



January 28, 2025

# MAYOR'S UPDATE



## Coming up in Bexley:

January 29, 5:30 - 9:00 pm:	Urban Emporium Ten Year Anniversary Celebration
January 31, 5:30 pm:	BCF Poker Tournament
February 1, 9:00 - 11:00 am:	Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop
February 11, 6:00 pm:	City Council
February 23, 3:00 pm:	New Resident Welcome at Jeffrey Mansion
March 1:	Jeffrey Woods Festival
March 4, 6:30 pm:	State of the Community

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

- Extensive One Bexley Work, including preparation and management for One Bexley Story Slam
- Meetings and work on BCE 2025 events season
- Landscape Design meetings and followup
- Landscape Consultant Meetings and Review
- Meeting and communication regarding Drexel Avenue ODOT application for speed limit reduction
- OEC Boad Membership meeting
- Sewer Loan Meeting
- Attended Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Learning
- Working with Finance Department on ordinance follow up and other issues
- Jeffrey Woods Festival discussion
- Meeting with Chamber of Commerce on Labor Day Block Party
- COMMA Agenda Planning and Invoice follow up
- Follow up and ordinance work on Galvanized Lead Service Line ordinance
- Aggregation program meetings and follow up including ordinance work
- Preparation for CIC meeting
- Meetings/phone calls/follow up regarding various proposed and in-progress developments
- Phone calls and emails with residents on various issues
- Communications and research work on various parks projects.
- Initial planning for State of the Community and New Resident Welcome events
- Livingston Avenue meeting

Keep in touch! To sign up for weekly email updates from the City of Bexley, including information on community events and timely notifications and reminders, visit: [www.bexley.org/blast](http://www.bexley.org/blast)



## Black History Month Main Street Banners

This week, our Service Department will be installing street pole banners to honor African Americans who have made a difference in our community, from our schools and businesses to churches and service organizations. We partner with Bexley Minority Parent Alliance (BMPA) for this program, which is a wonderful tribute to individuals from diverse backgrounds and walks of life, each contributing in their own way to shape Bexley into the special community it is today. From unsung heroes to prominent historical figures, professional athletes and political activists, to current day teachers and coaches—the banners honor those who have made a significant difference in the Bexley community and beyond. We're proud to celebrate the 2025 honorees, so keep an eye out and check out [bexley.org/blackhistorymonth/](https://bexley.org/blackhistorymonth/) for more background on banner honorees, past and present!

## Drexel Avenue Speed Petition

Our team recently met with ODOT to discuss the upcoming application for a formal speed limit reduction on South Drexel Avenue. As this is a state route, ODOT approval is required to lower the speed limit, and a review of data from recent traffic studies indicates we have a strong case for this request. We'll keep you posted as we hear more from ODOT on this application.

## North Cassady Avenue Bike Infrastructure

Even as we work on planning out the roll-out of the Bike Boulevard routes, the City Engineer is working on concepts to continue dedicated bike infrastructure south from Columbus' path that will be brought from Fifth to Delmar along Cassady. We've studied dedicated bike lanes and are also studying a multi-use path on the west side of Cassady to potentially extend as far as Maryland.

## One Bexley Story Slam Recap

With great turnout, and a fascinating slate of storytellers, the One Bexley Story Slam was a great success. Kuddos to La, Steve, Kaia, Megan, and the planning team on a great event, and a huge thanks to the Drexel Theatre for hosting. We'll be posting videos soon, and are already thinking about how to plan our next Story Slam!

## Galvanized Service Line and Water Bill Assistance Programs

We're hard at work fleshing out the details for the Galvanized Water Line loan (see the companion ordinance in today's agenda), as well as the Water Bill Assistance programs. We hope to finalize the details on the latter in the coming weeks, which will most likely entail bringing back an authorizing ordinance in February. Thanks again for your support of these two programs as part of the 2025 budget.

## 2025 Street Projects Planning

Work is underway to finalize street resurfacing priorities for 2025. If you notice any streets or alleys that you feel need special attention, let Andy know!

## Joint Livingston Avenue Project Update

This week we had several meetings with Columbus to begin to prepare for the next phase of project administration. Public workshops have not yet been scheduled, but work is progressing fastidiously, with the focus this week being on how to best coordinate Right of Way planning as well as the practical details behind administering project cost sharing.

## Slow Down Bexley Project Update

This week our team heads to Dublin, to talk through successes and lessons learned with their “Slow Down Dublin” campaign. Bexley’s effort will borrow heavily from this program, but of course with our own native twist...



## CIC Meeting Update

At this morning’s CIC meeting, we discussed progressing on the MOU between the CIC and TCB re: the 420 North Cassady space. This MOU will eventually also involve the City and City Council, as it relates to planning for the new senior center space on the first floor. More info to come soon!

## Federal Funding and Policies Monitoring

An Executive Order announced yesterday calls for a pause in federal funding of the majority of grant disbursements and other sources of funding to local and state governments. While we don’t currently calculate an impact from this announcement, we are closely monitoring this situation, and any impact it might entail for our own projects.



