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# MAYOR'S UPDATE

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**Hometown Heroes**



## Coming up in Bexley:

November 14, 12:00 pm:	Bexley Community Foundation Bus Tour
November 14, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
November 19, 6:30 pm:	City Council
November 20, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Public Gardens Commission
November 28-29:	Happy Thanksgiving! City Offices Closed
December 3, 6:00 pm:	City Council
December 7, 8:30 - 11:30 am:	Pancake Breakfast
December 8, 5:00 - 7:00 pm:	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 12, 6:00 pm:	Mayor's & Solicitor's Party
December 25:	Christmas
December 26, 6:00 pm:	Menorah Lighting

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

- Attended Coffee with a Cop event
- Ribbon Cutting Goodwill Drop Off
- Meetings with Bexley business owners
- ARB Slate Roof Workshop
- LinkUs Lunch and Learn
- Extensive budget work, including follow up meetings, work on narrative, and refinements to workbook
- OEC Programs and Communications Meeting
- Special CIC Meeting
- Franklinton Affordable Housing Tour
- Summit on Sustainability Reception and Event
- Inniwood Field Trip for Arboretum Research
- Meet with Board Applicant
- Livingston Avenue Meeting
- Ribbon Cutting at Katalina's
- Meeting with potential developers
- COMMA Meeting
- Roosevelt Traffic Calming Meeting
- Duty to Service Celebration
- Kaia Woodford Meeting
- One Bexley event follow up and meetings
- Livingston Avenue walk and meeting
- Maryland Avenue Class Visit
- Safety Meeting with Monique, Troy, Chief
- Research, meetings, and communications regarding a variety of resident issues/questions
- Health Insurance Renewal Follow Up
- Attended Officer Glick's STEP graduation
- MORPC Executive Committee Meeting
- Speaker at Chamber Breakfast
- Habitat Triangle Landscape Meeting
- Meeting with Jewish Family Services
- Attended Cassingham Safety Patrol Swearing In
- Interview with 10TV re: LinkUS

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)



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## Water Service Line Notices

In compliance with new regulations from the Ohio EPA, we are conducting a water service line inventory to better understand the prevalence of lead and galvanized lines in our community and to assist residents and businesses with need for eventual replacements. As an important note, Bexley's drinking water is regularly tested and is consistently safe, meeting EPA standards.

We are in the process of sending required regulatory notices regarding Bexley's water service lines and have also included information and resources along with these notices providing residents options for assessing their water service lines, learning more about steps to mitigate any risk of lead contamination, and to answer questions. This information is attached to this report, has been published in the Blast, and is also available on our website.

## Lucky Lotto Building Purchased by the CIC

Last month, the Bexley CIC closed on their purchase of the long-vacant former "Lucky Lotto" building. The CIC is exploring a variety of options to use the space to help revitalize Livingston Avenue.

## LinkUS Passed - What's Next?

With the successful passage of the LinkUS ballot initiative, the development of enhanced transit infrastructure, including the East Main Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, is now set to proceed. LinkUS will move into more advanced planning and design phases, incorporating community input to create transit-oriented development along key corridors. For East Main Street, this will mean implementing dedicated bus lanes, improved transit stops, pedestrian-friendly upgrades, and integration with biking infrastructure. Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) is a key component of the LinkUs proposal, bringing bike and pedestrian friendly improvements to the region.

Bexley's first round of LinkUs TSI fund proposals includes around \$3.6 million of bike and pedestrian improvements, including Calm Corridors project; enhance bike/ped accommodation at the Main Street bridge; and assistance with the Livingston Avenue infrastructure project. To learn more about the Calm Corridors project, residents can visit [bexley.org/bike-friendly](https://bexley.org/bike-friendly).

## Bexley Visits IndyGO

On a related note, in late October I carpoled to Indianapolis with a delegation from Bexley, Columbus, Whitehall, and Reynoldsburg, to get a first-hand look at Indy's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system in action. We had a chance to experience the IndyGo system, and to learn about how it has helped spur economic and community development in analogous areas of Indy.



### Do You Know About LinkUs Transit-Supported Infrastructure?

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## Bexley Featured at MORPC Sustainability Summit

At the recent Summit on Sustainability hosted by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Bexley's own Sustainability Programs Coordinator Elizabeth Ellman gave an excellent Pecha Kucha –a timed speech– in which she shared a profound and personal account of the impact of her late grandmother. Also during the Summit, MORPC shared a video about regional sustainability initiatives, in which Bexley programs were featured prominently. The keynote speaker, Jeff Speck, author of "Walkable City", gave an excellent talk on creating accessible, enjoyable, walkable streetscapes.

## One Bexley Project Communications Launch

Last week I received my postcard from the One Bexley Project. If you missed yours, sign up for the One Bexley Minute for weekly conversation starters and updates from One Bexley, and order a yard sign to show your support for the cause.

## Hometown Heroes

As we honor and celebrate service members Monday during Veterans Day week, get to know your Bexley Hometown Heroes by walking Main Street and taking in the new street light banners. Thank you to all those who worked to make the banners possible, including the Capital ROTC Program, Bexley Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Bexley officials and staff who made it possible!

## Bexley Hosts COMMA at Governor's Residence

Bexley hosted the monthly Central Ohio Mayor's and Manager's Association meeting at the Governor's residence earlier this month, thanks to the warm hospitality of Governor DeWine. In a roundtable discussion with the Governor, topics covered included advocating for sustainable financing for Ohio's local governments; discussing the future of passenger rail in Ohio with the 3C+D passenger rail service study and hopeful implementation; and discussing responsible growth.

## Welcome to Keonna White

Late last month we welcomed our new Assistant Finance Director, Keonna White, who hit the ground running and is already a big help to our Finance Team.

## Katalina's Bexley is Open!

Katalina's Bexley is now open to the public! Swing in for some pancake balls or breakfast tacos in what is a truly wonderful space with great vibes and lots of seating. Katalina's is in the former Boston Market location, at the corner of Main and Chelsea - check it out!















