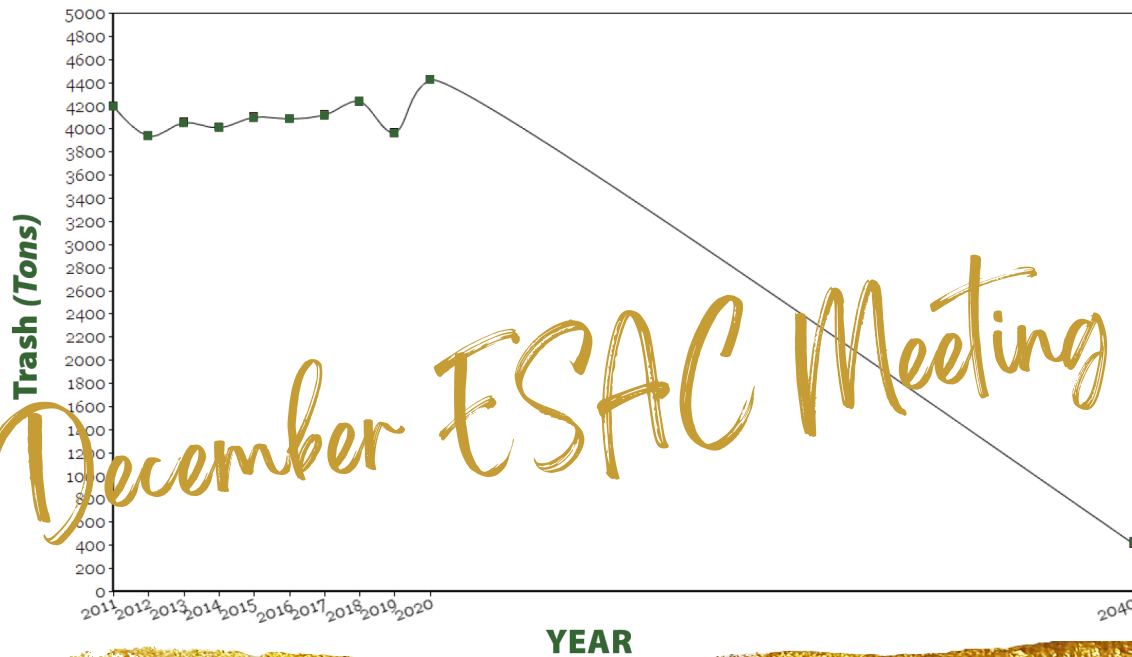




## BEXLEY HOUSEHOLD TRASH SENT TO LANDFILL



Now is the perfect time to reflect on the year that's been and to think about what we want to achieve in the New Year!

(I didn't come up with that myself -- it was the stock text in this email template, but I think it is apropos.)

There is a lot of information here; please take a look over the next few weeks. If you'd like to participate in any of the items below or have opinions, please let Elizabeth know by December 27th.

Thank you, and season's greetings!

## To Consider...

How can we move closer to achieving our mission next year?

How can we better succeed?

What would you like to see us do differently?

What initiatives should we continue working on next year?

Should we add more initiatives? If so, what?

If you have any thoughts on any of the above (or something else), and would like to discuss with Elizabeth, please email her.

## Upcoming Public/Community Events

- **Now – Jan. 5: String Light Collection** – Happening at the pool parking lot today through January 5. Collected lights will be taken to Westerville.
- **Jan. 22: Litter Pick Up** – An Eagle Scout candidate is planning, promoting, and hosting a litter clean up for January 22nd.
- **Jan. 26: The Mosquito Task Force Council Presentation** – The Task Force will present our Mosquito Pilot Program plan to City Council on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:00. Please attend if you are able!
- **TBD Styrofoam Collection** – Elizabeth is working with Hilliard on this; it may be a week long drop off or drive through event. We will need volunteers to sort through the material; if you're interested in assisting with this, please let Elizabeth know by December 27.

## Communications and General Community Education

- **Light Up Bexley** – This community-lead event took place a few weeks ago; there was a great response to a Facebook post about sustainable luminaries and people took it upon themselves to do green.
- **January Newsletter** – If there's anything you think we should include in a letter to the community, please let Elizabeth know by December 27.
- **New Year Green Goals Posts** – Last year we did a series of Facebook and Instagram posts with people's pictures and their green goals for the year. If you'd like to be featured this year, please send Elizabeth your information by December 27.
- **COSI SciFest** – The Rec. Department will be participating.
- **Film** – Disha Hoque is a student at Pickerington High School Central and a participant of the Global Scholars Diploma program, a program of the Columbus Council on World Affairs. She is required to complete an independent project that takes local action on an important global issue and is particularly passionate about climate action and waste. For her project, she is interested in creating a collection of short films on organizations in the local area that work to limit food waste, and encourage others in the community to become more involved in limiting food waste. In researching local organizations that are already working on this issue, Disha came across the ESAC and is hoping to set up a time to discuss and learn more about Green Bexley and what we are doing to work towards solving this important problem. She would love to work with Green Bexley on a short film about the go green initiative and would also love to hear any ideas or advice we might have about how she can personally take action to solve this issue within her own local community. If you have any thoughts on this, please let Elizabeth know by December 27.

## Food Waste Recycling

- **Current Sign Ups** (as of this afternoon) – 1,739
- **YTD Sign Ups** – 309
- **Promotion** – Jo Anne and Steve finished distributing flyers on North Cassady.

## Forum

- **2022 Update** – A forum is planned for the first quarter of 2022. We are awaiting to hear from MORPC on dates and a place.

## Programming and Projects

- **Dog Waste Stickers** – They're ready to distribute!
- **Love Your Alley** – We received a \$5000 grant and will partner with the Library for 2022's LYA.
- **Mosquito Task Force** – The Mosquito Pilot Program plan will be presented to City Council on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:00 pm. Please attend if you are able!
- **Fair/ Earth Month** – It'll be in April! Elizabeth will begin planning the Fair and Earth Month activities beginning in January. If you're interested in working with her on this, please let her know by December 27.

## Legislation and Lobbying

- **Aggregation** – This is still a work in progress, as prices have increased; there are ideas about implementation despite the market.
- **Universal Recycling** – “Hot and heavy” in 2022.
- **SUP Phase II** – Begins in January! Communication has gone out to restaurants and they are invited to an upcoming informational meeting.
- **Sustainability Programs Coordinator** – A part time position has been approved as part of the budget to assist the City on environmental goals and strategies. The position is currently posted.
- **Electric in the budget** – Two electric pickup trucks and one electric car will be funded through the budget to transition the fleet to electric. There is currently a moratorium on non-electric pick up trucks. Additionally, the Mayor has a concept for a two stroke engine ban that will prohibit these in the future.

## Climate Action Plan

- **GHG Emissions** – Consultant Jon-Paul d'Aversa has been leading Bexley through an inventory of our greenhouse gas emissions through the Power a Clean Future Ohio (PCFO) communities program. The goal of this work is for us to emerge with a clear sense of our emissions footprint and its sources and to develop a climate action plan that is actionable, equitable, and inclusive for all City residents. Jon-Paul has recently completed a draft inventory which is under review, and once that is complete we will be ready to develop an action plan to reduce our city's emissions.
- **Equity Coaching** – By signing on as a PCFO community, we have also had the opportunity to participate in equity coaching with consultant Jennifer Sconyers. The first two sessions have helped us identify some potential areas in which to focus our efforts to build equity and inclusion into our environmental programs as ESAC and the City of Bexley. We're looking forward to our third coaching session in January where we will put more details around our commitments and plans for 2022 in this area.

## From the Schools

- **BCSD** – SWACO approved BCSD's \$15,042.00 grant request for water-bottle filling station fountains.
- **Capital** – Capital has been donated 99 new waste containers to be put in the dormitories over winter break. This means students will have accessible composting and recycling on every floor of all the dorms. We also reapplied for Tree Campus USA and got it approved by the state, now it goes to the Arbor Day Foundation for review. As well, we are looking into a grant that would allow us to have on-site compost drying which would decrease pickup dates from daily to every two weeks, saving on emissions. We will continue to work with Earth Peak Organics on this.

## Recycling

- **Feet on the Street** – There will be an information session in January for a Feet on the Street grant. If you are interested in working on this grant and/or program, please let Elizabeth know by December 27.

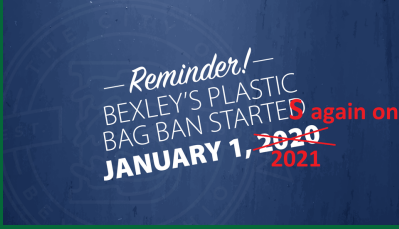
## Successes

- **Green for the Holidays** – This talk took place at BPL in December. Betty Brown filled in for Rebecca since she had to go out of town. Thank you, Betty!!
- **Richard** – Thank you for all you have done for the ESAC over the last two years. You are appreciated, and you will be missed!

## Public Speaking and Presentations

- **Speaker Needed! Jan. 6 Virtual Program for Oakwood SuperMOMs** – The members are interested in learning how Bexley initiated the city-wide composting program with the intent of working on getting a program started in Oakwood, Ohio. Bexley seems to be very similar to Oakwood and they think learning from us would be great. The organizer of the Green Oakwood group has discussed this topic with us in the past. The MOMs group reaches a slightly different audience so they're hoping to spread broader buy-in for a program by having a speaker from the ESAC discuss the issue. The event is on January 6th at 7:00 pm and will be a virtual Zoom meeting. If you're interested in discussion, please let Elizabeth know by December 27.
- **Jan. 10 at Reynoldsburg** – The City of Reynoldsburg has invited Elizabeth to present at their January 10 meeting to discuss a SUP ban. Please let Elizabeth know if you'd like to come to show your support of a ban.
- **Jan. 16 at TBS** – Jo Anne has arranged for Elizabeth and Rebecca to give a talk at Temple Beth Shalom in New Albany for Tu BiShvat to the religious school children and a separate talk to the adults on living green.
- **Jan. 30 at the J** – The JCC is planning a handful of programs for January 30. Food waste reduction is currently the topic and events may include a screening of the film WASTED! and a panel discussion, as well as a cooking demo. You are welcome to attend! Please let Elizabeth know if you'd like more information.

# 2021 Highlights



SUP back in action



Rumpke accepts tubs



Litter pickup #1



Light collection

Happy Earth Month, Bexley!

facebook.com/greenbexley greenbexley.org info@greenbexley.org

### Green Bexley Outdoor Boot Camp For Kids

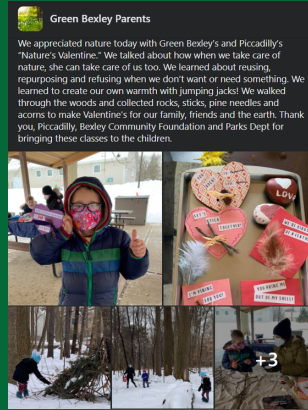
This series of nature-themed workshops aim to offer mental, creative, social and skills, and educational activities for kids and families to help us all appreciate our natural resources here in Bexley!

**Location:** Memorial Stadium (Green Bexley) 8500 W. Highways 42/2020/2022  
**Time:** Thurs 10am - 11am (may vary some times for weather)  
**Cost:** Free (for members \$10 per family)  
**Workshop Dates:** Monthly

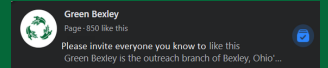
**Nature's Valentine** (February 12th)  
**Did You Know This?** (February 19th)  
**Fabulous Feathered Friends** (February 26th)  
**Nature Walkers** (March 5th)  
**Spring Tea Survival** (March 12th)

Register to view schedule or for more info: [www.facebook.com/greenbexley](https://www.facebook.com/greenbexley)  
 These are outdoor, in-person events that require masks and social distancing.

Kids' Boot Camp



Kids' Boot Camp



850 Facebook likes

### REFILL Stations are open!

NEW! BROWN RICE PASTA IN BULK!

REFILL STATIONS AT BNM

SHOP OUR NEW TEA AREA! REFILL YOUR TEAS!

COME REFILL WITH US OVER 20 TEAS AND MATCHA!

Bring your own containers!

\$2 coupon if you refill 3 or more containers  
 Effective Thursday March 25 - Sunday March 28th!

Refill Station at BNM

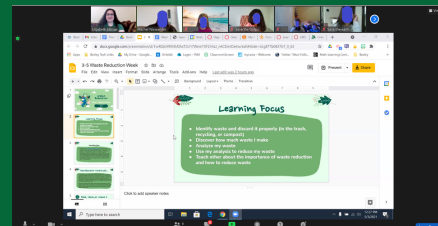
## LITTER PICKUPS

Celebrate Earth Month with Green Bexley by keeping our planet clean, join the Mayor once per week for a special "Trash Talk" litter pickup. Registration for "Trash Talk" is required and can be done at [bexley.org/trash-talk](https://www.bexley.org/trash-talk).

- April 9 | 9 am | TAT Ristorante, Joining the South Eastmoor Civic Association
- April 10 | 1 pm | Bike Path (meet at Life Church)
- April 11 | 11 am | Livingston at Tim Horton's (adults only) Trash Talk
- April 16 | 4:30 pm | North Cassidy at Delmar Trash Talk
- April 17 | 1 pm | Nelson Rd. Park (parking lot on Clifton)
- April 24 | 9:00 am | Livingston at Tim Horton's (adults only) Trash Talk
- April 28 | 4:30 pm | East Main at Chelsea Trash Talk



Clean Up day



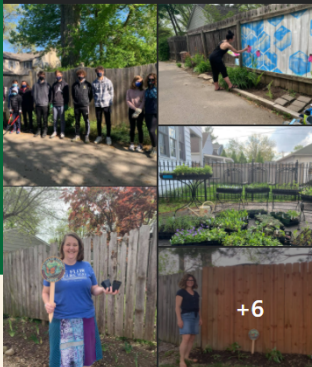
Class with e-learners

Rebecca Rapaport Ness 21 hrs · @

My alley started strong this weekend! Way to go, Bexley! We had a volunteer crew and residents completely weed an entire alley in 2 hours. We have a stunning mural nearly completed. We have alleys ramping up in South Bexley! Many, many native plants were tributed to residents once their garden beds were weeded and amended with soil. Joanne Dole spoke on Saturday about reducing lawn and adding native plants to support our ecosystem. All ideas left with native plants! Dr Doug Tallamy gave an inspiring informative talk about why we are Nature's Best Hope. There's a link to his talk in the comments in case you missed it.

Keep up this amazing effort! You can register your house, sign up as a volunteer, sign up for talks, receive free native plants (while piles last) all at [bexley.org/loveyouralley](https://www.bexley.org/loveyouralley)

Thank you to the Bexley Community Foundation for their generous support for this initiative!

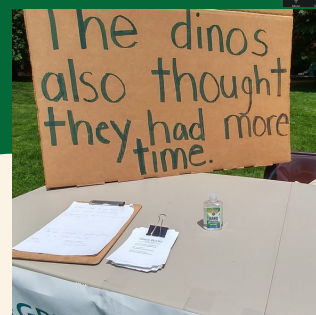


Love Your Alley

Green Bexley  
 Making the Earth greener - starting with Bexley  
[www.facebook.com/greenbexley](https://www.facebook.com/greenbexley) and  
[www.facebook.com/greenbexleyparents](https://www.facebook.com/greenbexleyparents)  
[www.greenbexley.org/](https://www.greenbexley.org/)

Edit Profile  
 Promotions Insights Add Shop

Faves Recycle Right 30 Days to 0 Quick Tips



Tabling at Activities Fair



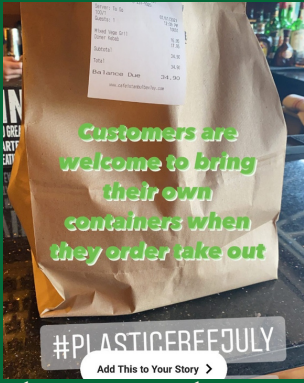
Farmers' Market

PLASTIC FREE JULY BEXLEY, OHIO 2021				SIERRA CLUB OHIO			
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SAT
Event updates, information, and registration are available at <a href="https://www.greenbexley.org">greenbexley.org</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/greenbexley">facebook.com/greenbexley</a> . Visit <a href="https://www.plasticfreejuly.org">www.plasticfreejuly.org</a> for more information on this global movement.	Take the Plastic-Free Pledge	Plastic-Free Pledge	Plastic-Free Pledge	Plastic-Free Pledge	Plastic-Free Pledge	Plastic-Free Pledge	Plastic-Free Pledge
	Free Farmer's Market	Yield to the Green	Yield to the Green	Yield to the Green	Yield to the Green	Yield to the Green	Yield to the Green
	The Bexley Community Foundation	The Bexley Community Foundation	The Bexley Community Foundation	The Bexley Community Foundation	The Bexley Community Foundation	The Bexley Community Foundation	The Bexley Community Foundation
	Green Columbus Plant Swap	Green Columbus Plant Swap	Green Columbus Plant Swap	Green Columbus Plant Swap	Green Columbus Plant Swap	Green Columbus Plant Swap	Green Columbus Plant Swap
	Green Bexley Green Day	Green Bexley Green Day	Green Bexley Green Day	Green Bexley Green Day	Green Bexley Green Day	Green Bexley Green Day	Green Bexley Green Day

500 Instagram followers



# 2021 Highlights



Plastic Free July at Cafe Istanbul



Farmers' Market



Farmers' Market



Capital's Orientation



New event waste receptacles



SWACO field trip



Litter pick up



Updates to [greenbexley.org/go-green](https://greenbexley.org/go-green) and [/holidays](https://greenbexley.org/holidays)



Race to Zero



Composted pumpkins



Yard sign collection



Litter pick up

- Not Pictured*
- Pledge and Survey
  - Composting and Brassica and Newfangled
  - Equity Coaching and GHG baselines
  - Mosquito Task Force and more!

**SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAYS**

with Green Bexley, Re-Jen recycled arts, Glean artisanal bath and body, and Full Circle Source

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

 Bexley Public Library



Lights collection