



Mayor's Update to City Council December 3, 2019

Upcoming on the Calendar:

December 7, 9:00 am:	Yuletide Craft Show at Christ Lutheran Church
December 7, 10:00 am:	2019 Festival of the Arts at Montrose
December 8, noon to 4:00 pm:	Bexley Holiday Hop
December 8, 4:00 pm:	Tree Lighting
December 9, 6:00 pm:	ESAC Meeting
December 12, 6:00 pm:	Mayor's & Solicitor's Holiday Party
December 14, 8:00 am:	Charity Newsies at Drexel and Main
December 14, 8:30 am:	Pancake Breakfast
December 15, 11:30 am:	Bexley Staff Holiday Brunch
December 23, 5:30 pm:	Menorah Lighting

Further Developing the Bexley Bike Plan

Yay Bikes! is excited to lead a public engagement campaign with the goal of creating an even more bike-friendly City of Bexley. The process will assist residents and other key stakeholders in evaluating existing infrastructure, examining best practices from similar communities, and establishing priorities based on the community's values to improve bike friendliness throughout Bexley.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, January 15 – Advisory Group Kick-Off
Wednesday, February 26 – Public Workshop #1 – All are welcome!
Thursday, May 21 – Public Workshop #2 – All are welcome!
Tuesday, June 16 – Recommendations presented to City Council











There are additional stakeholder bike rides and steering committee meetings in the works. Those dates will be communicated as they are solidified!

Bexley Diversity & Inclusion Collaborative Update:

The D&I Collaborative has met for several years now, and has recently completed a strategic planning process. I recently met with leaders from the other participating institutions, and we felt that the jurisdiction and scope of the group continued to be unclear. We felt that instead of continuing with a multi-jurisdictional group, that it would make most sense to incorporate the goals of the strategic plan into the individual strategic plans of the member organizations, namely the City, the school district, and the library, and to call upon community input and assistance in the form of more focused task forces structured around specific initiatives and programming. The alternative that had been identified would have been to transition the collaborative to a more formalized, appointed committee. Thinking through how that would function as an appointed committee of the City but with membership of multiple stakeholder organizations, it became clear that mission confusion would continue, and that the new committee would require additional staff support from the City in an

environment where our committee support resources are fully strained. I plan on bringing an ordinance to council at the beginning of the year, incorporating the recommendations into the City strategic plan. Additionally, I will be working on an overall update of the strategic plan for 2020.

Some of What I've Been Up To:

-  Met with Yay! Bikes to further develop the bike plan process
-  Attended the Bexley Diversity & Inclusion Collaborative meeting
-  Attended Charter Review commission meeting
-  Met with insurance broker re: 2020 plan
-  Cabinet meeting
-  Jeffrey Mansion A/V planning
-  Commonwealth park athletic field project
-  Testified Senate Bill 222 at the State House
-  Attended the Bexley Activities Club Meeting with members of Council
-  Standard staff and director meetings