



December 3, 2024

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

December 4, 4:15 pm:	Citizen's Review Board
December 4, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
December 5, 6:00 pm:	BZAP
December 7, 8:30 - 11:30 am:	Pancake Breakfast
December 8, 5:00 - 7:00 pm:	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 9, 6:00 pm:	TCB Community Meeting #2 at Bexley Library
December 10, 6:00 pm:	City Council
December 12, 6:00 pm:	Mayor's & Solicitor's Party
December 14:	Charity Newsies at Drexel and Broad
December 25:	Christmas & First Day of Hannukah
December 26, 6:00 pm:	Menorah Lighting
January 22, 7:00 - 9:00 pm:	One Bexley Story Slam (New Date)

Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Meetings and calls with residents to address questions and issues
- Quarterly schools and City meeting
- Follow up on pedestrian bridge grant documentation
- One Bexley meeting and Story Slam work
- Meetings with potential Board/Commission members
- Follow up meetings and refinements to 2025 budget and attached documents
- BRT betterments meeting
- School zone assessment with Chief Lewis
- Cyber security meeting and followup
- CSG school visit
- Follow up work and meetings on EV chargers
- Meetings with City Engineer regarding infrastructure projects
- Landscape design meeting
- Traffic safety follow up and research
- Meetings/follow up regarding various proposed and in-progress developments
- Presented proclamation to St. Charles water polo team for state championship
- Meetings and follow up with HR on benefits and other personnel items
- Research and follow up on ordinances and other

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Jim: A Rubino's Pizza Short Documentary

Recently, I had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Drexel Theatre for a special premiere viewing of *Jim: A Rubino's Pizza Short Documentary*. This beautiful short-format documentary, created by Bexley native Noah Abrams, profiles Rubino's Pizza and its second-generation owner, Jim Marchese. I loved every minute of the film, which offered a poignant profile of our iconic Bexley pizza shop and a heartwarming story of the relationship between Jim and his daughter Julie, who is learning the ropes with plans for her eventual turn at the helm of the business. The documentary will make the rounds of film festivals and will hopefully be more widely available soon. As soon as we have more information on how to view, we'll share it.

Three Ways to Give Back on Giving Tuesday!

Today is Giving Tuesday and in the spirit of giving, I have three great ways to give back this holiday season.

First, I want to give a special shout out to the Bexley Community Foundation for the generous support they offer to so many events, parks, projects, festivals, and other beautiful additions to the City. BCF makes so much of what we do possible, so if you're interested in giving back on Giving Tuesday, Bexley Community Foundation is a great option!

DARN is also accepting donations to help ensure every young person in Bexley has a wonderful holiday season. As City Hall serves as one of the drop-off locations for this annual drive, I have the opportunity to see our community's generosity up close year after year and it is humbling and moving to witness. If you haven't participated before, this is an awesome opportunity to give back.

And while this isn't technically happening on Giving Tuesday, Charity Newsies will return to Drexel and Main on Saturday, December 14, accepting donations to support their mission to provide every child with the warm winter coats and clothes they need. I can't imagine a holiday without this storied tradition and it warms my heart knowing that before we know it, we'll see those familiar white jumpsuits and smiling faces once more.

