

Recreation Board Meeting:

- The Recreation Board met on Wed., April 3rd at 5:30p at City Hall.
 - The board held a public hearing to discuss the concept of adding lights to the Solomon Pickleball Courts.
 - Roughly 35 people attended with 12 residents speaking about pickleball lights.
 - Comments included pickleball players that were for the lights, area residents that were against the lights, and everything in between.
 - The board will discuss the lights at the May meeting, but will not consider a vote on the lights until the June meeting at the earliest.
 - The Bexley Bloomers talked with the board about the upcoming Bloomers season. The Bloomers provide information/stats on the 2023 season, with nearly 1,000 hours of community service provided. The Bloomer also invited the board, and all lovers of Jeffrey Park, to join them on Thursday mornings to garden around park. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Michael Price at mprice@bexley.org.

Egg Dash:

- The Annual Egg Dash was held on Sat., March 30th at Jeffrey Park.
- While the weather didn't exactly cooperate, we were able to pull off a fun event.
- Roughly 200 kiddos ran through the field collecting nearly 3000 eggs full of candy. We also had a visit from the Easter Bunny.
- Thank you to all of the staff that worked to organize this event and battle the weather to provide this experience for our community.



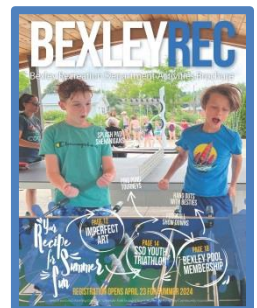
Solar Eclipse at the Park – Monday, April 8th:

- Bexley Recreation and Parks along with the Bexley Public Library will host an eclipse event on Monday, April 8th at Jeffrey Park.
- The event will run from 1230p – 4p in the back meadow at Jeffrey Park.
- The event will include food trucks, music, crafts, inflatable games and more.
- Activities will run from 1230p-230p and then visitors will be encouraged to throw down a blanket or chairs and watch the eclipse which will reach maximum coverage at approximately 3:12p.
- Visitors are encouraged to bring their own glasses. We will have some glasses to hand out, but we have a limited supply.



2024 Summer Activity Brochure:

- The 2024 Bexley Recreation Summer Activity Brochure is out. The digital copy was posted and emailed out on Friday, April 5th. Hard copies will be delivered the week of April 8th.
- We are very excited about the offerings in this season's brochure.
 - We have information about the staple programs such as the pool, Coach Chris T-Ball, summer specialty camps, the Splish, Splash & Dash Youth triathlon and more.



- New programming includes expanded nature programming, adult kick ball league, jump roping fitness classes and more.

Skate Park Public – Update:

- We held a public workshop on Wed., March 27th. We had roughly 20 people in attendance to discuss the latest skate park design.
- We updated the public on the implications of the most recent design including the cost estimates and concerns about the footprint of the design.
- The most current iteration of the skate park design has an estimated price tag of \$717k for the base. This amount exceeds our current budget for the project. Additionally, as we laid out the footprint on site of the current design, it raised some concerns about the scale of the skate park.
- We have reached out to the design team to look at potential adjustments to the design to scale back the size and reduce the price. The goal is to adjust the design while maintaining the spirit of the current design, which has great support.
- We will meet with the Skate Park Committee and the design team to continue to finalize a design that we are all excited about and one that fits well into the park space and within the budget.

