

Recreation Board Meeting:

- The Recreation Board met on Wed., Feb. 5th
- The board received the director's report with information about the department operations over the past month.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for Wed., March 5th at City Hall.

Bexley Community Foundation Poker Fundraiser:

- The annual BCF Poker Fundraiser was held at Jeffrey Mansion on Fri., Jan. 31st.
- The event hosted 65 registered poker players, which was down slightly from 2024.
- Participants enjoyed a night of friendly poker play, food from event sponsor Jimmy Johns, drinks, and more.
- Feedback was very positive from the players and the BCF was able to raise nearly \$5,000 from the event.
- Thank you to the event sponsors Jimmy Johns, Seventh Son, MAD Fun Studios, Specialty Sports Cars and Price's Macho Mustard.

2025 Jeffrey Summer Camp Registration:

- Camp registration for returning families opened on Tue., Jan 28th.
- In an effort to improve the process we made changes to the registration process as well as the cancellation policy.
 - Historically, we had a cancellation policy that allowed parents to cancel weeks until April without any charge. The impact of this was families would blanket book/overbook resulting in large waitlists, putting large numbers of families in limbo for an extended period of time.
 - The updated policy implements an immediate cancellation fee, encouraging registrants to only register for weeks they know they will need. The intended impact of this policy change was to reduce the number of families unnecessarily waitlisted.
 - Early registration numbers indicate that the policy changes have had its intended impact with similar numbers of registered participants, but few waitlisted participants.
- Registration numbers after returning family registration (Note, there are still registrations coming in as part of the returning family registration period):
 - Playcamp – 55 campers with no waitlist (2024 – 65 campers with 12 on the waitlist)
 - Camp Woods – 144 campers with no waitlist (2024 – 150 campers with 42 on the waitlist)
 - Camp Park – 229 campers with 5 on the waitlist for week 10 only (2024 – 245 campers with 132 on the waitlist)
- New family resident registration opens Feb. 18th at 5pm.
- Non-resident registration opens on March 4th at 8am.

**OPRA Conference:**

- The team attended the OPRA conference last week, arriving on Sun. with some staff staying through Tue. and others returning on Wed.
- Conference was a great opportunity for team building, continuing education, networking, and reenergizing.



- We appreciate the support from City Council and the Mayor, allowing us to attend this conference. We continue to see an overall great value to the staff, department, and ultimately how we serve the public.

Jeffrey Woods Festival – Sat., March 1st:

- The annual Jeffrey Woods Festival will be held on Sat., March 1st from roughly 8a-2p at Jeffrey Park by the pool parking lot.
- This year's event will be expanded as we welcome additional programming in celebration of Arbor and Earth Days. In addition to the maple syrup burn, the Wood Chop Shop, sawmill demonstration and crafts, we will also have the following programming between 10a-1p:
 - Naturalist Lead Bird Walk
 - Naturalist Lead Woodland Walk
 - FSWCD Soil Simulator
 - Nature Display Table
 - Russell Tree Experts – Kids Tree Climb
- Registration is not required unless you would like to receive a bottle of Kelveden Maple Syrup or participate in the Wood Chop Shop.



Upcoming Events:

- Jeffrey Woods Festival – Saturday, March 1st