



March 26, 2025 Tree Commission MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

March 26, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Public Gardens Commission
March 26, 5:30 pm:	Land Use Strategy
March 27, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning
March 29, 2:30 pm:	Bexley Cherry Blossom Walk/Ride Week Kickoff Event
March 30, 3:00 pm:	Safe Biking in Bexley (at Bexley Public Library)
April 2, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
April 5, 9:00 - 11:00 am:	Repair Cafe and Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes
April 5, 10:00 am:	Trash Talk!
April 5, 7:00 pm:	Bexley Education Foundation BRAVO! Event
April 8, 6:00 pm:	City Council
April 15, 7:00 pm:	"Giants Rising" screening at the Drexel
April 18, 4:30 pm:	Trash Talk!
April 19, 12:00 pm:	Annual Egg Dash!
April 23, 1:00 pm:	Author Amy Stewart "The Tree Collectors" at the Bexley Public Library
April 23, 7:00 pm:	Earth Month Keynote - Jeff Speck: Building a more Walkable Bexley

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Bexley Times: Tree Edition is shipping out!

Through collaboration with members of the Tree and Public Gardens Commission, and other enthusiastic community volunteers, a special "Tree Issue" of *Bexley Times* is set to hit mailboxes in early April. A special thank you to all those who contributed! View the online version at bexley.org/newsletter.



Additional Main Street Furnishings for Spring

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Bexley Community Foundation, in early April we'll have new inviting seating areas throughout the City. Keep an eye on the area just behind the sidewalk at the Capital Lawn at Main Street for new blue adirondack chairs. A selection of new chairs will also be installed at Commonwealth and may pop up at a few other locations throughout the City so keep your eyes peeled for new places to kick back and enjoy those beautiful spring days in Bexley, all made possible through the original Year of the Parks grant funding.

Commonwealth Park Update

The unification at Commonwealth continues to progress. The new curbs and sidewalks at Columbia should be complete by next week and preconstruction meetings and plans are underway to determine more specific timing for the water line and pavement work in this area. Furthermore, we had a great internal meeting with landscape design for the center of the park, and expect to be workshopping draft plans in the near future.

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Jeffrey Woods Festival recap

Another Jeffrey Woods Fest is in the books and this year was better than ever. Lots of folks braved the brisk, windy weather to enjoy the wood chop, maple syrup boiling (yielding more than 150 bottles!), and other Woods Fest favorites. This year, we added to the program with a selection of Arboretum events to kick off Earth and Arbor Month, including tree climbing, nature displays, and a super popular falconry program. A huge thanks to the Service and Recreation Departments, especially Grant, Ron, Mike, and Elizabeth for their help in pulling this event together.

Tree Commission & Tree Preservation Ordinance Update

TPGC Chair Susan Quintenz and I are planning the launch of a working group to work on streamlining the TPGC code and study a more robust tree preservation and replacement code. We're in the process of planning out the meeting scope and content, with a working group structure in place to include TPGC chair and vice chair, several council members, the building director, chief urban forester, and myself.

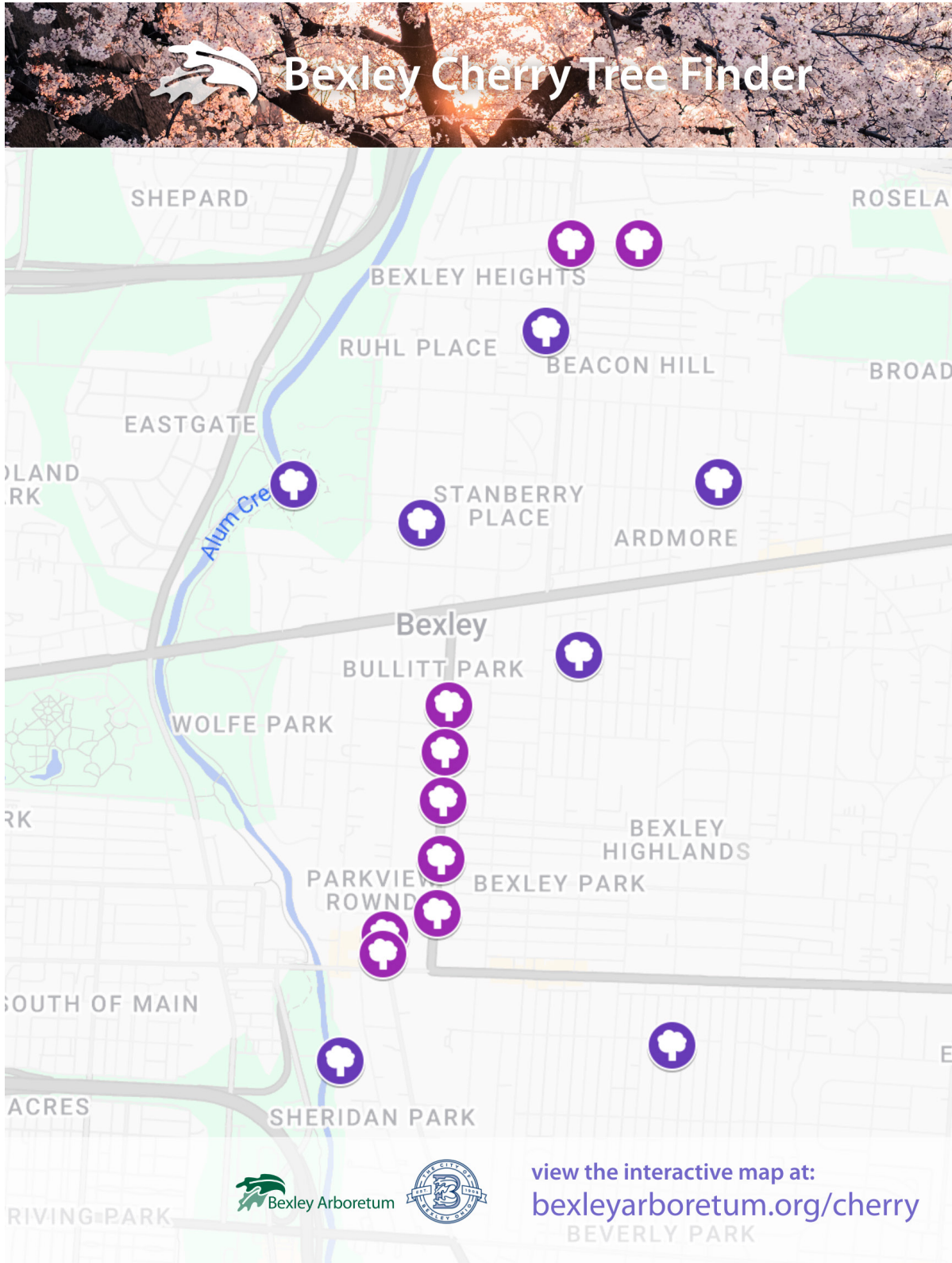
Commercial Streetscape and Design Guidelines Process Update

As called for in the City's Strategic Plan and budgeted for in this and last year's budgets, we're getting ready to kick off the Commercial Design Guidelines update process. This new guidelines will re-envision the current Main Street Design Guidelines by establishing overarching guidelines for core commercial areas in Bexley and providing specific standards tailored to the unique contexts of East Main Street, North Cassady Avenue, and East Livingston Avenue. These guidelines will establish standards for future redevelopment, and collaborate with a steering committee to ensure that the updated guidelines are contextually appropriate and align with the city's long-term vision. The first step is to identify a planner to assist with the effort; an RFP has been circulated to the planning community to assist as project lead in the effort.

Cherry Blossom Kickoff (and Map!)

The 2025 Bexley Cherry Blossom Walk/Rides Kickoff event takes place this Saturday, March 29 at 2:30 pm at Bexley Public Library with music and special speakers to celebrate the season of cherry blossoms!.

With the cherry trees just beginning to bloom across the City, this year's timing looks perfect to enjoy this once-a-season delight. In addition to speaking at Saturday's event, I've also created a map of cherry trees in Bexley. Check the map and maybe plan your next walk to bike route to include a few of these beautiful trees.





Bexley Cherry Tree Finder

The map displays the following locations with cherry tree icons:

- BEXLEY HEIGHTS
- RUHL PLACE
- BEACON HILL
- EASTGATE
- STANBERRY PLACE
- ARDMORE
- BULLITT PARK
- WOLFE PARK
- PARKVIEW ROWND
- BEXLEY PARK
- BEXLEY HIGHLANDS
- SHERIDAN PARK

view the interactive map at:
bexleyarboretum.org/cherry



Spec'ing out the Main Street adirondacks



Our first Trash Talk of the year yielded a great haul at the Livingston Avenue on-ramp



Grant Archer firing up the maple syrup arches at dawn



A future arborist learns the ropes at Woods Fest



A no-zoom photo of a friend along the Tad Jeffrey Trail at Schneider Park