



February 27, 2024

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

March 2, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm:	Jeffrey Woods Festival (Re:Cycle Bikes Workshop 9:00-11:00 am)
March 4, 5:30 pm:	Community Improvement Corporation
March 4, 6:30 pm:	Land Use Strategy
March 6, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
March 7, 11:30 am:	Bike Friendly Bexley - Bike Boulevards Meeting
March 7, 6:30 pm:	State of the Community Address
March 11, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Commission
March 12, 6:00 pm:	City Council
March 15, 11:00 am:	MORPC State of the Region
March 30:	Egg Dash
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:

- Work and Meetings on MuralFest
- Meetings with local businesses
- OEC Working Space tours and follow up work, including presentation at Treasurer's Meeting
- COMMA Meeting preparation
- State of the Community work including site visit and video segments
- FOP Negotiations
- Continued onboarding with Karrie Martin
- Proclamation for Jawana Smith, first African American officer in Bexley
- Attended Strategic Plan presentation meeting at Franklin Park Conservatory
- Preparation and presentation at Capital University Board meeting
- Substantial work on multiple Land Use Strategy meetings and related follow up
- Emails, calls, and meeting to address various resident issues
- Meeting and follow up work on Building Department Assistant position
- Meeting and follow up on several Sustainability initiatives
- SWACO Touchbase
- Work on City Hall reconfiguration research
- OEC Finance Committee Meeting
- Meetings and follow up on remediation projects
- Interview with MORPC Intern Candidate
- Meetings and follow up with proposed developers
- Review and follow up on One Bexley Plan and facilitated leadership meeting
- Prepared and facilitated Quarterly schools and city meeting
- Working lunch for Council Strategic Retreat
- Meeting on Livingston Avenue safety concerns
- Jeffrey Woods Festival Tree Tapping
- Year of the Parks meetings and related work

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Reminder: State of the Community event is March 7

At our annual State of the Community Address, various community leaders join us to give a whirlwind tour of highlights from the prior year and preview what to expect in the year ahead. The 2024 State of the Community Address will be from 6:30-8:00 PM on Thursday, March 7 at St. Charles Preparatory Academy in their new Convocation Center. Hope to see you there! (RSVP encouraged at bexley.org/soc.)

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MARCH 7 - 6:30 PM

MORPC State of the Region: Connecting Communities



We're hosting a table at this year's MORPC State of the Region event on **Friday, March 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The theme of this sold-out event is *Connecting Communities: Building the Future of Housing and Transportation*. Attendees will hear presentations from top political, business, and civic leaders on regional accomplishments and upcoming plans.

If you'd like to attend, please reach email Natalie by end of day Thursday, February 29 end of business day.

Adirondack Chairs Update

Initial results on the Adirondack Chair Survey are in! I posted the survey last month, and the general consensus is that bright colorful chairs can be fun in our parks, but readers prefer more classic, muted colors for our Main Street environment. Keep an eye out for additional seating options soon!

Jawana Smith Day

Friday, February 16, 2024 was Officer Jawana Smith Day! Officer Smith was sworn in on August 22, 1996 as the first African-American police officer of the Bexley Police Department. Now a civilian supervisor with the FBI, Jawana has enjoyed an exciting career, and I was honored and humbled to be able to present her with this proclamation earlier today.

Livingston Avenue Updates

Following feedback from the February 13 City Council Meeting relating to vehicular and pedestrian safety along the corridor, Council President Lampke spurred a meeting with myself, the Chief, Safety Chair Makham, and representatives from Columbus City Police regarding ongoing safety concerns in the Livingston Avenue area. Columbus shared information on policing and stats for the area, and we discussed ways to partner in the area. In general, consensus has been that the lane reconfiguration has enhanced safety in the area, slowing speeds and lowering the severity of crashes. We've also followed up with letters and emails to invite owners of properties in the Ferndale/Mayfield area to a meeting in March to explore opportunities to coordinate on the environmental remediation at the former Holtzmann Landfill.

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