



ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE | JANUARY 2025

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- **Winter Bexley Times:** The winter issue of *Bexley Times* hits mailboxes this week, with additional copies available at City Hall. This issue is focused on fostering community, with a look back on 2024 and a preview of 2025 signature events. Special thanks to Mayor Kessler, Natalie Vawter, Elizabeth Ellman, and Emily Perfect for contributing to the issue. Notably, the direct-mailed newsletters are now printed on 100% recycled paper. View the online version at bexley.org/newsletter.
- **The Community Builders:** The Community Builders (TCB) had preliminary review of their redevelopment applications for 420 N. Cassady and 2300 E. Livingston at January meetings of the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and Board of Zoning and Planning (BZAP). Conditional use permits and variances were approved for both sites by BZAP (with some conditions) and the applications were remanded back to Architectural Review Board for further architectural review and Certificates of Appropriateness. Questions about the applications can be directed to Building and Zoning Director Matt Klinger or myself. More information on the proposals is available at bexley.org/TCB.
- **COhatch Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting:** COhatch is set to open in early February, and is planning a multi-day opening celebration from March 5-7. Specifics and registration information will be shared with Council and the community as it comes available. For more information on Bexley's COhatch visit cohatch.com/bexley.
- **Holtzman Landfill Environmental Assessment Grant Application:** A joint agreement has been executed with the property owners of the properties along Ferndale and Mayfield places. In line with the agreement, earlier this month, the City applied for an environmental assessment grant through the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD)'s Brownfield Remediation Grant Program. Applications are currently being vetted by the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) and awaiting the 2025 ODOD application period to officially open. Award information will be shared once available.
- **Land Use Strategy Update 2.0:** Document drafting is well underway. Planning advisors OHM are developing illustrations to highlight key areas of redevelopment potential. The Commission anticipates bringing a draft strategy to City Council in early 2025: bexley.org/landuse.
- **Parking Management System Contracting:** ParkMobile has been selected as the City's parking management vendor, specifically for the City's new electric vehicle charger parking locations. Back-end configuration is underway, with training for our police officers coming soon. We anticipate a late-February/early March roll-out and will share fee/end user information with the community as it is finalized.
- **Other Recent/On-Going Projects:**
 - Planning for the 2025 State of the Community; Save the date for Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 pm at Torat Emet; RSVP at bexley.org/soc;
 - Coordination with *Dispatch Magazines* on a *Columbus CEO* suburban special section, set to release July 2025;
 - Data collection and design for the 2024 Annual Report and Budget in Brief;
 - Vendor evaluation for Mayor's Court software upgrade;
 - Collaborating with One Bexley on community outreach; Provided event support for recent Story Slam event;
 - Assisting volunteers with promotions for 2025 Arbor Month and Love Your Alley activities.

