



June 24, 2025

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

August 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm:	HeartSafe Bexley AED and CPR Training
August 14-15:	Back to School - Bexley City Schools!
August 14, 4:00 - 7:00 pm:	Bexley Farmer's Market (Also on August 21)
August 14, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
August 15, 6:00 - 10:00 pm:	Main Event: <i>Inside Out 2</i>
August 16:	Student Move In Day - Capital University
August 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm:	Splash, Splash & Dash - Youth Triathlon
August 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm:	Jazz in the Park - Zach Compston Big Band
August 18, 4:00 pm:	CIC Meeting
August 19, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
August 20:	Back to School - CSG and St. Charles
August 20, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Public Gardens Commission
August 24, 5:00 - 7:00 pm:	BMPA Back to School Block Party
August 26, 6:00 pm:	City Council Meeting

Some of What I'm Working On

- July Parade, Evening, Cleanup, and Post Event
- Commercial Design Guidelines Workshop, Prep, and Follow Up Meetings
- Land Use Strategy Draft Document Review Workshop and Follow Up Review and Feedback
- Work on Alum Creek Pedestrian Bridge
- Meetings and follow up on BRT Station, including special presentation to TPGC
- One Bexley Meetings and follow up
- Met with multiple potential developers
- TPGC Working Group Planning and Meeting
- BCE Meetings and Planning for Summer Events
- Presented at Columbus Realtors
- Police Department Solar Carport Work/Review
- Work on ADU and Noise Ordinances
- Flow Metering Follow up
- Work with HR on Personnel Matters
- Commonwealth Unification Workshop
- CIC Board and TCB Follow Up
- Meeting with Bexley Education Foundation
- MORPC Meetings
- Meeting with Dr. Fine and Resident
- Meeting with BCF
- Podcase Interview on BRT Stop
- Calls and emails with various board members and residents
- Meeting with Chief Lewis and organizers of Sunday Walk events
- Meetings and Follow up on City Hall Improvement Project

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Aggregation Program Update

Great news on the aggregation program - AEP's price went up substantially in July, and our program's wind-sourced energy rates are roughly 10% lower than AEP's current standard rate. Additionally, market trends indicate AEP's rate will continue to climb going forward. As a reminder, we're locked into this rate for twelve months, which is likely good news as more price hikes are expected from AEP in the coming months.

Commonwealth Park Unification

The Commonwealth Park Workshop was a tremendous success and we received enthusiastic positive feedback from attendees on the draft plans. The design is moving through additional reviews at the Rec Board and Tree and Public Gardens Commission. If you'd like to take a peek at the design, the workshop materials are available online.

Land Use Strategy 2.0

The Land Use Strategy 2.0 is almost ready for prime time! A huge hats off to Megan who did a great job with this document. I'm continuing to review and make some final refinements, and the document will be sent to Council ahead of the second meeting in August to allow some review time. We are planning to present an ordinance on the Land Use Strategy at the August 26 meeting.

Commercial Design Guidelines

Our Commercial Design Guidelines project is moving forward as well. After the successful public workshop, some additional meetings are being set with some key stakeholders to obtain more in depth perspectives. We've also been circulating an online survey on the Blast to obtain more feedback from community members who weren't able to attend the workshop. We'll continue to keep Council posted as this develops.

LinkUs BRT Station Updates

Megan and I have been working with COTA and Kimley Horn to engage the Tree and Public Garden Commission in a discussion on how to best preserve street trees near the station location and Pleasant Ridge and Main. We've also attended meetings with COTA and other Central Ohio leaders on the project as a whole.

Slowdown Bexley Program

Our Slowdown Bexley program is nearly finalized with plans for a rollout the first week of September. This project, aims to improve traffic safety throughout the City by raising awareness and enforcement efforts regarding vehicular speed.

We'll have signage, stickers, and educational information for distribution, along with an interactive dashboard that enables residents to view information about speed studies in the community. Look for more on this in the Blast and at upcoming meetings.

Police Carport Solar Project

We received very intriguing initial proposals on an RFP for solar for the Police Department parking lot. Based on some of the details of these proposals and after further internal discussion, we're taking the next step to refine the RFP scope request. We'll keep Council posted as this progresses and next steps are established.

The New and Newsworthy Bexley Freedge

The Bexley Freedge, a free food pantry for perishable items, is up and running at North Community Gardens. Elizabeth Ellman and our Service Department did great work putting this together and the project has garnered impressive attention on social media and even in the local news. Notably, the food in the pantry is going fast, which shows the real need for this resource in our community. I'd encourage everyone to check out the Freedge and if you're interested in learning more or signing up to donate or support the effort, learn more at bexley.org/freedge.

Updates on Projects around Bexley

Due to unusual weather patterns this summer, our flow monitoring analysis for our sewer system has been extended 30 days to gather additional information.

Tennis Court resurfacing is mostly complete at Jeffrey Park, and we are waiting for the curing process to be complete.

The Columbia water line / street project is in full swing and our sidewalk program bid has been awarded, and will commencing soon!

Bike Sharing Program Updates

The City has entered a new MOU with Veo, a bike share company that will replace CoGo bikes throughout the city. Veo is also working with the City of Columbus and others in the region creating a more cohesive bike sharing program in Central Ohio.