Here is a summary of Tuesday's meeting:

First, let's cheer our successes! Of course we have many, but this month one stand out -

Congrats to Steve Grossman for planning the excellent and very well attended online Sustainability Forum. Many sustainability groups from Columbus joined and shared many interesting things they are doing.  Thanks, Steve! As Steve says, the seeds have been planted to work together with other sustainability groups. :) You can find the Zoom meeting recording [here](https://morpc1-my.sharepoint.com/%3Av%3A/g/personal/bwhetstone_morpc_org/ETcaCJdzapxMjSdP3oWsUSsB88LtSS9YQdKPqqtQaLbOEg?e=fDIU7H).

1. Bexley Living Magazine - Several Bexley residents are writing articles about how they live sustainably. For the May issue, there may be a piece about cycling. Please let Elizabeth know if you are interested in adding a blog entry.

2. Next water bill will include an introduction to the city's waste reduction goal and the detailed description about new curbside recycling rules. "If you have a question about what can or cannot be recycled, please check [www.greenbexley.org/recycle-right](http://www.greenbexley.org/recycle-right)."

3. Earth Day 2021 - In partnership with Capital University, we will be presenting a game which has 8 categories regarding sustainable living. The goal is to complete one item per each category in order to have your name entered into the prize drawing. Whoever completes the most items, wins. The challenge will begin April 1 and run through April 21, with the prize drawings occurring on April 22. Also, there will be a push for residents to make pledges either daily, every week, or every month to do something sustainable. These pledges could be posted on social media. Please email Elizabeth if you have any ideas.

The city will host 4 Litter clean up days in April - 4/3, 4/10, 4/17 and 4/24. Kathy will organize 4/17 and 4/24. Please let us know if you can help on 4/10. Troy Markham is leading the 4/3 clean up. Mayor Kessler would like Schneider Park to be targeted.

4. Schools' News shows - Elizabeth has set a goal to deliver a message about the environment on each of the Bexley schools morning news announcements. Thanks, Elizabeth!

5. Dog waste stations -  a grant is in the works to get the supplies to get this up and running. The grant will cover additional trash cans and stickers for toters. If the grant is approved, Betty will contact PetPeople to see if we can get a donation of bags.

6. COSI Science Fair is May 5-8. Please let Elizabeth know if you are interested in being involved with an ESAC activity.

7. This Week Bexley - Elizabeth has communicated with Chris Bornea about having some articles about the environment and sustainability in April

8. Food Waste Composting the Bexley schools. Juliana Carvi, the director of food services for BCS joined us. Juli reiterated her commitment to running a sustainable cafeteria. Currently she gives away 5-15 gallons of food scrap from food prep to a BHS teacher who has chickens. She also pays careful attention to how much food she is preparing to cut down on waste. Any food that is remaining, that can be packaged up, is often given to a local soup kitchen. They are also providing compostable forks and using washable trays.

As for creating a plan for food waste composting in the cafeteria, Juli Carvi recommends incorporating it into the district wide curriculum. She believes this would be the most impactful for the students.

9. City wide food waste composting - 1,495 families are currently signed up; about 1/3 of Bexley's population. According to Steve, 7-8 central OH communities are looking into starting curbside food waste composting. Brassica started their back of house composting this week and Harvest is interested in participating, as well.

10. Boot Camp - Rebecca reported that boot camp continues to be a success! Most of the participants are ages 3-8

11. Bexley Clean Up and Drug Take Back Day, Saturday 4/24 - Looking for volunteers! Please let Elizabeth know if you can help. Will take place up on Delmar Ave Saturday morning.

12. Bexley Community Yard Sale Day will be Saturday, May 15. There will be Goodwill bins at the service station on Delmar for any item that does not get picked up or sold!

13. Legislation - Working on multifamily/commercial recycling ordinance. Hope to have running by January 2022. Electricity aggregation option for Bexley residents still on target for June 2021.

14. Love Your Alley - Rebecca and her  team are doing a fantastic job planning this month long event. There will be speakers and artwork. Entomologist Doug Tallamy will be speaking on May 2 and the Cassingham art teacher, Ben Pinciotti is working with the group to help create art for the alleys. Sponsors so far include Oakland Nursery, Strader's, and the Columbus Gardening School. Goal is to establish Bexley alleys as a biological corridor.

Please let Rebecca or Midge know if you have any suggestions for residents to be "Alley Captains". Midge has made detailed lists of what that task would entail.

15. Chamber Update - Lesli reported there will be a golf outing, date TBD. Also, the city plans to revive the music and food truck series at Havenwood Park this summer

16. July 4 Parade - Send any ideas for float(s) to Elizabeth! "Elizabeth will reach out to Tim Madison about making things sustainable."

Finally, April 17th, Hilliard will host a styrofoam recycling event!! More details to come!

Attached please find Earth Day testimonials by Elizabeth.