

Recreation Board Meeting:

- The Recreation Board met on Tue., Aug. 7th at 5:30p at City Hall.
 - The board was introduced to the department two new Recreation Coordinators, Daniel Hiser and Andrew Rude. Daniel and Andrew will be overseeing instructor based programming and youth and adult sports programming.
 - The board received reports on the Fall Activity Brochure Registration, a Year of the Parks update, the Splish, Splash & Dash – Youth Triathlon, and Pool.
- The next Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Wed., Sept. 4th at 5:30p at City Hall.

Fall Activity Brochure Registration:

- The 2024 Fall Activity Brochure was distributed the week of July 22nd.
- Registration for Bexley Residents opened on Tuesday, Aug. 6th. Registration was very strong with 1530 individual registrations on day one compared to 1414 in 2023. Revenue was also slightly up year over year with \$112k compared to \$107k in 2023.
- Staff worked extremely hard to accommodate as many waitlisted registrants as possible. This included evaluating the potential to add more classes, add more participants in existing classes and to work with registrants to find other programming options.

**Year of the Parks - Update:**

- Bexley Skate Park
 - The Board of Controls approved the selection of the Hunger Skatepark bid for construction of the new Bexley Skate Park at Schneider Park.
 - We will continue to work with Hunger to turn conceptual drawings into CD for the construction of the project. While there is still some design work to be done, we are confident we will have a new community skatepark in 2025.
- Commonwealth Projects
 - The follies at Commonwealth are nearly complete. We believe the follies should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Power has been restored to the site and finishing touches are being put on the facilities.
 - The Commonwealth Unification Committee met last week to begin discussing the design plans for the unification of Commonwealth Park. In the meantime, work will be done to remove much of the existing Columbia road and curb to prep the site to receive fill dirt, likely from the 2200 East Main Project.
 - The electric robotic mower has been ordered for Commonwealth East and will be installed in early September. The mower will maintain the Commonwealth East athletic field and will provide a proof of concept for expansion of the program to Commonwealth West.
- Schneider Park Restroom
 - We have met with a potential contractor to install a permanent restroom at Schneider Park.
 - We are hoping to receive pricing in the coming weeks with the goal of beginning installation this Fall.

Splish, Splash & Dash – Bexley Youth Triathlon:

- The 12th Annual Splish, Splash & Dash – Bexley Youth Triathlon was held on Saturday, Aug. 17th at Jeffrey Park.
- Congratulations to all of the participants that completed this year's triathlon. We had a record 352 registrants this year.
- Huge thank you to the over 100 volunteers that helped make this event happen for our community. Special thank you to the Bexley High School Boys and Girls Cross Country and Soccer Teams.



Labor Day Block Party – Sunday, Sept. 1st:

- The Annual Labor Day Block Party and BrewFest will take place on Main Street and Capital's front lawn on Sunday, Sept. 1st from 3p-8p.
- The event will include live music, food, inflatable games, the egg drop, rock wall, touch-a-truck and more.
- Main St. will be closed starting at 12noon through roughly 10p.

