



February 25, 2025 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

February 26, 6:00 pm:	Roosevelt Medians Design Workshop
February 27, 4:00-7:00 pm:	Council Retreat at Capital Alumni House
February 27, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning
March 1, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm:	Jeffrey Woods Festival
March 3, 5:30 pm:	Community Improvement Corporation
March 4, 6:30 pm:	State of the Community
March 5, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
March 11, 6:00 pm:	City Council Meeting
March 23, 1:30 pm:	Bexley Historical Society Bus and Walking Tour
April 19, 12:00 pm:	Annual Egg Dash!

Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Writing and editing of City Annual Report
- Feedback and editing of Police Annual Report
- Meeting with JCC
- Meetings and planning for Jeffrey Woods Festival
- Attended and provided remarks at viewing of 6888 documentary
- Hosted Mayor Starr of Mt. Vernon for an overview of Sustainability initiatives
- MORPC Transportation Policy Meeting
- Bexley Celebrations and Events meeting and follow up meetings for various events
- COMMA Agenda Planning meeting
- Farmers Market meeting and follow up work on process
- Sewer Study follow up meeting
- One Bexley meetings and planning work for project structure
- Work on bike boulevard signage RFP
- Phone calls and emails with residents on various issues
- Meeting and follow up feedback on Land Use Strategy document
- Work on galvanized line loan program presentation for Council
- Dispatcher FOP Meeting
- Prepared for and facilitated Boards and Commissions Orientation Meeting
- New Resident Welcome
- City tour with Service Department to assess issues
- Meeting on Council Retreat
- OEC Finance Committee Meeting
- Livingston Avenue Alignment meeting
- Assess street signs for possible public sale

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Aggregation Update

With the full support of City Council, the City entered our current aggregation program in September 2023. This program has saved our residents a collective \$1,202,793.80 and has increased our community's use and support of sustainable energy options.

With the program expiring this May, and electric utility markets shifting upwards right now, it will be important to weigh our options for how to best bring value and continued renewable energy to the community in a rapidly shifting and uncertain market.

While we can re-engage with a new aggregation program, we can also wait and see what happens with AEP rates early this summer before finalizing aggregation plans.

Jeffrey Woods Festival - New Offerings!

Jeffrey Woods Festival is coming up this Saturday and this year we've got more fun than ever. In addition to the traditional sap boil and woodcutting/lumberjack activities, we've added some great new Arboretum focused features for all ages, including walks to explore nature and birdwatching in Jeffrey Park, tree climbing, an interactive OSU bug box, a nature display, craft table, and more.

Six Triple Eight with Senators Craig and Reynolds

Earlier in February I had the privilege of welcoming state legislators and community advocates to a special viewing of the documentary *Six Triple Eight* at Jeffrey Mansion. The 6888th Battalion holds a revered place in history as the only all-Black, all-female battalion to serve overseas during World War II. This remarkable group of women was tasked with eliminating an overwhelming backlog of undelivered mail and ensuring that American servicemembers received vital correspondence from their loved ones. Two Ohio Senators, Senator Craig and Senator Reynolds, have introduced Ohio Senate Bill 17 which aims to honor these extraordinary women and I was able to join them at a special viewing of this documentary which was both moving and inspiring. If you aren't already familiar with the story of the 6888th Battalion, you can learn more at www.womenofthe6888th.org

Roosevelt Medians

The North Roosevelt medians located north of Broad Street are a historic part of the fabric of this roadway and plans are underway to refresh the landscaping thanks to the leadership and funding of the Bexley Beautification Fund of the Bexley Community Foundation. We've invited residents from around the medians to participate in a workshop to discuss ideas for median use and future design refinements. While residents located near the medians received invitations to the workshop, we welcome feedback from anyone who has ideas or thoughts on ways to bring new energy to these community gems. Feel free to join the workshop on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

New Resident Welcome

Thanks to sunny weather and a great turnout, the New Resident Welcome was a success! A special thanks to Sam Marcellino, Alex Silverman, Jess Saad, and Monique Lampke who joined me to greet families as they entered the event. We also had representatives on hand from a variety of community organizations and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. This was an easy and uplifting event, so keep an eye out for it next year if you're able to attend.

Ohio Women in Government

This week Bexley hosted an Ohio Women in Government networking night for community leaders from both the private and public sectors. A big shoutout to Bexley's own Sustainability Programs Coordinator, Elizabeth Ellman, who helped organize the event. City Council representative Jess Saad and Board of Education Vice President Joanne Pickrell answered questions as part of a panel about the challenges of being a woman in government, the importance of being part of a network, and building up and supporting women in this field.

Board & Commission Member Orientation

Friday, we hosted an orientation for newer members to various Boards and Commissions and I was pleased by the robust attendance and great questions asked by new members. During the orientation, we touched on some Bexley specific information regarding our charter, ordinances, and current projects, along with broader information, including an overview Ohio's Sunshine and Ethics Laws and information about hearings.







