



ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE | SEPTEMBER 2024

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- **Bexley Mural Festival:** Thanks to a major team effort and the undeniable talent on the part of our artists, the inaugural Bexley Mural Festival was a big hit! Special thanks the Bexley Community Foundation for their support, to Mayor Kessler and the Mural Festival Planning Committee for their leadership, and to Emily Sweet, Emily Perfect, Natalie Vawter and the Service Department for their many, many contributions to logistics and the fine details! We're already looking forward to year two! bexley.org/muralfest
- **Comprehensive Sewer Analysis:** In partnership with the Service Department and City Engineer David Koch, we interviewed three potential firms to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the City's sanitary and storm sewers to inform the creation of a 10-year capital improvement program. We look forward to bringing a recommendation forward to City Council in the coming weeks.

- **LinkUs - East/West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):** An internal working group (comprised of representatives from City Council, Bike Friendly Bexley, and the Chamber of Commerce) has continued to give COTA feedback on BRT guideway and station location alternatives. Participating in a tour of IndyGo (Indianapolis' BRT) in October. The City will continue to share information with the public in advance of November election: bexley.org/linkus
- **Meet Your Street:** The second round of Meet Your Street business meetings took place at the end of August. For the Main Street meetings, we discussed LinkUs, as well as how to better cross-promote community events and programs. The Cassady meeting focused on the City of Columbus' Cassady Avenue streetscape improvement project (from 7th south to Delmar), while roadway safety was the main topic for Livingston. We'll continue the meetings on a quarterly basis moving forward: bexley.org/meetyourstreet
- **Land Use Strategy:** The Commission is narrowing in on a draft set of recommendations, and hosted a Public Workshop on September 16 to vet some of the core ideas with members of the public. The City also just received a draft real estate market analysis which will help inform final recommendations. We anticipate bringing a draft strategy to City Council in early 2025: bexley.org/landuse
- **The Fitzgerald (2200 East Main):** Three agreements related to the development and financing of The Fitzgerald are under negotiation or current consideration including the PACE financing agreement, cross access and easement agreement, and the tax increment financing (TIF) cooperative agreement: bexley.org/2200-main
- **The Community Builders (TCB):** TCB has informed the City of their plans to host a number of public engagement opportunities to inform updated site redevelopment plans for 420 N. Cassady and 2300 E. Livingston. TCB intends to engage with the community as a whole, as well as neighbors to the potential Livingston site, as well as senior center stakeholders before resubmitting project plans for consideration beginning in early 2025.
- **What else?** Assisting One Bexley with promotional materials; Photography at various community events
- **Up Next?** Fall *Bexley Times* newsletter (likely to hit late October); Assisting Mayor Kessler and Director Martin with 2025 budget layout; Planning for a 2024 Annual Report; Hometown Heroes Banner Program Assistance