

**Recreation Board Meeting:**

- The Recreation Board met on Wed., Nov. 6th.
- Lauren Miller presented the board with the 2024 Jeffrey Mansion Rental Year End Report.
- The board approved updated rental rates set to go in effect on Jan. 1, 2025.
- The board is set to meet on Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 530p at City Hall. The board will be presented with the 2025 Senior Center report by Kristen Schweitzer.

**Harvest Festival:**

- The Annual Bexley Harvest Festival was held on Fri., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at Jeffrey Park.
- It was a beautiful night with very strong attendance. Attendance estimate was 1500 visitors.
- The event was extended by 30 minutes, which allowed us to run more hay rides and provide more time for visitors to experience the variety of activities.
- Special thank you to Tim Pitts, Mayor Kessler and Councilmen Silverman for the amazing Chili. Special thank you to all of the amazing Rec, Parks and Service staff for all their work on this wonderful community event.

**Halloween Bash:**

- The Halloween Bash was another huge success.
- The Middle School Bash had 292 registered Bexley Middle School Students enjoy a night of music, ambiance, food, costumes, entertainment and more.
- The following night, roughly 150 adults enjoyed a great night out.
- Thank you to the brain child and creative force for this event, Emily Perfect. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers and Rec and Parks staff for all their work decorating Jeffrey Mansion and executing a wonderful community event.

**Halloween Patrol:**

- Trick-or-Treat 2024 was another success with a safe experience for our community.
- Thank you to the 81 Halloween Patrol volunteers for patrolling the streets working to keep the young trick-or-treaters safe.
- Thank you to Daniel Hiser for his recruitment and organization of the Halloween Patrollers.

**2024 Jeffrey Mansion Rental – Year End Report Highlights:**

- Paid Rentals – 77
  - 10% Increase compared to 2023 (70)
- Total Rental Revenue - \$158,344
  - 3% increase compared to 2023 (\$153,479)
- 54 Resident Rentals and 23 Non-Resident Rentals
- 2025 Look Ahead
  - On pace to have similar rental numbers in 2025 compared to 2024.
- Fee Structure:

- Since the opening of the New Carriage Court Space in 2021, we have not increased rental rates to date.
- In reviewing rental rate comps, we found that with increases we would still be competitive in the market.
- Looked at what would equate to a roughly 3-5% inflationary increase over the past 4 years and recommended to the board increase accordingly.
- In an effort to continue to make the space available to the community for smaller events such as birthday parties or graduation parties, we did not increase the resident rates for Sunday events.

<b>Jeffrey House</b>	<b>Current/Proposed</b>		
Type	<b>Fri &amp; Sat. Morning</b>	<b>Sat. Evening</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
Resident	\$1,000/\$1,250	\$1,500/\$1,750	\$150/hr
Non-Resident	\$2,000/\$2,250	\$2,500/\$2,750	\$250/hr
<b>Carriage Court</b>			
Type	<b>Fri &amp; Sat. Morning</b>	<b>Sat. Evening</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
Resident (Alcohol)	\$2,000/\$2,500	\$3,000/\$3,500	\$200/hr
Non-Resident (Alcohol)	\$2,500/\$3,250	\$3,500/\$4,250	\$300/hr
Add 1st Floor Space	\$500/\$600	\$500/\$600	\$500/\$600

#### **Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, Dec. 7th:**

- The Annual Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Bexley Historical Society and Bexley Recreation and Parks Department, will be held at Jeffrey Mansion on Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 830a-11a.
- Families can enjoy all you can eat pancakes and sausage and festive music.
- Money raised will help support both the Bexley Historical Society and Bexley Recreation and Parks Department.
- Thank you in advance to all of the volunteers from Bexley City Council, Bexley Recreation Board, Mayor Kessler, and all involved in pulling off this wonderful community event.



#### **Tree Lighting – Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 5p:**

- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held this Sunday at 5p at Drexel Circle.
- The festivities will kick off with holiday songs from the Bexley High School Vocal Ensemble.
- Mayor Kessler, with help from the crowd, will light the tree around 530p.
- We are expecting our special guest (Don't tell anyone, but it's Santa) to arrive and talk with the boys and girls.
- Throughout the event, we will have refreshments, including hot chocolate and cookies.

