



May 28, 2024 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

May 30, 4:00 - 7:00 pm:	Farmers Market (also June 6)
May 31, 5:30 - 6:30 pm:	Bexley Pride Walk
May 31, 6:00 - 10:00 pm:	Main Event: Super Mario Bros
June 1, 1:00 - 7:00 pm:	Porchfest
June 2, 10:00 am:	Bexley Women's Club House and Garden Tour
June 3, 6:30 pm:	Bexley Land Use Strategy Commission
June 4, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
June 8-9:	MORPC River Fest
June 11, 6:00 pm	City Council
June 15, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm:	Pedal for Pancakes
June 21, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm:	Boards and Commissions Retreat
June 21, 6:00 - 10:00 pm:	Main Event: Honey I Shrunk the Kids
July 4 Festivities:	8:00 am - John Barr 5K, 9:30 am - Parade, 10:00 pm - Fireworks

Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Extensive work and planning for summer events including Jazz in the Park, Main Events and Fourth of July festivities
- Grilled at DARN Community Cookout
- Cooked for police retiree luncheon
- Orientation and onboarding for intern Peyton Jackson
- Multiple phone calls, meetings, and emails regarding development processes and projects
- Reviewed resumes/scheduled interviews for Building Department Director candidates
- Quarterly meeting with Bexley City Schools
- One Bexley meeting and script work
- OEC Board Committee Merger Meeting
- Interview with Dispatch on housing
- DARN Bike Storage and Summer Food meetings and communications
- Planning of and presentation at Memorial Day Ceremony
- Meeting on income based fines
- LinkUS meetings and follow up communication
- Farmers Market Season Kickoff
- Guest Speaker at AP Government Classes
- Presented Mayors' Cup awards
- Meeting for Columbus Eruv Project
- Attended OEC Green Gala
- Performed at Blues Night at Tifereth
- Visited Fourth Grade Marketplace
- Attended Volunteer/Employee Pool Party
- OEC Strategic Planning and Town Street meetings
- Calls and emails regarding various developments
- Calls and interviews for Board/Commission appointments
- Staffed Jazz in the Park
- Lunch with City Engineer

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Board of Control

Tonight's Board of Control Meeting will review bids for the 2024 Sidewalk Projects. A total of four bids were received and all bids, along with our City Engineer recommendation letter, are available in the agenda folder.

2200 East Main Update

Demolition activity is coming soon to 2200 East Main, the site of the former Trinity Apartments. Over the next few weeks, expect to see increased activity at the site including City of Columbus firefighters using the old buildings for training (no live burns), non-profits removing old appliances and fixtures for reuse, and ultimately the arrival of large equipment for building demolition. A construction fence surrounding the site is also coming soon. Stay tuned for more updates as initial demolition and site utility work continues throughout the summer. For general project information check [here](#).

Building and Planning Director Search Update

The job posting window for Bexley's next Building & Planning Director has closed and multiple candidates have been selected for interviews. Initial interviews are scheduled to take place over the next week and Council will be kept posted as the interview process unfolds. Candidates have been selected



Spotlight on Megan Meyer

Megan Meyer - Bexley's Director of Administration and Development - was named to Columbus Business First's "Power 125" list this month. Since her start with us at the beginning of this year, Megan has been such a great addition to our team, and has helped inject new energy into our development efforts and our city administration. The full article is [available online](#). Congratulations Megan!

Welcome Peyton Jackson

We're excited to have Peyton Jackson with us this summer to support some of our active development projects, including current work on expanding a Main Street parking study recently completed by COTA for the LinkUS initiative.

Peyton is a recent Michigan State graduate with a degree in City and Regional Planning and she has already been an awesome addition to the City Hall team.



Fourth of July Plans Underway

Fourth of July planning is off and running and I have a few updates to note as we begin to look forward to Bexley's busiest summer day! For more details or to submit a parade entry or nomination for Bexley Citizen of the Year or the Grand Marshal of the Parade, visit bexley.org/fourth.

- Parade entry applications are open through June 14
- Nominations for Citizen of the Year / Parade Grand Marshal are being accepted through June 2
- John Barr 5K will return but the route will be an out and back due to construction in the area
- Parade will follow the same route as 2023

Farmers Market Returns!

The Bexley Farmers Market kicked off on Thursday, May 17 to a rousing bell ring! This year, a new feature at commongreensohio.org/bexley allows you to find out what 36 vendors are scheduled for each market. You can also find a tutorial on Green Bexley's social media pages. For the most up to date information on delays/closings, visit facebook.com/bexleyfarmersmarket or instagram.com/commongreens_bexley. Many thanks to the Bexley Community Foundation for sponsoring this beloved event!

Boards and Commission Retreat

We've scheduled a Land Use Strategy Workshop for the morning of June 21 to provide an opportunity for key staff members, consultants and volunteers to take a deep dive into City initiatives that impact all (or at least most) of our Boards and Commissions. Specifically, we'll discuss progress on the newly adopted Strategic Plan, as well as preliminary recommendations from the Land Use Strategy Commission and Sustainability Action Plan Working Group. More details will be provided as plans are finalized, so stay tuned!

Mayor's Cup Winners

I had the opportunity to present The Mayor's Cup last week, a distinction that has been awarded each year since 1927 to two students who demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship and athleticism at Bexley High School. At this week's BHS Senior Awards ceremony, the Cup was presented to Solomon "Solly" McDow and Anja Hoy. Congratulations to these amazing students and athletes!

Memorial Day Weekend Recap

I enjoyed an especially wonderful and meaningful Memorial Day Weekend this year which started with an Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Pool Party on Friday, followed by Bexley High School's graduation on Sunday, and a special Memorial Day Service at Drexel Circle that celebrated the life and service of Bill Harvey and provided an important opportunity for our community to reflect on and honor those who have served. And finally, we celebrated our first Jazz in the Park of the season complete with the Bexley Chamber of Commerce Food Truck Fest, fantastic music, and some of the best weather I can remember for a May event.









