



December 6, 2022

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

December 7, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
December 8, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
December 8, 5:30 pm:	Mayor's and Solicitor's Party
December 10, 8:30-11:30 am:	Pancake Breakfast at Jeffrey Mansion
December 12, 5:30 pm:	Bexley Historical Society
Decemer 13, 6:00 pm:	City Council
December 14, 6:00 pm:	Board of Education Meeting
December 19, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Garden Commission
December 19:	First Day of Hannukah
December 19, 6:00 pm:	Bexley Minority Parent Alliance
December 20, 4:00 pm:	Citizen's Review Board
December 20, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
December 20, 6:00 pm:	Menorah Lighting at Drexel Circle
December 25:	Christmas
December 26:	Christmas Day Observed - City Hall Closed

Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Weekly departmental meetings
- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Follow up work, research, and refinements for 2023 budget
- Supported Training Marbles throughout the HR Audit.
- Meeting, research and planning for insurance open enrollment.
- Planning and facilitation of Building Inclusive Communities workshop
- Planning and preparation for Mayor's and Solicitor's Party
- Interview with Dispatch
- Hosted 3rd Grade class for City Hall tour
- Attended Capital University Tree lighting
- Final edits on quarterly newsletter
- Meetings with potential developers
- 1876 Plaza site walkthrough
- Attended OEC Meeting
- Attended Bexley Project Taillight safety check
- Work on strategic plan
- Attended Gun Reform meeting
- Attended ESID Meeting
- Meeting with Bexley Magazine
- Facilitated Bexley Records Commission Meeting
- COMMA Meeting
- Planning and facilitation of library outdoor reading room community workshop
- Officiated wedding
- Attended Tree Lighting ceremony
- Met with multiple applicants for CIC Board

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Main Street Reading Room Park Workshop

Last week, we co-hosted a workshop to explore options for a new proposed park to be located between the library and the Torat Emet synagogue. The park concept is a partnership between the City, the Library, and the synagogue, and would provide an outdoor reading room and gathering space on Main Street in a beautiful and underutilized nook on Main Street. Concepts like an outdoor storytime stage, shade trees, comfortable seating spaces, water feature, game tables, and outdoor bookshelves - among others - were discussed. To view the discussion, [click here!](#) Keep an eye out for this and other Year of the Parks initiatives as we prepare to amp up Bexley's parks and gathering spaces!

Adopt-a-Child Holiday Program with DARN

Every year around the holidays, Developmental Assets Resource Network (DARN) works with different community groups to help rally support for families within our community. DARN strives to meet the community needs through the allocation of community resources, funding of camp scholarships, and engagement in policy-making efforts to assure these groups have access to necessary resources. You can help by donating gift cards or wrapping supplies or "adopting" a child for \$125! To learn more, please fill out this [Google Form](#) and a representative from DARN will contact you individually.

Let's Paws and Talk About the Dog Park

Last week, we met with our resident dog park committee and began discussing park rules and regulations for the upcoming Spring, 2023 opening of the Bexley Natural Dog Park at Schneider Park. If you'd like to be involved in helping steer the oversight of the park, email Recreation Director Mike Price for more information.

Maryland Third Graders hold Council

Before Thanksgiving, students from Maryland Elementary's third grade came to City Hall for a mock council meeting. At the meeting, the third grade 'residents' petitioned 'council' for dedicated bike lanes, and the motion passed unanimously! It's always fascinating and uplifting to see the thoughtful debate and deliberation of our third grade civics exercise in action - great job Maryland Mallards!

Zoning Density Workshop

A couple of weeks ago we partnered with Building Inclusive Communities and held a density and zoning workshop with Bexley officials and board/commission members to discuss zoning, density, and housing options. At the workshop, attendees worked with Harvard Loeb Fellowship Alumni guest experts Julie Campoli and Eli Spevak, who led an interactive discussion on key areas of importance for Bexley's future development, including ways to incorporate additional housing and mixed-use development in context with Bexley's existing, walkable community form.



Mayor's Update to City Council

