

Recreation Board Meeting:

- The Recreation Board met on Wed., Dec. 4th.
- Kristen Schweitzer presented the board with the 2024 Senior Services Year End Report.
- The board reviewed a draft memorial tree planting policy to provide feedback.
- The board voted on the 2025 Recreation Board meeting schedule.

2024 Senior Services Year End Report:

- Bexley Senior Center Membership reached 316 in 2024. This was a 27% increase since 2022.
- 65% of members participated in at least one activity on a monthly basis.
- We had a roughly 10% increase in class participation year over year.
- In 2024 our monthly lunches were moved to Jeffrey Mansion which has been a big success.
- Look Ahead – New Programs for 2025
 - ABS's of International Cuisine – Mystery lunch for adventurous eaters.
 - Bingocize – A socially engaging, group-based program that combines exercise, health education, and bingo.
 - Zentangle - The art of Zentangle encourages mental clarity while promoting relaxation. Each tangle, or doodle, is created with a series of lines that form stunning designs.
- We have continued to meet with the Community Builders to discuss potential redevelopment of the Senior Center site. Community Builders have been very responsive to our feedback, especially when it comes to parking on site. Their latest design iteration made great strides in addressing parking.
- Huge thank you to Kristen Schweitzer for all her wonderful service to our senior population.

Pancake Breakfast:

- The Annual Pancake Breakfast was held on Sat., Dec. 7th at Jeffrey Mansion.
- Thank you to all the amazing volunteers that helped us pull off this community event.
- Thank you to Bobby the Elf and Mrs. Claus for joining us to decorate cookies.
- Thank you to Scout Troop 166 for the many volunteer roles they took on during the breakfast.

**Tree Lighting:**

- What a beautiful day for the Annual Tree Lighting event on Sun., Dec. 8th at Drexel Circle.
- We had a great turnout to celebrate the lighting of the tree and to visit with Santa Claus.
- The event included holiday music from the Bexley 8th grade choir and the Bexley High School Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Amy Blosser. Thank you to the choirs and Mrs. Blosser for providing wonderful music.
- Following the concert, Santa rode in on a historic fire truck to help Mayor Kessler light the tree and to meet with all of the young boys and girls.
- While it might have been 50 degrees out, thanks to the magic of the holiday season, and a snow machine from the City of Gahanna, we had seasonal snow falling during the event.

