



# May 27, 2025 MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

May 27, 6:00 pm:	City Council
May 28, 5:30 pm:	Land Use Strategy
May 29, 4:00-7:00 pm:	Bexley Farmers Market
May 30, 5:30-6:00 pm:	Bexley Pride Walk
May 30, 6:00-10:00 pm:	Main Event
May 31, 2:00 - 7:00 pm:	PorchFest
June 1, 10:00 am-4:00 pm:	Bexley Women's Club House & Garden Tour
June 3, 8:30 am:	Community Improvement Corporation
June 4, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
June 7, 9:00-11:00 am:	Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop
June 10, 6:00 pm:	Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area Public Hearing
June 10, 6:00 pm:	City Council

## Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Montrose visit with Chief Lewis to discuss safety, curfew, helmet laws, etc.
- Bike Boulevard meetings and follow up on intersections and sign RFP
- Fair Avenue Medians meeting
- Commonwealth Park Unification meeting
- BHS AP Government class visit
- Bexley Chamber Economic Summit
- Opening Day of Farmers Market
- Pelotonia Kickoff Meeting
- COMMA Agenda Setting meeting
- Prep and planning for Memorial Day Ceremony
- Planning and sponsor follow up on BCE summer events
- Yard Sale and Freecycle Weekend
- Meetings/calls with potential developers
- Presentation of BHS Mayor's Cup winners
- Speaking at Columbus Landmarks Preservation Conference
- Work and meetings on commercial design guidelines
- Flow monitoring results initial meeting
- Meeting with Columbus Sign
- Benefits Audit Findings Review
- Compost research and meeting
- Calls and emails with residents
- Tree and Public Gardens Commission
- Police Department Retirees Cookout
- OEC Board Meeting Programs and Communications
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Jazz in the Park

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## Get Ready for Super Weekend!

Memorial Day weekend was only the start of Bexley's summer event lineup and Super Weekend is coming up fast! Some of my favorite summer celebrations take place this weekend, including:

**Bexley Pride Walk** - Friday, May 30 at 5:30 pm

**Main Event** - Friday, May 30 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm

**PorchFest** - Saturday, May 31 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm

**Bexley Women's Club House & Gardens Tour** - Sunday, June 1 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Aggregation Update

This past week, information from the City arrived at homes of current AEP customers with details and a unique code to opt-out of the upcoming energy aggregation program with Dynegy, should they choose to do so. With this code, residents can opt out online or via a phone conversation with Dynegy. Households can opt-in or out of our fixed rate, 12 month program at any time; the fixed price rate of this program is \$0.0949 per kWh. AEP's price to compare is scheduled to increase on June 1, 2025 and is expected to be \$0.0997 per kWh.

## Compost Processing Discussion

After touring compost facilities throughout the greater central Ohio area, we're continuing to explore partnerships to bring the best value and quality to the city's program. Earlier this month we toured on-site composting tech at the Dayton Food Bank. Last week we met with representatives from the Compost Exchange to discuss their next steps in the region.

## Commonwealth Park Public Workshop for Unification Design

The Recreation Board and Tree and Public Gardens Commission have reviewed preliminary options for Commonwealth Park's center walkway. A refined option will be discussed at an upcoming public workshop, tentatively planned for June 19th.



## Consolidated Update from the Ohio Municipal League:

- New legislation to increase employer contributions to the Ohio Police & Fire (OP&F) Pension Fund was introduced last week by Rep. Cindy Abrams (R-Harrison) and Rep. Thomas Hall (R-Butler County). House Bill 280 is more comprehensive than House Bill 296 (135th GA). In addition to an increase, the bill allows the board to automatically increase the employer contribution rate related to the finding of an actuarial report.
- With various Ohio Senate standing committees having wrapped up their review of the House-passed version of House Bill 96, the state operating budget bill, Senate leaders were reviewing amendments and speaking with members about their proposals last week. The Senate Finance Committee will begin its hearings this week. A substitute bill is expected to be released June 3 or 4, followed by an omnibus amendment shortly thereafter. A Senate floor vote is expected June 12 at the earliest.
- Senate Bill 104, preemption legislation sponsored by Sen. Andrew Brenner (R-Delaware) that seeks prohibitions on the local regulation of Airbnb and other short-term rentals, will receive another hearing in the Senate Local Government Committee.
- House Bill 92, legislation sponsored by Rep. Mark Johnson (R-Chillicothe) and Rep. Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) that makes changes largely related to how municipalities recover unpaid charges for utility services when renters leave a property, received a hearing with opponent testimony this week.
- Rep. Monica Robb Blasdel (R-Columbiana) and Rep. Dontavius Jarrells (D-Columbus) held a press conference to announce the Lead Line Replacement Act. The bill would require every public water system to replace all lead service lines over the next 15 years.
- The Ohio Senate Housing Committee heard testimony two weeks ago on a variety of housing-related bills that could be wrapped into the state operating budget. Of particular note was Senate Bill 184, legislation sponsored by Sen. Michele Reynolds (R-Canal Winchester) that creates residential economic development district (REDD) grants in areas that are within a 20-mile radius of major economic development projects.
- The Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 63, legislation sponsored by Sen. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) and Sen. Bill DeMora (D-Columbus) that would ban ranked choice voting for state elections and penalize municipalities that try to use it by taking away their Local Government Fund distributions.
- Attorney General Yost accepted the petition title and summary of a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish property taxes in Ohio, which was followed by certification by the Ohio Ballot Board. The petitioners will now be able to collect the required number of signatures to get the proposed amendment on the ballot.





*Memorial Day Service*



*Congrats to BHS 2025 Graduates!*



*Cooking out with Brian Mitchell*





*2025 Mayor's Cup Award winners Michael Luper and Gabbie Theile*



*Talking to Montrose 4th Graders about safety laws and curfew*





*Annual retirees luncheon at PD with chiefs past and presents*