsorship packet.
- One Bexley logo and comms plan review and meeting facilitation
- COMMA Board of Directors Call and bank visit for Treasurer transition
- MORPC Commission Transportation Policy Meeting
- State of the Community video reshoot
- Meeting and follow up on resident issues and regarding developer questions
- Final interview for the Building Department Assistant
- Retreat planning for staff
- Meeting with Community Gardens leadership and BCF
- Grant application submission for Public AEDs
- Coffee with Jawana Smith
- Year of the Parks meeting and follow up
- Recreation Brochure Cover review
- Meeting with OEC's Carol Kauffman

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## Trash Talk with the Mayor - Three Date Options

Spring is here, which is a great time to tackle a little spring cleaning in our community. I'll be hosting Trash Talk events where volunteers can preregister for a one hour, small group litter cleanup event with yours truly. This is a one-on-one chance to get a City update, heckle, or brainstorm over a trash picker, some work gloves, and a big orange trash bag, all while helping to improve our community. If you're interested in joining me on March 28 at 5pm, Saturday, April 6 at 10am, or April 20 at 9 am, email or call Natalie. I'd love to have you join me!

## MORPC State of the Region

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of spending time with Peabody Award winning journalist, author, and developer Majora Carter leading up to the MORPC State of the Region event. Majora's recently published book "Reclaiming Your Community: You Don't Have to Move Out of Your Neighborhood to Live in a Better One" speaks to the importance of supporting community in place, and investing in infrastructure and public spaces that help build and bolster community. Majora's keynote speech was one of several inspiring presentations during the event, where the regional update focused on the importance of expanding housing of all types with a focus on attainable housing throughout central Ohio, and building up the backbone of our public transit system.

And speaking of public transit, I hope you'll join me **Thursday, March 28 at 7pm** at Bexley Library for the next installment of the fantastic Next Chapter programs. This installment focuses on The Future of Transportation in

## Earth and Arbor Month

Earth and Arbor month begins Monday! As always, Elizabeth and Susan have put together a great list of activities and events to celebrate all things green, including educational programs, a Repair Cafe program for household item repair, storytimes at the Fairy Village and of course the **Earth and Arbor Days celebration on April 20**. Find all the events for this month-long celebration at [greenbexley.org](https://greenbexley.org).

We'll also be including a Spotlight on Sustainability mailer with residents' water bills to share information on upcoming events, existing services, and lots of helpful information, so keep an eye out for that!

Lastly, I have an article celebrating Bexley's community-driven sustainability efforts, and wow it was a ton of fun to revisit some of the great things we've done as a community. Keep an eye out for that in the next *Bexley Magazine*!

