2023 Year in Review

December 18, 2023 Tree Commission

1. Regulatory
2. Mulch Volcano Ordinance Passes
3. Jim compiles Ordinances pertaining to Tree Commission
4. Time limit for approved landscape installations is approved
5. Planting in front of fences is a substantial discussion topic
6. Review of current state of formerly approved landscape plans continues
7. Discussed spacing for tree installations near Stop Signs
8. Urban Tree Forest
9. Installation of 60+ Persian Ironwood on Parkview
10. Partnering with Asplundh for removal of Parkview trees
11. Tree Plotter program becomes additional maintenance/planning tool
12. Urban Tree Canopy Goal of 40 % approved within three years
13. Continued Bexley Landmark Tree Program plus drone footage photos of all 2023 Landmark Trees is available.
14. Partnerships:
15. Partnered with Earth Day Committee and Bexley Fairy Village for:

“One Earth: One Trillion Trees” event at South Community Garden which included free book giveaway; Fairy Village installation; mulch display; Arbor Day Crafts; working with master Gardeners; appearance of Bexley’s Treeodore; BPL story time; and more.

1. Partnered with Bexley Public Library on presenting Joan Maloof, founder of the “Old Growth Forest Network” and author of “Nature’s Temples”, the story of Old Growth Forests.
2. Partnered with the Bexley Bloomers to install gater bags on the Persian Ironwood and then remove gater bags and install protective fending around the trunks.
3. Partnered with the Bexley Community Foundation re: funds for Trees for Bexley; plantings for Bexley in Bloom; and Bexley Fairy Village. Raied excess of $54,000.
4. Partnered with Senior Center for Bexley Landmark Tree tour via

GOLF CART!

1. Landscape Application Review:
2. Tidied up our procedure for reviewing landscape applications.
3. Worked collegially with Community builders and Pod Design on

420 North Cassady landscape plan

1. Large focus on reviewing plans for 2200 East Main Street
2. Additional new build landscape reviews
3. Lots of plantings in front of fences
4. Events:
5. Celebrating Arbor Day all of April! Tree planting at Jeffrey; Treeodore at City Council, etc.
6. What could we have done better? Were we welcoming and civil? Disappointments?
7. On to 2024!