



## Mayor's Update to City Council

June 9, 2020

### Upcoming on the Calendar:

<b>June 10, 5:30 pm</b>	Special Recreation Board Meeting
<b>June 11, 6:00 pm</b>	ARB Meeting
<b>June 11, 7:00 pm</b>	A Community Conversation on Race and Equity with the BMPA
<b>June 15, 7:00 pm</b>	Charter Review Committee Meeting
<b>June 16, 6:00 pm</b>	ESAC Meeting
<b>June 17, 4:00 pm</b>	Tree Commission Meeting
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Front Yard Fourth of July</b>

### Community Update

In watching and feeling the outpouring of anguish and rage and the calls for justice being expressed at protests across our country it is clearer now more than ever that every community - no matter how large or small - needs to do more.

Over the next week and beyond, there will be several events, announcements, and conversations focused on issues of equity and inclusivity. We hope that you can join us in some or all of these, and help our community learn and grow through this time.

#### **Statements and Upcoming Events:**


Statement from the Mayor ([www.bexley.org/mayor](http://www.bexley.org/mayor))

Statement from the Chief of Police ([www.bexley.org/police-department](http://www.bexley.org/police-department))

Thursday, June 11th, 7:00 pm: A Community Conversation on Race and Equity in Bexley with the City of Bexley and the Bexley Minority Parents Alliance (Facebook Live)

**Please see the "Community Policing Update" attached to the Council agenda for a detailed look at recent and proposed responses and reforms.**

# COVID-19 Statistics Update



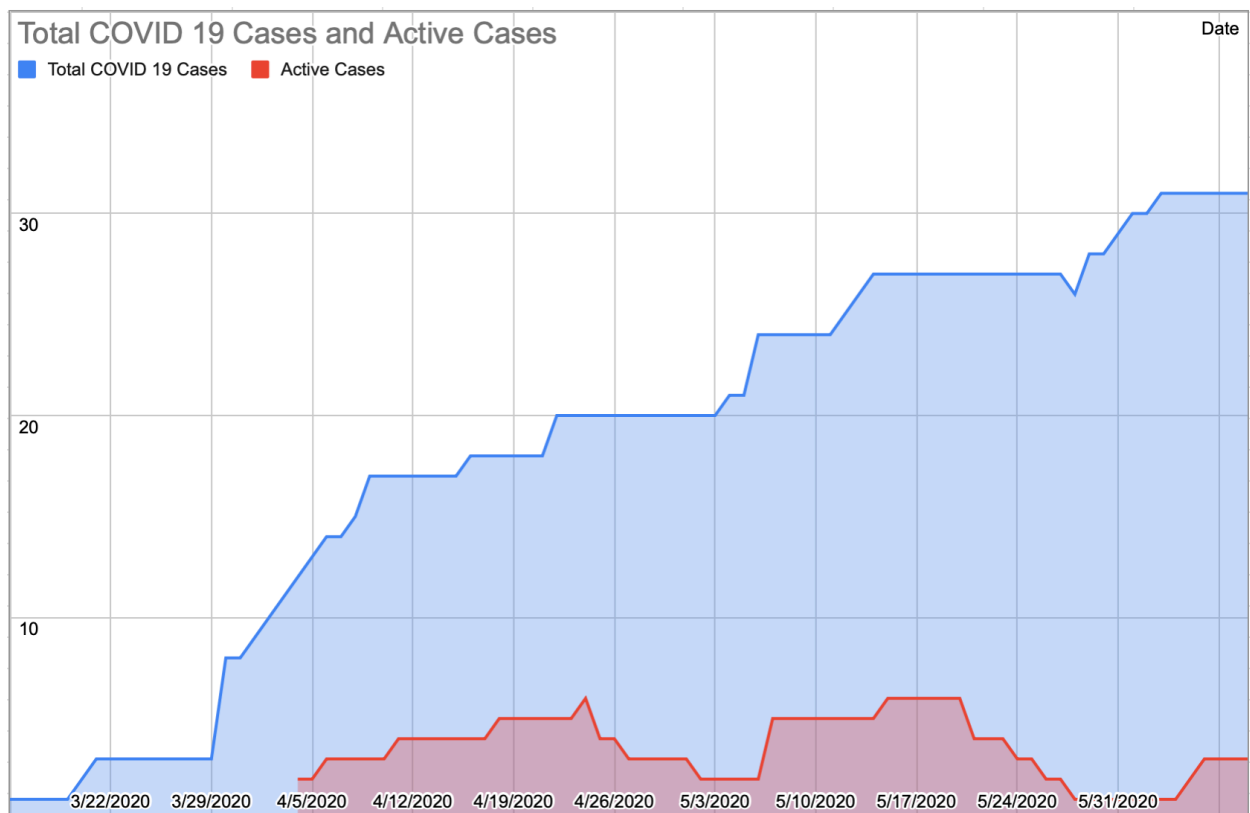
## COVID-19 QUICK STATS

<p><b>35,096</b> Confirmed Cases in Ohio</p>	<p><b>6,323</b> Confirmed Cases in Franklin Co.</p>	<p><b>31</b> Confirmed Cases in Bexley</p>
<p><b>1</b> Active Case in Bexley*</p>	<p><b>40</b> Quarantine Care Packages Delivered</p>	<p><b>181</b> Resident Needs Requests Filled</p>

**UPDATED: June 5, 2020**

Based on information from Franklin County Public Health, Columbus Public Health, and the Ohio Department of Health.

*\* Active case count in Bexley reflects number of households with active cases that have not yet been cleared by the health department.*



# COVID-19 Emergency Orders Update

New orders were issued May 29th to extend through June 30th. These orders included the following:

- Guidance for individual health checks
- Temporary lift of single use plastics ban
- Temporary provisions for temporary commercial signage
- Hold on water shut-offs and water/sewer late fees
- Temporary provisions for temporary restaurant patio expansions
- Guidance regarding tennis courts
- Suspension of block party permits
- Prohibition against refusing service based upon public wearing face coverings
- Guidance regarding wearing masks in public spaces

## A Front Yard Fourth of July

Our 4th of July planning teams have been working hard to bring you a fun and safe Independence Day this year! While our activities won't look the same as they have before, we are excited to bring the fun of the 4th right to your front yard.

### **John Barr Front Yard 5K – 8:00 am**

This year, we'll be hosting the annual John Barr 5k virtually! Runner and walkers will set out on their own 5K from their front yard and post their results via an app. We're working with Columbus Running Company (CRC) to create a registration link that will be available in next week's Blast.

### **Front Yard Parade in the Round - 6:00ish and after**

Let's get this out there first - this year's parade will not be a parade in the traditional sense. We're encouraging residents to hang out in their front yard and enjoy a series of live music, small floats, and exotic and vintage vehicles that will spread a little joy in a non-processional fashion over a period of time between 6:00 and 9:00 pm on the 4th. Vehicles will be intermittent, and residents are asked not to congregate outside of their own yards. In order to hit every street in the city, different areas of the city will see different parade entries, with the goal being for every street to enjoy some of the fun. If you have a creative, musically/and or visually interesting entry, please email [bexleyparade@gmail.com](mailto:bexleyparade@gmail.com) and let us know about it!

### **Front Yard Evening Celebration – Kicking off at 9:00 pm**

The Fourth of July evening activities team will be hosting a virtual celebration, featuring Bexley's own "Benjamin Franklin", the presentation of the Bexley Citizen of the Year, and a number of special guests, including City leaders and community members. Following the virtual celebration, we'll be broadcasting a Bexley fireworks display (with music!) from a previous 4th of July. More detailed information, including how to tune in and to watch, will be in upcoming Bexley Blasts!

### **Front Yard Fourth Decoration Challenge**

We need your help to bring some patriotic community spirit to your front yard! Flags, bunting, nighttime lights, ribbons - you name it! Dust off your holiday decorations and light up your house and yard for this year's Fourth. No formal competition here - just extreme bragging rights to the best house on the block!

### **Front Yard Fourth Patriotic Kits**

We will be offering free 4th of July kits – filled with stickers, candy, sparklers, and more – so you can bring the fun of the 4th right to your living room or front yard! We will have a limited quantity of these, so keep an eye out for more information in upcoming Blasts!

### **Front Yard Fourth T-Shirts**

In addition to these activities, we'll be offering a community-wide tshirt! T-shirts are in the design phase; the big unveil and order details to come soon!

## North Bexley AEP Circuit Update

From AEP:

### **Equipment Replacement**

Beginning the week of June 1, lineworkers have begun to address equipment issues found during inspections completed over the last several weeks. Equipment to be repaired or replaced includes cutouts, arresters, crossarms transformers and insulators. To ensure the safety of our men and women, small pockets of outages may occur while the work is taking place. These outages are expected to last 60-90 minutes. We expect to notify affected customers 48 hours in advance of the outage. Please be assured our crews will work as quickly as they safely can to complete the work and get your power back on.

To keep you in the know when outages will occur, we may notify you through automated phone calls. Please make sure we have your latest contact information. Update here: [AEPOhio.com/Account](http://AEPOhio.com/Account)

### **Forestry**

Last spring we trimmed back and cleared trees within our right-of-way that posed a threat to your electric service. Over the next few weeks, we'll conduct another round of inspections to identify additional trees that could interfere with your electric service. Some trees may be considered for removal in the most dense areas and we'll work with city officials and property owners on the best course of action, especially for those that fall outside of our right-of-way. As always, the goal is to prevent longer and unpredictable future outages by keeping hazardous trees away from our power lines and other equipment.

## HB 242 Update

- Passed the Senate
- Headed to rules committee for reconciliation between house and senate version. Hearings possibly today and tomorrow.

# COVID-19 Expense Report

Updated June 9, 2020

## COVID-19 Hard Costs

- **\$30,000 was encumbered for COVID-19 related expenses via Ordinance 21-20**
- **\$9,769.22 spent to date**

### Expense categories:

- PPE Purchasing
- Volunteer Coordinator Supplies
- Printing
- Remote Work Technology
- Remote Meetings Technology

## COVID-19 Additional Employment Costs

### Authorized by Section 1 of Ordinance 22-20

- **\$50,000 was encumbered for COVID-19 related expenses via Ordinance 22-20**
- **\$4,214.15 spent to date**

## COVID-19 Employment Temporary Paid Time Off Arrangements

### Authorized by Section 3 of Ordinance 22-20

- For six weeks during late March through early May, Service Department operated on two teams in order to spread out workers
- Alternate teams that were not working still were being paid
- The cost of paying these employees was already built into the 2020 budget and therefore was not an additive COVID-19 expense
- However, the previously appropriated and budgeted cost of payroll for during this time associated with additional paid time off is estimated at \$76,307.20

## Shared Work Ohio Program

### Reduced hours through end of July

- Commenced May 18th
- Employees across multiple departments with reduced work hours
- Employees are eligible for unemployment benefits and CARES act benefits
- Savings to the City projected in excess of \$100,000