

# Mayor's City Council Update

June 28, 2016

## Key Updates:

#### **Substance Abuse Town Hall Meeting Set for September 12**

The substance abuse town hall will discuss substance abuse in general, and the opiate crisis specifically. Participants in the 60-Minute documentary on Central Ohio's opiate epidemic will serve as panelists, and the Ohio Attorney General will be present for the town hall meeting. The meeting will be held at Capital University, and is being organized cooperatively by the Ohio AG, The City of Bexley, Bexley Schools, the Franklin County Sherriff, and Jewish Family Services.

#### **Zoning Code Modernization Update**

Last night, the Planning Commission voted to recommend the zoning code modernization proposal to council. The next step is for the BZA to meet and vote on recommendation. This is expected to occur in July. Here's a proposed timeline for the process from this point:

**July:** BZA meets and votes on recommendation

**August 8:** First reading of zoning code modernization ordinance at council

Discussion of public hearing date

**August 9:** Advertise public hearing date and time as per code

**August 22:** Second reading

**September 12:** Third reading and public hearing for zoning code modernization

#### Southwest Bexley Master Plan Update Committee meeting launches June 30th

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

#### **Dog Park Study Group Update**

Last week we visited two sites in Bexley, and also visited Gahanna's Pizzuro Park as an example dog park. Next meeting in July will focus on more detailed pros and cons of the Bexley sites we're looking at.

#### 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

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am
John Barr 5K

• July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am Bexley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

• July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm Bexley Community Celebration @ Cap lawn

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 pm
July 6, 5:30 pm
July 13, 5:00 pm
Fireworks display
Rec Board Meeting
Civil Service Meeting

• July 14, 7:00 pm BZA Meeting

July 15, 6:30 pm
July 19, 5:30 pm
July 20, 4:00 pm
July 25, 6:00 pm
Main Event: Goosebumps
Board of Health Meeting
Tree Commission Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting

• August 1, 6:00 pm CIC Meeting

• August 3, 5:30 pm Rec Board Meeting

• August 5, 6:30 pm Main Event: Star Wars Episode VII

August 9, 6:00 pm City Council Meeting

• August 20 Splish, Splash, and Dash Youth Triathlon

August 26
August 28
Buckeye Kosher Festival
September 4
Labor Day Block Party

• September 24 Ohio Eggfest

• September 12