

**Recreation Board Meeting:**

- The Recreation Board met on Wed., Nov. 5th.
- The board received updates on the following:
  - Budget Process
  - October Events
  - Project Updates
- The board is set to meet on Wed., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 530p at City Hall. The board will be presented with the 2025 Senior Center report by Kristen Schweitzer & the 2025 Jeffrey Mansion report by Lauren Miller.

**Harvest Festival:**

- The Annual Bexley Harvest Festival was held on Fri., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at Jeffrey Park.
- It was a beautiful night with very strong attendance. Attendance estimate was 1500 visitors.
- This was the second year with a 2.5 hour event, which allowed us to run more hay rides and provide more time for visitors to experience the variety of activities.
- Special thank you to Tim Pitts, Mayor Kessler and Councilmen Silverman for the amazing Chili. Special thank you to all of the amazing Rec, Parks and Service staff for all their work on this wonderful community event.

**Halloween Bash:**

- The Halloween Bash was another huge success.
- The Middle School Bash had 350 registered Bexley Middle School Students enjoy a night of music, ambiance, food, costumes, entertainment and more.
- The following night, roughly 150 adults enjoyed the first Murder Mystery event at Jeffrey Mansion.
- Thank you to the brain child and creative force for this event, Emily Perfect. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers and Rec and Parks staff for all their work decorating Jeffrey Mansion and executing a wonderful community event.

**Halloween Patrol:**

- Trick-or-Treat 2025 was another success with a safe experience for our community.
- Thank you to the 150 Halloween Patrol volunteers for patrolling the streets working to keep the young trick-or-treaters safe. This was an increase from the 81 volunteers in 2024.
- Thank you to Daniel Hiser for his recruitment and organization of the Halloween Patrollers.

## Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, Dec. 6th:

- The Annual Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Bexley Historical Society and Bexley Recreation and Parks Department, will be held at Jeffrey Mansion on Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 830a-11a.
- Families can enjoy all you can eat pancakes and sausage and festive music.
- Money raised will help support both the Bexley Historical Society and Bexley Recreation and Parks Department.
- Thank you in advance to all of the volunteers from Bexley City Council, Bexley Recreation Board, Mayor Kessler, and all involved in pulling off this wonderful community event.



## Tree Lighting – Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5p:

- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held this Sunday at 5p at Drexel Circle.
- The festivities will kick off with holiday songs from the Bexley High School Vocal Ensemble.
- We are expecting our special guest (Don't tell anyone, but it's Santa) to arrive and talk with the boys and girls.
- Throughout the event, we will have refreshments, including hot chocolate and cookies.
- Huge thank you to the Bexley Community Foundation for the \$10k grant to support improvements to the tree decorations.



## Recreation and Parks Project Updates:

- Pickleball Lights:
  - Installation of the pickleball lights started this week with the footers being installed.
  - The light fixtures are in and will be installed once the footers are completed. We are hopeful to have lights operational by the end of the month.
- Skatepark:
  - The construction of the new Bexley Skatepark is in full swing. The skatepark is starting to take shape as concrete is being poured.
  - We are expecting the skatepark will be completed by the end of Dec.
- Pool Parking Lot:
  - The pool parking lot project is nearing completion with nearly all hardscape work completed except the finishing asphalt.
  - We will be working on the landscape plan for installation in the spring.
- Commonwealth Unification Plan:
  - The Commonwealth Unification plan will go in front of the Tree and Public Gardens Commission at their meeting on 11/19/25.
  - The plan, with comment from T&PG, will then go in front of the Recreation Board for approval at the 12/3/25 Recreation Board Meeting.

