



## Mayor's Update to City Council April 10, 2018

### Dog Park Study Group Update

On April 9, the Dog Park Study Group met onsite at Schneider Park to survey the cleared area of the park, and then met back at City Hall to workshop ideas for the park with landscape designer Elena Andrews. The space being considered is an approximately 1 acre site to the north of the boardwalk. The plan will address drainage, surface prep, and dog park amenities. The group will meet again after a draft plan is created to workshop the draft plan, and Council will be kept up to date. This is a similar process that was entered into for the North Community Garden project, in order to seek and obtain grant funding.

### Meeting with Columbus re: Livingston Corridor Planning

On April 9, President Feibel, Service Director Dorman, and I met with a group of representative from the City of Columbus which included their Director of Public Service, Director of Planning, Director of Development, and included representatives from the finance department and the Mayor's cabinet. We discussed entering into a planning process for Livingston Avenue streetscape, land use, and infrastructure. The next steps are for us to jointly develop a scope of work for the planning process. Once a scope of work has reached draft form I will circulate it to Council for feedback.

### Schneider Park Main Street Trailhead Design Update

We have been working for several months with Brian Kent Jones' landscape architects to create concepts for a Schneider Park Main Street trailhead and plaza. This design project is being funded by a grant from the Bexley Community Foundation that was awarded in 2016. We are getting to the point where design options are being honed, and we will be having a public workshop to discuss the options in the coming months. The hope is to have a plan firmed up prior to any development being proposed

### Arbor Day Details – April 27<sup>th</sup>

On April 27<sup>th</sup> we'll feature a tour of the trees of Commonwealth Park, learning about a variety of species of the Bexley Arboretum. Residents will also be able to purchase limited quantities of the 2018 season Bexley Maple Syrup at Bexley retail and restaurant partners. Here's the lineup for the day:

### Bexley Community Foundation Bus Tour – April 16<sup>th</sup>

funded on their behalf. Meet at the Foundation's office (552 S. Drexel) to leave on the Bexley Beat promptly at 1:00 pm. All passengers will return by 2:15 pm for light refreshments. This tour is open to 1908 Society Members, friends, family, donors, and anyone interested in learning more about the Bexley Community Foundation. To reserve your seat, [please email Hallie](mailto:hallie@bexleycommunityfoundation.org) by Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## ARBOR DAY in Bexley APRIL 27, 2018

7:00 am+

Bexley Maple Syrup biscuits at Kittie's Cafe

8:30 am

Arboretum Breakfast with Mayor Kessler at City Hall  
Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce

11:00 am+

Purchase 8 oz. bottles of Bexley Maple Syrup  
at Urban Emporium and Bexley Coffee Shop (limited supply!)

3:20 pm

Tree Walk and Tree Planting at Commonwealth Park  
Meet at Maryland Elementary front yard!

5:00 pm

Maple Syrup Cocktail Hour at Giuseppe's Ritrovo.

For more information, please visit [bexleyarboretum.org](http://bexleyarboretum.org)

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## Some of My Calendar Highlights Since Last Council Meeting:

- Met with the Community Builders – non-profit mixed housing and community developer
- Met with BKJ to discuss progress on Schneider Park's Alum Creek Main Street trailhead
- Gave a Bexley Update presentation to Bexley Eastmoor Berwick Realtors Association
- Met with a Worthington Council member to provide him with info re: the City's Zero Waste plan process
- Met with Bexley PD / Eastmoor SID / Capital Crossroads SID reps to discuss Main Street SID rollout
- Attended the Easter Egg Dash
- Worked on organizing For Sale / Freecycle event and date finalization
- Scheduled Dog Park meeting
- Worked on obtaining representatives from institutions for ESAC
- Met with PD reps and St Charles to discuss possible SRO at St Charles
- Attended Bexley CIC Meeting
- Finalized wall banner system for south wall of Bexley Square cut-through alley
- Met with ARB chair Peter Bardwell for a touch-base meeting
- Threw a pie in Troy Markham's face
- Attended Jeffrey Mansion Master Plan Refresh meeting
- Attended community garden launch meeting
- Met with "Safe Conversations About Race" organizers to talk about additional programming options in Bexley
- Met with CitizenAID to discuss their safety app and safety triage kits for public spaces
- Met with service department re: 2018 alley lights project
- Met with city engineer, Auditor, and Service Director to hone roads/alley levy presentation
- Met with rep from Community Builders to discuss more in-depth history and options for Livingston corridor
- Met with communications and rec to discuss branding of Before After Care Program
- Met with Troy Markham to discuss mandatory commercial recycling concepts and next steps
- Met with Mike Price and Blue Jackets Foundation to discuss grant possibilities for Schneider playground
- Attended monthly COMMA meeting
- Helped out at Sleep Out Event
- Worked on collecting petition for Jazz at Havenwood Park series
- Met with RH Brown re: best practices for relocation
- Met with City of Columbus re: Livingston planning
- Dog Park study group meeting
- Attended "White Like Me" event at CSG
- Attended Culture & Conversation event at BPL
- Participated in quarterly roundtable meeting with School District and Library
- Provided interviews relative to North Community Garden and Cleanup Day
- Monthly cabinet meeting
- Standard weekly staff meetings

## Coming Up

<b>April 11, 5:00 pm:</b>	Civil Service Meeting
<b>April 12, 6:00 pm:</b>	Bexley ARB
<b>April 13-15:</b>	Book Sale at Bexley Library
<b>April 16, 1:00 pm:</b>	BCF Bus Tour
<b>April 16, 6:00 pm:</b>	Karen Jobu at Bexley Library - "Children of the Camps"*
<b>April 17, 5:30 pm:</b>	Board of Health Meeting
<b>April 18, 12:30 pm:</b>	Bexley Chamber Networking Luncheon
<b>April 18, 4:00 pm:</b>	Tree Commission Meeting
<b>April 18, 7:00 pm:</b>	Teaching Hard History: The History of Slavery in America with the Southern Poverty Law Center*
<b>April 24, 6:00 pm:</b>	Bexley City Council Meeting
<b>April 27:</b>	<b>Arbor Day Festivities:</b>
8:00 am+	Maple Biscuits at Kittie's Cafe
8:30 am	Arboretum Breakfast and Bexley Update at City Hall
11:00 am+	Kelveden Maple Syrup for sale at Urban Emporium and Bexley Coffee Shop
3:20 pm	Arbor Day walk and tree plantings from Maryland Elementary to Commonwealth Park
5:00 pm	Maple Syrup cocktail hour at Giuseppe's
<b>April 28:</b>	Greater Bexley Cleanup Day
<b>May 3, 6:00 pm:</b>	Main Event Date Night – Live Improv and BexArts Theatre at the Drexel
<b>May 6, 12:00 to 2:00:</b>	Bexley Safety Fest

\* *Diversity and Inclusion Initiative Event*