



## Mayor's Update to City Council August 20, 2019

### Upcoming on the Calendar:

<b>August 21, noon:</b>	Chamber of Commerce luncheon
<b>August 22, 4:00 pm:</b>	Bexley Farmers' Market
<b>August 22, 6:00 pm:</b>	BZAP Meeting
<b>August 24, 9:00 am:</b>	Coffee with the Mayor and Senator Craig / Rep Boggs
<b>Aug 25, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm:</b>	JCC Health & Safety Awareness Event
<b>Aug 25, 4:30 pm:</b>	Jazz in the Park
<b>August 26 - 29:</b>	Cross with a Cop events
<b>August 27, 4:00 pm:</b>	Bexley TIRC meeting
<b>August 27, 6:00 pm:</b>	City Council meeting
<b>August 28, 6:30 pm:</b>	"Big Table" conversation at City Hall
<b>September 1:</b>	Labor Day Block Party w/ Main Event
<b>September 1-2:</b>	Trash or Treasure Sale

### Update - Bexley CIC and Cassady

This summer, the CIC closed on a property in the block of Cassady between Columbus and Bellwood. The CIC plans to continue to rent the property to office and apartment users, and to hold it to facilitate future redevelopment on the block.

### 2020 Census - Complete Count Committee

I've reached out to representatives from the schools, Capital, DARN, and religious organizations to assist us in putting together our Complete Count Committee. We will be kicking off efforts in the next month to assist the Census Bureau with ensuring complete and accurate counts in Bexley.

### Cross with a Cop

"Cross with a Cop" is back for the 2019/2020 school year! The events will be next week, with two guided crossing events at Broad and Cassingham and two at Main and Cassingham, to assist students (esp. incoming 6th grade students) with safe crossing practices.

**CROSS WITH A  
COP**

**AT CASSINGHAM AND MAIN STREET**  
Learn about Bexley's helmet laws, sidewalk safety,  
& how to cross busy intersections!

**AUGUST 27 @ 8:05 - 8:30 AM**  
**AUGUST 29 @ 3:30 - 4:00 PM**

# Summer 2019 Street Projects Update

[www.bexley.org/street-projects](http://www.bexley.org/street-projects)

Street	Proj. Descr.	Current Work	Completion Estimate
<b>Caroline (b/ween Columbia and Drexel)</b>	New curbs, mill and overlay street surface	New curbs being installed. Est. completion of curb work by Aug. 30	Mill and overlay est. completion by end of September
<b>Charles (b/ween Chelsea and Roosevelt)</b>	New curbs, mill and overlay street surface	New curbs being installed. Est. completion of curb work by Aug. 30	Mill and overlay est. completion by end of September
<b>Dawson (north of Fair)</b>	Curb repair, drainage improvements, mill and pave street surface	Spot curb repair has been completed.	Mill and overlay est. completion by end of September
<b>Ferndale/Mayfield Header Alley</b>	Curb repair, drainage improvements, mill and pave street surface	Spot curb repair has been completed.	Mill and overlay est. completion by end of September
<b>N. Remington (b/ween Denver and Maryland)</b>	Curb repair, drainage improvements, mill and pave street surface	Spot curb repair has been completed.	Mill and overlay est. completion by end of September
<b>Powell (b/ween Drexel and Columbia)</b>	Curb repair, drainage improvements, mill and pave street surface	Spot curb repair has been completed.	Mill and overlay est. completion by end of September
<b>S. Ardmore (b/ween Fair and Dale)</b>	Curb repair, drainage improvements, mill and pave street surface	Spot curb repair has been completed.	Mill and overlay est. completion by end of September
<b>S. Roosevelt (b/ween Main and Livingston)</b>	New water main and hydrants, storm sewer upgrades, spot curb replacement, asphalt resurfacing of street	Water Main work on the second block, between Astor and Charles, has begun.	Anticipated completion by end of November



## Montrose School Crossings Partnership

A group of Montrose parents is partnering with us to use art and color to enhance student walkways and crossings at the header alley between Euclaire and Roosevelt. At an event provisionally planned for September 29th, volunteers will help paint colorful walkways and bring some creative crosswalk designs at the alley crossings. More details to come!



# Labor Day BLOCK PARTY

## September 1, 2019

3:00 - 10:30 pm @ Jeffrey Meadow



**Free Pool Entry**  
*All Day!*



**Music in the Meadow**  
*3:30 - 4:30 pm*



**Egg Drop**  
*5:00 - 6:00 pm*



**The British Invasion**  
*4:30 - 6:15 pm*



**Bexley's Got Talent**  
*6:30 - 8:00 pm*



**The Main Event**  
*8:15 - 10:30 pm*

### FULL SCHEDULE:

## [WWW.BEXLEY.ORG/LABORDAY](http://WWW.BEXLEY.ORG/LABORDAY)

**RAYMOND JAMES**

**BEXLEY**  
community foundation

**wasserstrom**



**Rotary**  
District 5600  
International - Bexley Rotary Club



**BEXLEY**  
AUTOMOTIVE

**OHIO**  
HEATING

**Golden**  
ORTHODONTICS

Capital  
University  
All Things Local

**MARKET**  
DISTRICT

**BEXLEY**  
DERMATOLOGY

**Carroll**  
FAMILY DENTAL

**Ohio State Bank**  
Bring your possibilities.

## July's Jazz in the Park

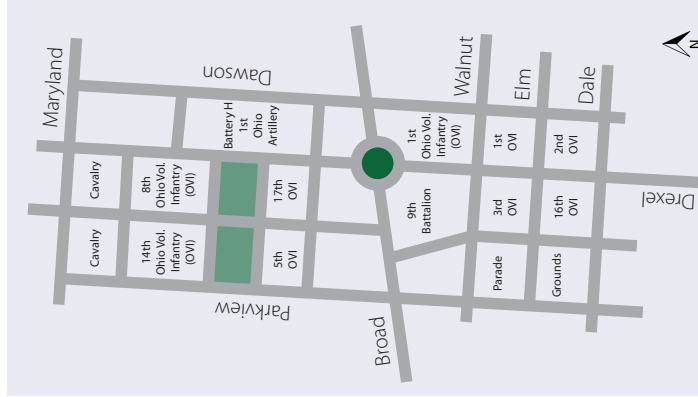


## City Crews Repair Major Water Main Break on Grandon



# Camp Bushnell | Spanish-American War, 1898

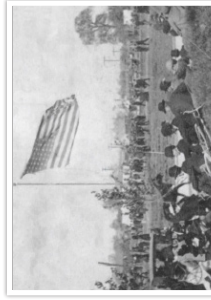
Camp Bushnell, a mobilization camp under the command of Major General Henry A. Axline, was centered at what is now Drexel Circle. Electric lines and water and sewer infrastructure brought east from Columbus, helped spur residential development to the area that would eventually become the Village of Bexley (1908), and later the City of Bexley (1932).



## Regimental Locations

Camp Bushnell covered about 500 acres of the Bullitt Park Addition, property owned by Logan M. Bullitt of Philadelphia. Named streets were utilized for the camp's layout with the volunteer infantry, comprised of soldiers trained to fight "on foot", occupying the most space. The men in artillery were trained in the use of large weapons such as cannons. The cavalry, comprised of combat troops mounted on horseback, were located in the most northern sections of Camp Bushnell. The Parade Grounds, located in the southwest area of the camp, were used for dress parades and ceremonies accompanied by a regiment's band.

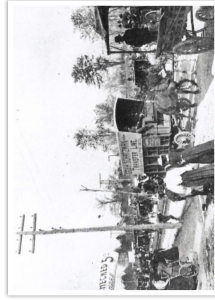
Map adapted from "Sundays at Camp Bushnell", which was handed out to visiting families of the camp on Sundays.



## The 45-Star Flag

The circle of land which filled the intersection at Drexel Avenue and East Broad Street was considered the center of Camp Bushnell and was where the large 45-star American flag flew. The commissary tent, where food and personal supplies could be obtained, was also at Drexel Circle.

Photo: Bexley Historical Society Archives



## Sundays at Camp

Friends and family came on Sundays from all corners of Ohio to visit the boys in blue with trains arriving at Union Station. City streetcars were inadequate to move these visitors the four miles from downtown Columbus to the camp. Transportation was provided by box wagons, furniture vans, coal carts, and ice wagons, charging 5¢ a person.

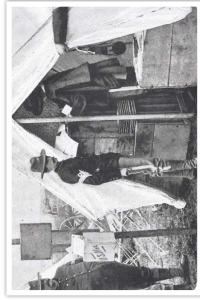
Photo: Baker's Art Gallery, The Story of Columbus, Johnston Publishing Company, 1898, p.36



## Memorial Boulder

A memorial to Camp Bushnell and to those who served in the Spanish-American War, an 11-ton granite boulder with bronze plaques, rests at the northwest quadrant of Drexel Circle. At the urging of Bexley resident Dr. Edward G. Mills, Bexley school children gave their pennies and nickels for this visual tribute. The boulder was dedicated September, 1934 with a parade including school children, Scout and civic groups, and veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War I. The boulder was dedicated September, 1934.

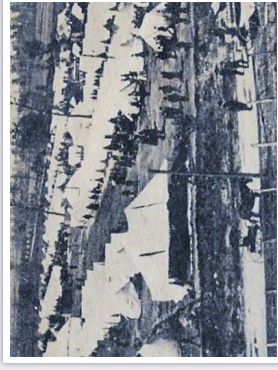
Photo: Ohio State Journal, September 3, 1934



## Regimental Post Office

A regiment's post office at Camp Bushnell provided a vital link to home for the soldiers. Logistics of mail delivery during mobilization were complex but vital for troop morale.

Photo: The Composition, June, 1898, 1603007402, p.155



## City Beginnings

Camp Bushnell, named for the then Ohio Governor Asa Smith Bushnell, was the largest of all the state camps of the National Guard. The Camp was active from April 28, 1898 through May 29, 1898. This "Tent City" helped pave the way for the development of the City of Bexley. Water, sewer and electric lines were brought east from Columbus in order for the camp to function. In about a month's time, more than 15,000 troops who answered the call, "Remember the Maine", were mustered into service at this site.

Photo: Baker's Art Gallery, The Story of Columbus, Johnston Publishing Company, 1898, p. 36



## Roll Call

Many of the companies were composed of men who had been friends since childhood. Their parents knew the officers in charge and because of that were more willing to let their sons enlist.

Photo: The Composition, June, 1898, 1603007402, p.156



## The 9th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Battalion

The 9th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Battalion was an African American regiment formed in 1861 and, for the first time in U.S. History, led by black officers. The regiment, commanded by Major Young, was mobilized at Camp Bushnell in 1888.

Photo: Lawrence Family Collection



## Major of Volunteers Charles Young

A graduate of West Point, Major Charles Young commanded the 9th Battalion in 1888. Young would continue to serve for many years, being promoted to Captain and later Colonel. Colonel Young served as a distinguished officer through World War I.

Photos: Coleman and Gledower Photo Collections

This historic marker was placed in partnership between the Bexley Historical Society, the City of Bexley, and the Bexley Community Foundation. Learn more about Bexley's history at [www.bexleyhistory.org](http://www.bexleyhistory.org)