



# November 18, 2025 MAYOR'S UPDATE



## Coming up in Bexley:

November 19, 4:00 pm:

Tree & Public Gardens Commission

November 27, 9:00 am:

St. Albans Turkey Trot

November 27-28:

Happy Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed

December 2, 8:00 am:

Community Improvement Corporation

December 3, 5:30 pm:

Recreation Board

December 3, 6:00 - 9:00 pm:

Holiday Hop with Bexley Area Chamber

December 4, 6:00 - 7:30 pm:

Livingston Avenue Improvements Workshop at Barnett Community Center

December 6, 8:30 - 11:00 am:

Pancake Breakfast at Jeffrey Mansion

December 6, 9:00 - 11:00 am:

Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes

December 7, 5:00 - 7:00 pm:

Christmas Tree Lighting at Drexel Circle

December 9, 6:00 pm:

City Council - Public Hearing for 519 S. Drexel

December 11, 6:00 pm:

Mayor's & Solicitor's Holiday Party at Jeffrey Mansion

December 14, 6:30 pm:

Menorah Lighting at Drexel Circle

December 16, 6:00 pm:

City Council

## Some of What I'm Working On

- BCE Sponsorship followup
- COMMA End of Year and Invoice work
- Extensive work on budget follow up, including meetings and documentation
- Records Commission Meeting
- Meeting with new Council Member
- Research and work on noise ordinance and memo
- Interview with Columbus Dispatch
- MORPC Transportation Policy Meeting
- Follow up meeting and work on e-bikes ordinance
- Meeting with Susan Quintenz
- Finalize Mayor's Solicitor's Party list and invite
- Preparation and facilitation of Tree Commission Ordinance meeting
- Meeting with Mayor Spalding
- Meeting regarding CISV
- Meeting for succession planning facilities
- Phone calls and emails regarding various resident and business questions and concerns.

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## Property Tax Reform at the Statehouse update

Five major pieces of legislation are working through the statehouse to reform property taxes, particularly targeting levies that float with property values.

Three major themes:

- Slowing automatic tax increases
- Increasing predictability and transparency - valuation, certification, levy behavior
- Shifting more control to statewide standards

HB 124 - going to Governor for signature - largely technical bill that makes adjustments to how property tax ratios are applied / standardizes evaluation processes

HB 129 - Passed House on bi-partisan basis - adjusts how school district's calculate millage floor, and

HB 309 - Passed House - County budget commissions - restructures authorities, review responsibilities

HB 186 - Passed House on bi-partisan basis - addresses rising SD property taxes by placing caps on growth caused by rapid property valuation appreciation

HB 335 - Passed House - limits the inside millage revenue growth

## Water and Sewer Rate Increases

Last week, The Columbus Dispatch reported on the significant 2026 water and sewer rate increases being proposed to Columbus City Council. As a master meter community, Bexley purchases our water from Columbus and passes along their rates which means that when their rate increases, our rate increases.

With an 18% water rate and 8% sewer rate increase proposed, we know news like this can understandably cause concern for Bexley households. That's why Bexley is taking steps to soften the impact for our community by proposing reduced increases of 15% for water and 6% for sewer in the 2026 Budget revision being reviewed today.

## Tree Commission Working Group

The Tree Commission Ordinance Working Group met yesterday and continues to work on honing concepts for the upcoming proposed revisions to the group of Tree Commission code sections. Our next meeting is in December, and will focus on continuing to thinking through roles and responsibilities for parks and public space plantings, as well as exploring expanded regulations regarding tree removal on private property.



