



January 10, 2023 **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Coming up in Bexley:

January 11, 5:30 pm:	Chamber of Commerce meeting
January 11, 6:00 pm:	Board of Education meeting
January 12, 6:00 pm:	Architectural Review Board
Janaury 16:	MLK Jr. Day - City offices closed
January 16, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm:	MLK Day of Learning at Capital University
January 17, 5:30 pm:	Board of Health
January 17, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
January 18, 4:00 pm:	Tree and Public Garden Commission
January 24, 6:00 pm:	City Council
January 27, 6:00 pm:	Bexley Community Foundation Texas Hold'em Fundraiser
January 26, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning and Appeals Planning
February 25:	Sugar Maple Tapping in Jeffrey Woods
February 26, 2:30 - 4:00 pm:	New Residents Welcome Event at Jeffrey Mansion
March 4:	Jeffrey Woods Festival

Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Weekly departmental meetings
- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Meetings and follow up with City Engineer on upcoming and potential projects
- Attended Safety Patrol swearing in ceremony
- Attended Givewith Meeting
- PCFO Clean Energy Champion Awards Luncheon
- Attended Shop with a Cop
- Attended SID Board Meeting
- Meetings and follow up regarding library and synagogue outdoor reading room
- Extensive Year of the Parks work including meetings, planning work, and emails and phone calls with stakeholders
- Dropbox minutes and agendas meeting
- COMMA Executive Board Meeting
- ESID Meeting
- Met with Roger Carroll re: YOTP
- Menorah Lightings
- Service Department Breakfast
- Meeting on Commonwealth RFP
- Meeting with HR Audit Consultants
- New year POs and spreadsheet development
- Senator Craig Swearing In Reception
- Meetings with residents on potential projects and events
- COMMA Meeting
- Spoke with media outlets re: affordable housing, anti-semitism resolution, nicotine regulation
- Research and follow up on Universal Recycling RFP and ordinance
- Cabinet meeting
- YOTPs meetings
- CIC Meeting
- Planning for completion of Strategic Plan refresh
- Follow up on multiple resident issues related to frozen water pipes and other water intrusion
- Research on local legislative issues and developments

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YEAR OF THE PARKS



Year of the Parks Updates

Outdoor Reading Room park plan update



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Active spaces updates



Year of the Parks Updates

Commonwealth Plaza design process





Legislative Updates:

The Ohio statehouse was very active during the December lame duck session. Here are some items impacting local governments:

Flavored Tobacco Ban Update

Local pre-emption, vetoed by Governor DeWine

Distracted Driving Legislation

Primary offense - difficult to enforce. Allows hands-on calling, and texting while stopped at traffic lights, etc.

Pesticide Pre-emption

Restricts the right of local governments to regulate pesticides. This may be of interest to us with mosquito program discussions.



Voinovich Academy Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials

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The curriculum is delivered by both seasoned practitioners and academic experts and is organized to fit the demanding schedules of participants. All sessions include practical information you will use immediately, plus opportunities to network and collaborate with peers.

Registration is now open for 2023 session - let me know if you're interested!

CIC Update

At January's CIC meeting there was not a quorum so the meeting was unofficial and no action was taken. Members in attendance discussed upcoming process for Land Use Strategy update; Bexley Square roof replacement status; and financial update. The next meeting will be in March.

New Resident Welcome Event - February 26

My Major Goals for 2023

Here's an incomplete and evolving list of major goals for 2023

Safety and Community Health

- Finalize and complete the Year of the Parks projects
- Continue to study and pursue the cleanup of unsafe environmental sites
- Complete and institute Youth Interaction Working Group recommendations
- Enact income-based fines for minor misdemeanors
- Craft and institute community mental health and social services support model
- Support and encourage police department community policing expansion
- Help facilitate new, positive programs with police and schools around traffic and student safety and relationship development
- Help facilitate police department command structure updates
- Launch bike boulevard network and signage
- Institute trail town recommendations

Environment and Sustainability

- Finalize and complete the Year of the Parks projects
- Work with Council to advance zero emissions landscaping incentive ordinance
- Complete Climate Action Plan for Council adoption
- Pass and institute universal recycling
- Monitor electrical aggregation options

Zoning and Development

- Finalize and complete the Year of the Parks projects
- Facilitate unsafe environmental site remediation and redevelopment
- Launch Land Use Strategy Commission update process
- Continue to encourage development of the Gateway South site
- Work with the property owner of Chelsea and Main to remove all site improvements, remediate the site, and make it available for development
- Update Livingston Avenue Zoning Code to conform with Joint Livingston Avenue Plan recommendations

Parks and Recreation

- Finalize and complete the Year of the Parks projects
- Work with Council and Rec Board on modernizing park rules and rec board ordinance
- Work with Recreation Department to launch Jeffrey Park Plan process

Service and Infrastructure

- Finalize and complete the Year of the Parks projects
- Leverage ARP funds to fast-track sewer infrastructure improvements
- Work with Council to implement rigorous onsite stormwater treatment requirements for additive impermeable surface
- Plan and install "Alley of the Future" project
- Finalize Columbia Place proposal
- Complete Drexel Avenue road diet
- Plan and execute 2023 street program

Communications and Strategy

- Complete 2023 Strategic Plan Update (early 2023)
- Draft and circulate Annual Report to the Community
- Re-launch New Resident Welcome events
- Revamp internal communications
- Institute HR audit recommendations





Welcome to
Bexley's newest
resident!

