



Mayor's City Council Update

June 14, 2016

Key Updates:

Southwest Bexley Master Plan Update Committee meeting launches June 30th

Meeting will be at City Hall at 4:00 pm. Initial agenda is pending but will probably include introductions, introduction of planning consultant, discussion of process/timelines/etc.



Gypsy Moth Treatment is Occurring the week of June 20th

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will begin aerial treatments designed to disrupt gypsy moth mating on 26,886 acres in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Morrow, Pickaway and Union counties. Treatments in Franklin County include blocks in the downtown Columbus area. To help protect Ohio's diverse habitat, the Ohio Department of Agriculture operates multiple programs aimed at managing the gypsy moth in Ohio. One such program, the Slow-the-Spread program, focuses on monitoring, detecting, and reducing isolated populations to slow the gypsy moth's movement across the state through treatments.

Airplanes will fly 100-200 feet above the tree tops and buildings to apply the treatment throughout the day. Weather permitting, treatments will begin in central Ohio the week of June 20th and occur over one or two days. In all counties receiving treatment, the department will use a single application of the product Disrupt II. This product does not kill the moth, but it disrupts the mating process by confusing the male as it searches for a female mate. Disrupt II is not harmful to birds, plants, pets or humans.

Pre-recorded daily updates about planned treatment blocks are available to citizens by calling 614-387-0907 or 800-282-1955 ext.37, after 5 p.m.

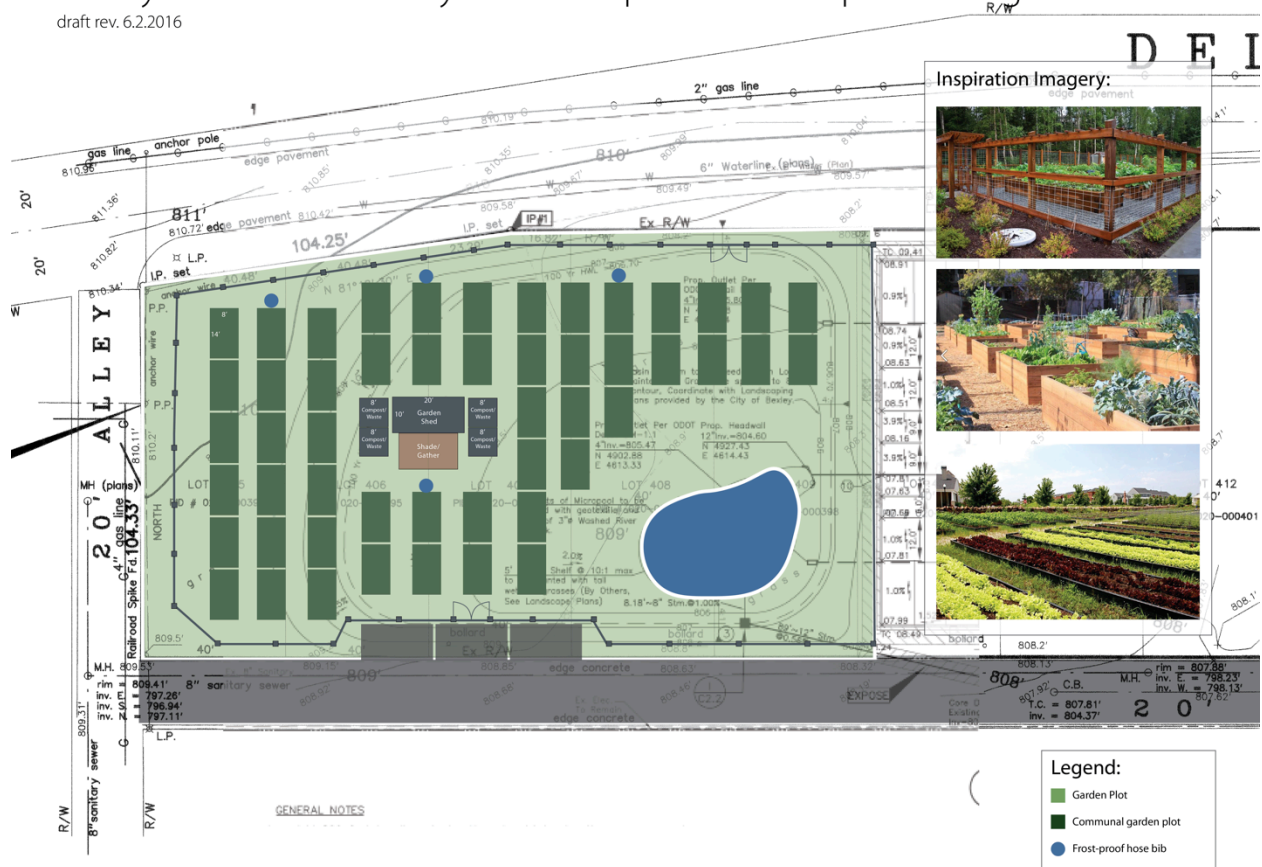
Love Your Alley competition returns August 6th

The Love Your Alley initiative encourages residents and families to take part in the cleanup and beautification of Bexley. The contest bolsters cooperation amongst neighbors to help maintain their alleys and sidewalks.

BCF Grants Round 2 Applications Submitted

Bexley North Community Gardens Space & Concept Planning

draft rev. 6.2.2016



LOIs submitted to the Community Foundation include:

- **North Community Garden**
 - This proposal is to develop a community garden in North Bexley by the police station. This would add approximately 50 raised garden plots to the Bexley Community Garden inventory, and provide a new area to attract new gardeners. The installation of the garden would be based upon a master plan with general design details and maintenance standards in place prior to the installation of the gardens. The City would require a maintenance agreement with the garden association as part of the development of the north gardens. Based upon a current waiting list for the south community gardens, and new amenities proposed for this location that include more accessible, raised garden beds, and enhanced storage and gathering spaces, we anticipate this to be a very successful garden with strong community interest.
- **CoGo Bike Share**
 - This proposal involves the purchase of three bike share stations that will be strategically placed throughout the city. CoGo is an innovative transportation program for our residents that is ideal for short distance, point-to-point trips providing users the ability to pick up a bicycle at any self-serve bike-station and return it to any other bike station located within the system's service area. CoGo, a private entity, maintains the bikes in Columbus and redistributes them among stations as needed. Each bike is checked monthly and gets an annual tune-up. Under this proposal the City would have four bike

stations which would be tentatively located at Bexley Square/City Hall, Jeffrey Mansion, Capital University campus, and North Cassady Avenue business area.

- **Commonwealth/Havenwood Master Plans**
 - This proposal involves a comprehensive look and design for both Commonwealth and Havenwood Parks. Factors which would be considered and heavily evaluated in developing this masterplan would be community input, historic significance/use, flora/fauna, circulation patterns (vehicular/pedestrian) and current and future needs.
- **Drexel Avenue plantings (Bexley Beautification Fund)**
 - This proposal is to enhance the streetscaping along Drexel Avenue and Main Street. These enhancements will provide visual interest while also defining the space in creating smaller intimate areas along the corridor. As part of this plan the City intends to install new street trees on the west side of Drexel Avenue and a series of whimsical pots clustered in groups of three which would be planted seasonally to provide interest throughout the year.
- **City Hall rooftop plantings (Bexley Beautification Fund)**
 - This proposal is to provide high quality, artificial boxwoods to be mounted just behind the parapet wall at City Hall. This planting proposal is a part of the original City Hall design.

Hands-Free / Distracted Driving Ordinance

We've seen an increasing use of cell phones while driving, and our texting law is difficult to enforce. We're working with Councilman Sharp to craft a hands free/distracted driving ordinance for Council to consider.

Coming Up

- June 15, 4:00 pm Tree Commission Meeting
- June 16, 4:00 to 7:00 pm Bexley Farmers' Market
- June 16, 6:00 pm Rain Barrel Workshop
- June 16, 7:30 pm Zika Virus Seminar
- June 21, 6:00 pm Bexley Dog Park study group – tour of sites
- June 23, 4:00 to 7:00 pm Bexley Farmers' Market
- June 23, 6:30 pm + Bexley Main Event
- June 27, 6:00 pm Planning Commission Meeting
- June 28, 5:15 pm City Council – Drexel Theatre improvements tour
- June 28, 6:00 pm City Council meeting
- July 4th, 8:00 am John Barr 5K
- July 4th, 9:30 am Bexley 4th of July Parade
- July 4th, 6:00 pm Bexley Community Celebration @ Cap lawn
- July 4th, 10:00 pm Fireworks display