



October 14, 2025 MAYOR'S UPDATE



Coming up in Bexley:

October 15, 8:30 am:	Records Commission
October 15, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Public Gardens Commission
October 15, 6:00 pm:	Tree and Public Gardens Commission
October 15, 7:00 pm:	HeartSafe Bexley AED/CPR Training
October 15, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Public Gardens Commission
October 16, 4:00 - 7:00 pm:	Bexley Farmers Market
October 17, 10:30 am:	Landfill Tour with Green Bexley
October 17, 4:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board Workshop
October 18, 11:00 am:	Trash Talk with Mayor Kessler and Council President Lampke
October 20:	Curbside Leaf Pickup Begins
October 21, 5:30 pm:	Board of Health
October 21, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
October 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm:	One Bexley's Big Table Conversation at Bexley Library
October 23, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning and Planning
October 28, 6:00 pm:	City Council
October 30, 5:30 - 7:00 pm:	Trick or Treat

Some of What I'm Working On

- Extensive work on budget meetings, planning, and organization
- Class visits with Montrose Elementary
- Served chili at Harvest Fest
- Attended Open House at Wardrobe Therapy
- Sewer Flow Monitoring follow up meeting
- MORPC Meetings
- One Bexley Meeting abd Gathering initial logistics and rain date reschedule planning
- Attended Capital University Police Community event
- Pedestrian Bridge Meeting
- Creation/refinement of several internal policies
- Celebrity bartending at Grain and Grape
- Work on Fair Avenue medians communications
- Meetings and calls with potential developers
- COMMA Agenda planning
- Volunteered with Bexley Bloomers
- Smoke and Fire Festival - cooking and staff
- Phone calls and emails regarding various resident and business questions and concerns.
- Bexley and Columbus Academy basketball game
- CIC Meeting and follow up
- Arboretum Booth at Bexley Farmers Market
- City Hall AV Work
- Taste of Bexley
- Work and research on future ordinances

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Sewer System - Informational Workshop for Council

We're working to schedule a two hour informational workshop to provide an holistic overview of Bexley's sewer system. We'd love to lock in a time for this workshop if one of the following options works for most of Council:

Tuesday, November 4 - 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursday, November 6 - 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Monday, November 10 - 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Friday, November 14 - 11:00 - 1:00 pm OR 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Fourth of July 2026

The police department has recommended that we move the fireworks/evening celebration date to coincide with Red White and Boom and other community celebrations. This would mean celebration on Friday, July 3rd, with the parade to follow on the morning of the 4th. I'd like to discuss this change with council prior to finalizing any plans.

Budget Process Update

I've now had individual one on one's with all council members, and we are working internally to finalize the draft budget. We are still on track for circulating an initial draft by mid to late next week, and we're looking forward to beginning the budget presentation process at the next council meeting!

Fair Avenue Median Refresh

Thanks to the generous support of the Bexley Community Foundation, we are moving forward with plans to refresh and refine the iconic medians on Fair Avenue, elevating both their visual appeal and their environmental importance.

The new landscaping will reinforce the beautiful, established red oak trees by adding more than a dozen varieties of other native oak species. With this expansion of species in the median, we will be creating a quercetum, an arboretum of oaks, and we're very pleased to share that this arboretum will be named the Susan Quintenz Quercetum in honor of the many years of advocacy, leadership, and service Susan has contributed to Bexley's trees. In the coming weeks, keep an eye out for median work, which will include:

- Removal of failing or dead trees and plant material
- Installation of oaks trees, dogwoods, and other new plants
- Signage installation to identify the native oak species

As a note, the median at Cassingham and Fair was recently planted with a variety of shrubs and perennials to visually highlight this intersection, but the remainder of the Fair Avenue medians will remain lawn.



