



# September 10, 2024 MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

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| September 11, 7:00 - 8:00 pm:     | Parenting in the Digital Age at Bexley Library |
| September 12, 4:00 - 7:00 pm:     | Bexley Farmers Market (also September 19)      |
| September 14, 5:00 - 9:00 pm:     | Main Event & Smoke & Fire Fest                 |
| September 16, 6:30 - 8:00 pm:     | Land Use Strategy Public Workshop              |
| September 17, 6:00 pm:            | Green Bexley (ESAC)                            |
| September 18, 4:00 pm:            | Tree and Public Gardens Commission             |
| September 21, 3:00 - 10:00 pm:    | Bexley Mural Fest & Artist Alley               |
| September 24, 6:00 pm:            | City Council                                   |
| September 29, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm: | Into the Woods Fest                            |
| October 1, 5:30 pm:               | Livingston Avenue Update and Q&A               |
| October 6:                        | One Bexley Dinner on Drexel                    |
| October 14:                       | Bexley Chamber Taste of Bexley                 |
| October 18:                       | Harvest Fest                                   |
| October 31:                       | Trick or Treat                                 |

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

- COMMA Meeting
- Extensive prep work for 2025 budget
- Meetings and logistics/planning work for upcoming events and festivals
- Interviews and follow up for open positions in Building and Finance Departments
- Historic Preservation Meeting
- Research and work on speed complaints and mitigation
- Presented at Bexley, Eastmoor, Berwick Realtors Meeting
- Meet Your Street meetings with local business owners
- Work and meetings on City Hall reconfiguration
- Bridge Condition meeting with Franklin County engineers
- Preparation, planning and work for the Labor Day Block Party event
- Work on Hometown Heroes Banner Program
- BCPA Opening Ceremony for Class
- OEC Board Strategic Planning Meeting
- 2200 East Main easement work
- Volunteer shift with Bexley Bloomers
- MORPC Executive Committee lunch and meeting
- Work on One Bexley website and event planning
- Year of the Parks Meetings, Walk throughs, and follow up communications'
- Ribbon Cutting at The Lion
- Presented Proclamation at Library Birthday event
- Meetings and calls with residents on various issues
- Bike Boulevards Meeting
- Attended community block parties
- Preparation and facilitation of Boards/Commission chairs luncheon
- Interviews for prospective vendors for Sewer Study
- Work and preparation for Land Use Strategy
- Ordinance research and followup on multiple future ordinances

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## Chelsea and Main Update

If you've noticed the work occurring at Chelsea and Main, two projects are happening concurrently. The City is driving a project to environmentally remediate the former gas station at the corner, and the current site cleanup involves demolition in order to prepare the site for future remediation via a grant that is being actively sought from the State of Ohio's Brownfield Revitalization Fund (while waiting for the grant, the site will be re-seeded and maintained as grass). The southwest corner (former Boston Market) is the Katalina's Bexley location under way, helped in part by BZAP's approval last month of a City-provided facade grant to assist with exterior improvements to the property. It's exciting to see this section of the City being refreshed.

## Drought and the Bexley Arboretum

Speaking of drought, while this latest severe heat is mercifully about to break, our trees and plants have been suffering mightily over this very dry and hot summer. Bexley Arborist Spencer Martin recently posted a great article to the @bexleyarboretum instagram account. I've included an excerpt, but the full article is available on Instagram at @bexleyarboretum.

"Bexley Arboretum is currently experiencing drought conditions, so you may notice some trees are changing. Leaf curling, marginal browning, chlorosis and early fall color are all responses to drought. Eventually, most trees will defoliate (drop their leaves) when they experience prolonged drought conditions. This is an adaptation to limit water loss..."

## Noise Ordinance Council Survey

Alex and I will be reaching out shortly with a survey regarding work to update and improve noise legislation in the City. There are a multitude of considerations and perspectives to consider when writing legislation about this issue, and your input will be invaluable as we work to finalize language in our working draft of this ordinance.

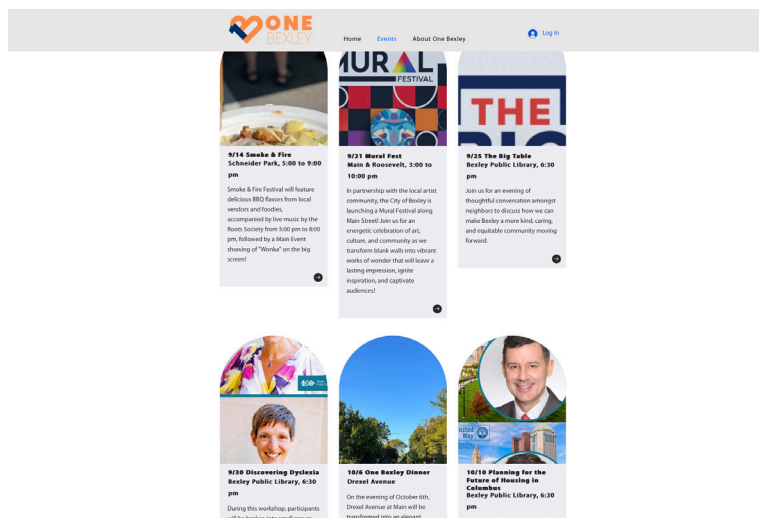
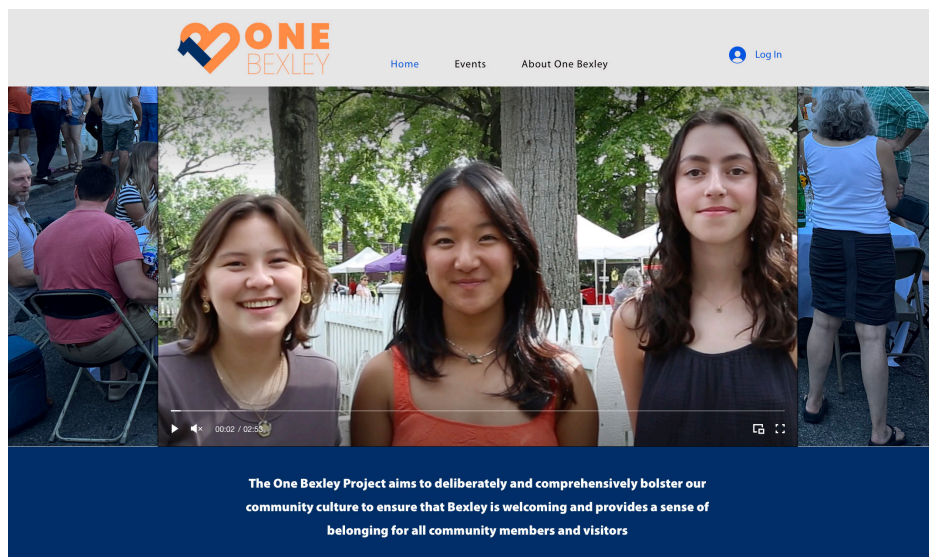
## Hiring Update/City Hall Reconfiguration

The hiring process is in full swing at City Hall. Colleen Tassone has accepted the Building Department Assistant role and will begin training with the Building Department team later this month. Emily is completing initial interviews on several strong candidates for the Assistant Finance Director role as well. We'll keep you posted as hiring decisions are finalized.

Connected to the addition of some new team members is the need for additional office space at City Hall. We're close to finalizing plans for a reconfiguration of City Hall space and these changes tentatively plan for two additional offices and one flexible work space that can also be used for small meetings. Look for an unveiling of the plans and some details on timelines soon.

# One Bexley Update

The fall program schedule for One Bexley will be dropping later this week. Here's a sneak peek!



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| 14 | SEP, SAT | ● | 5 – 9pm    | The Main Event: Wonka and Smoke & Fire Fest  |
| 21 | SEP, SAT | ● | 3 – 10pm   | Bexley Mural Festival: Artists in the Alley Celebration Rubinos Pizza  |
| 25 | SEP, WED | ● | 6:30 – 8pm | Bexley Big Table Community Conversation Bexley Public Library  |
| 30 | SEP, MON | ● | 6:30 – 8pm | Discovering Dyslexia: A Simulation with Rayna Weiner   |
| 6  | OCT, SUN | ● | 5 – 7pm    | A One Bexley Gathering: Community Dinner on Drexel   |
| 10 | OCT, THU | ● | 6:30 – 8pm | Next Chapter: Planning for the Future of Housing in Columbus: A Conversation on Affordable Housing in Central Ohio |
| 6  | NOV, WED | ● | 6 – 7pm    | Bexley Story Slam workshop for potential participants Bexley City Hall   |
| 20 | NOV, WED | ● | 7 – 9pm    | Bexley Story Slam Event: Belonging   |





















# BEXLEY MURAL FESTIVAL



## INAUGURAL MURAL FESTIVAL

3:00-10:00 P.M., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

In partnership with the local artist community, the City of Bexley is launching a Mural Festival along Main Street! Join us for an energetic celebration of art, culture, and community as we transform blank walls into vibrant works of wonder that will leave a lasting impression, ignite inspiration, and captivate audiences!

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