



ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE | MAY 2025

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- **Commercial Design Guidelines Kick-Off:** The City has officially launched the Commercial Design Guidelines project, awarding the contract to planning consultants McKenna (following a competitive RFP process). Principal Planner Abbie Emison will lead a nine-month planning effort guided by a Steering Committee and with multiple opportunities for community engagement. The process will also incorporate the feedback from the Speck Dempsey walkability audit, conducted in April. The Steering Committee begins meeting in early June, with draft guidelines expected by early 2026. Stay tuned for more information and engagement tools including a project webpage (under development by McKenna), public workshops dates, and a community feedback survey.
- **Columbus CEO Bexley Economic Development Guide - July 2025:** The City's communications team has been hard at work collaborating with Columbus CEO to arrange interviews, produce content, and collect media for the upcoming special suburban section featuring Bexley. The issue will highlight Bexley's recent developments, while also spotlighting the existing institutionalist and businesses that make our community shine. We look forward to sharing the issue with the community in July!
- **Land Use Strategy Update:** Final drafting and refinement of inspirational renderings for the draft Land Use Strategy is underway, and following another opportunity for community engagement, the Commission anticipates bringing a draft strategy to City Council in early summer: bexley.org/landuse.
- **LinkUs - East Main BRT:** May included several engagement touch-points with businesses and organizations along East Main Street to discuss the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station at Pleasant Ridge and Main. Highlights included a Meet Your Street event and a focused discussion with Christ Lutheran Church leadership. Meanwhile, the City engineer and planning consultants are reviewing the draft 60% design plans. More information is available at bexley.org/linkus.
- **What's on the horizon?**
 - Sewer Flow Monitoring Results Coming Later this Summer;
 - Summer *Bexley Times* Production;
 - Slow Down Bexley Campaign and Program Development;
 - On-going engagement with The Community Builders (TCB);
 - *Sustainability:*
 - Sustainability Action Plan Final Drafting, Editing, and Production;
 - Installation of the "Freedge" (think: little free pantry meets refrigerator/freezer) at North Community Garden;
 - Issuing a request for proposals for design-build of solar carports at Bexley Police Station;
 - Congratulations to Sustainability Programs Coordinator Elizabeth Ellman on a successful Earth and Arbor Month line-up of events and activities!
 - *Mayor's Court:*
 - Integrating changes from House Bill 29 into Mayor's Court processes (essentially allowing for payment plans that also incorporate income-based fees, and accommodating for changes in state law regarding use of registration blocks);
 - Configuration for launch of Mayor's Court software (Civica) update (coming later in 2025).