



# Mayor's Update to City Council

March 7, 2017

## BZAP & ARB Process

Yesterday I met with reps from the BZAP and ARB and city staff and consultants to review how the ARB/BZAP process has worked with 2 months of hearings under our belts. Overall the process has been smooth and efficient. We've had a couple of cases that have provided us with good inspiration for process improvement. There will be a cleanup ordinance coming in the next few months with some code tweaks that have arisen from trying out the new system and talking through ways to improve it.

## Safety Fest Update

Safety Fest is set for April 8<sup>th</sup>. This Friday we will post details re: registration for the kids and cops activities, and for the Safety Toolbox seminars.

## Farmers' Market Recap Meeting

We met with Farmers' Market organizers and residents in the area of Dawson and Sherwood. Overall very positive feedback re: newer location. We are going to make some tweaks to signage in select areas, but overall similar plan as to last year.

## Items that COMMA is currently advocating for at the Statehouse

As part of the proposed budget, there are several items that the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association is advocating for/against:

- Centralized collection of business income tax
  - o Centralized collection costs would increase over our current costs
  - o State would be collecting a tax that they did not levy
  - o Distribution would be staggered, which is detrimental to cash flow
  - o Interest on collected income would be retained by state
  - o Less control/oversight to ensure businesses are filing property
- Change to Local Gov't Fund calculation
  - o 20% of the LGF distribution would be distributed based on a new calculation that gives priority to jurisdictions that have a difficult time raising revenue
  - o This new calc would result in an approx. 2.6% increase in Bexley's LGF distribution (about \$11,000), but would result in a loss to the central Ohio region of over \$116,000
- SB311 Update
  - o Over 40 cities have signed on with COMMA to challenge SB311, with other area organizations filing their own suits.

## Coming Up

March 8, 7:30 am:	Women's Leadership Breakfast at CSG
March 9, 6:00 pm:	ARB Meeting
March 13-14:	Active Aging Symposium at Capital
March 15, 4:00 pm:	Tree Commission Meeting
March 16, 7:00 pm:	Community Implicit Bias Seminar
March 23, 6:00 pm:	BZAP Meeting
March 27, 3:30 pm:	SWBMP Steering Committee Meeting
March 28, 6:00 pm:	City Council Meeting
March 29, 6:30 pm:	Southwest Bexley Framework Plan meeting
April 8, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm:	Bexley Safety Fest

