



# April 23, 2024

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

<b>April 23, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>City Council</b>
<b>April 24, 7:00 pm:</b>	<b>Sustainability Action Plan Public Workshop</b>
<b>April 25, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning</b>
<b>April 25, 6:00-8:00 pm:</b>	<b>Bexley Public Library Centennial Kickoff Party</b>
<b>April 26, 9:00 am:</b>	<b>Bexley Bloomers Omelet Palooza</b>
<b>April 27, 8:00 - 11:00 am:</b>	<b>Green Bexley Cleanup Day and DEA Takeback</b>
<b>May 1, 5:30 pm:</b>	<b>Recreation Board</b>
<b>May 3, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Main Event: COSI Science Fest &amp; <i>Honey I Shrank the Kids</i></b>
<b>May 4, 9:00 - 11:00 am:</b>	<b>Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop</b>
<b>May 5, 12:00 - 1:30 pm:</b>	<b>Community Backyards Class</b>
<b>May 6, 5:30 pm:</b>	<b>Community Improvement Corporation</b>
<b>May 6, 6:30 pm:</b>	<b>Land Use Strategy</b>
<b>May 7, 8:30 - 11:30 am:</b>	<b>City Council Retreat at Bexley Library</b>
<b>May 9, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration</b>
<b>May 11, 12:00 - 3:00 pm:</b>	<b>Love Your Alley Festival</b>
<b>May 14, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>City Council</b>
<b>May 18-19:</b>	<b>Community Yard Sale and Freecycle Weekend</b>

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

- Arbor Day Tree Planting at Jeffrey Mansion
- Attended "Wise Trees" Arbor Day program and the Centennial Art show at the library
- Sewer Capital Improvement Program meetings, calls, and related work
- DARN Summer Food program meetings and follow up calls and emails
- OEC Office Space meetings and work
- BWC Home and Garden Show Meeting
- Meetings and work on Mural Fest, including review of artist submissions
- MORPC Commission/Transportation Committee
- Alley of the Future Work including communications, site visits, planning meetings
- Year of the Parks meeting and work
- Extensive work on State of Community including presentation, site preparation, and clean up
- Attended Cherry Festival Opening Ceremony
- Attended reception with OSU President
- LinkUS 60% plan launch meeting and follow up
- COMMA State Legislator Lunch agenda planning
- Meetings with various potential developers
- Main Event meeting and planning
- Preparation for Council Retreat
- One Bexley meeting and other work
- EV Charging Infrastructure meeting
- Mr. Vernon visit with Mayor Starr
- Meet Your Street Business Networking Meeting
- Meetings/Follow Up with Board/Commission Chairs
- Calls and meetings with residents for various issues
- Landscape Design meeting with Police Department
- Hosted Trash Talk events
- Led Alley of the Future honeysuckle removal event
- Attended Earth and Arbor Days Celebration

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## Happy Earth & Arbor Month!

Earth & Arbor Month has been busy in Bexley! A huge thanks goes out to the many volunteers and staff members who supported the great programs, trash pick-ups, and the Earth and Arbor Days Celebration this past Saturday. We still have plenty of Earth and Arbor month fun ahead, so be sure to check out:

- The Sustainability Action Plan Public Workshop is Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm at City Hall
- Green Bexley Cleanup Day (and the DEA Takeback event) are this Saturday, April 27 8:00-11:00 am
- Urban Emporium will begin selling 2024 Kevelden Maple Syrup on Arbor Day (Friday, April 26)
- Kitties is offering a special edition 2024 Kevelden Maple Syrup cocktail

## DARN Summer Food Program

I've been working with DARN and councilman Silverman, in partnership with the Bexley Community Foundation (we're also hoping to include Bexley Education Foundation) in an effort to address childhood food insecurity in Bexley this summer through DARN's annual Summer Food Program. As a part of this initiative, a funding ordinance is likely to be proposed at the next Council Meeting, proposing the use of previously allocated social service dollars to help support the effort.

## Sewer CIP Updates

Multiple meetings have been held to advance the Sewer Capital Improvement Plan which will establish a long-range future plan for sewer projects and improvements. Our central focus is to finalize the strategy to update the plan; through that create a list of priority projects; determine a model for ongoing data collection; and update the funding model.

## Alley of the Future Progress

Preparation is in full swing for the Alley of the Future. We've been hard at work with meetings, communication, site visits, and Trash Talk part II, where we had an invasive species removal event last weekend with alley volunteers. The first phase of Love Your Alley improvements will roll out in the coming weeks so stay tuned for pictures and news!





## Mural Fest is Shaping Up

Planning work continues for Mural Fest. Artist submissions are rolling in, and we have some great properties signed up for the "event". Targeting a September series of activities in the weeks following Labor Day. Initial deadline for artist interest is May 3! More info at [bexley.org/muralfest](https://bexley.org/muralfest).

## Commission and Board Vacancies

Annual Commission and Board appointment process is underway. If you know of a resident interested in serving, please point them to [bexley.org/boardvacancies](https://bexley.org/boardvacancies) for more info!





