



# August 27, 2024

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

<b>August 29, 4:00 - 7:00 pm:</b>	<b>Bexley Farmers Market (also September 5)</b>
<b>September 1, 3:00 - 8:00 pm:</b>	<b>Labor Day Block Party &amp; Brew Fest</b>
<b>September 2:</b>	<b>City Offices Closed for Labor Day</b>
<b>September 4, 8:00 am:</b>	<b>Community Improvement Corporation</b>
<b>September 4, 5:30 pm:</b>	<b>Recreation Board</b>
<b>September 6, 5:00 - 8:00 pm:</b>	<b>Bexley Public Library Birthday Bash and Car Show</b>
<b>September 7, 9:00 - 11:00 am:</b>	<b>Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop</b>
<b>September 10, 6:00 pm:</b>	<b>City Council</b>
<b>September 14, 5:00 - 9:00 pm:</b>	<b>Main Event &amp; Smoke &amp; Fire Fest</b>
<b>September 21, 3:00 - 10:00 pm:</b>	<b>Bexley Mural Fest</b>
<b>September 29:</b>	<b>Into the Woods Fest</b>
<b>October 6:</b>	<b>One Bexley Dinner on Drexel</b>
<b>October 18:</b>	<b>Harvest Fest</b>

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

- OEC Board Bylaws Meeting
- Preparation for September COMMA Meeting
- LinkUs Public Workshop
- Staffing Meetings/Work with Finance Team
- Prep and Attend Quarterly Community Partners Meeting
- Tree Commission Agenda Planning/Member Discussions
- Staffed Capital New Student Orientation Event
- Meetings/Communications related to 2200 E Main Development
- Livingston Avenue Meeting with Columbus
- City Hall reconfiguration meetings and work
- Attended Eagle Scout Meeting
- Attended BMPA Back to School Welcome picnic
- OEC Charter Edits Meeting
- Initial Budget process planning and meetings
- Ferndale Mayfield next steps meeting
- Meet with Rebecca Ness and OSU entomologist on LYA and mosquito pilot phase 2
- One Bexley committee meeting
- Year of the Parks Meetings, Walk throughs, and follow up communications
- Meetings and calls with residents on various issues
- Labor Day Block Party Logistics Meeting
- Community Gardens Meeting
- Commonwealth Unification Meeting
- Staffed Jazz in the Park
- ARB Processes Workshop
- Calls/emails with various business owners and potential developers
- Planning, meetings, and calls for upcoming events and festivals, including Smoke & Fire, Mural Fest, and Labor Day Block Party
- Review of preliminary insurance renewal goals

Keep in touch! To sign up for weekly email updates from the City of Bexley, including information on community events and timely notifications and reminders, visit: [www.bexley.org/blast](http://www.bexley.org/blast)



## Livingston Avenue Attributable Funds Project

Today we held our joint monthly meeting with Columbus to track progress on the Livingston Avenue Attributable Funds Project. Preliminary alignment is still expected for November, and the engineering portion of the project is expected to head to Stage 2 of early next year. We anticipate the next touchstone for public feedback to be in the early part of next year, with joint workshopping to occur around project progress to date.

## Newfangled recognized by Yelp as top sandwich spot in Ohio

You might have caught the article in the Dispatch - Bexley's very own Newfangled Kitchen was named as the top sandwich shop in Ohio in Yelp's recently released "Best Sandwiches in Every State." We do loooooove Newfangled here at City Hall - congrats to owners and Bexley residents Eric and Laura Dennison for their amazing accomplishment in launching their business less than 5 years ago and taking the state by storm!

## One Bex Mini Update

Plans are taking shape for the launch of One Bexley's fall programming, including community events, programs, and gatherings. Keep an eye out for more details soon, and in the meantime pencil in October 6th for the One Bexley dinner on Drexel, with signup details to follow

## Chief Lewis recognized by Mahogany Magazine

Congrats to Chief Lewis, recognized this week by Columbus' Mahogany Magazine in their list of "Central Ohio's Most Influential Men of Color." I have so enjoyed working alongside the Chief, witnessing the energy and enthusiasm he has brought to building up and innovating our department and working closely with residents, businesses, and institutions to ensure a safer Bexley with a focus on equitable policing. Bravo, chief!

## Building Department Assistant Position has been posted

This position was created for this year's budget, but we paused moving forward in order to wait for a new director in the building department to help oversee the job description and new hire.

## Labor Day Block Party - call for volunteers!

Fortunately, the weather is due to be a lot cooler and low humidity come Sunday afternoon. Bexley's Cookout Crew will be out in full festoon - we would love to have your help! Let me know if you can pitch in for our annual all-hands cookout at the Labor Day Block Party / Brewfest.

# Mayor's Update to City Council



