

**Recreation Board Meeting:**

- The Recreation Board met on Wed., Jan. 4th
  - The board reviewed the Alcohol Framework and passed resolutions supporting the following changes:
    - Eliminating the hourly event end time for events that take place on holidays.
      - Example would be a New Year's party. Currently the framework would not allow for a New Year's private party to go until midnight. It would have to end at 11:30p on weekends and 11:00p on weekdays.
    - Removing the Bexley Resident requirement for Carriage Court alcohol event rentals at Jeffrey Mansion.
      - Over two years we have had just over 50 events occur in the Carriage Court. To date, we have not had one single reported issue.
      - Capacity for rental has not been an issue, as we have not yet used the full number of approved booking dates in any given year. Allowing non-residents to book will not have a significant impact on access to the facility for residents. We would continue the policy to give priority bookings to Bexley Residents.
    - Removing the limitation on the number of monthly Carriage Court alcohol event rentals at Jeffrey Mansion.
      - With over 50 events in the Carriage Court we have not had one single reported issue.
      - Many of our rentals are very seasonal in nature, and as a result, the 2 per month limit has resulted in months where we have no rentals and months where we have had to turn away multiple rentals. Over two years, we have had to turn away 33 rental inquiries as a result of this restriction.
    - Modify the security language to allow for the flexibility to use contracted security staff in the event that the Bexley Police Department is unable to cover an event.
      - The current language specifies "Police Officers." Currently, if Bexley Police is unable to cover an event, the request gets sent along to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. The county policy requires a minimum of two officers. This creates a significant cost burden on the users.
      - Given that since 2008 (when alcohol began to be permitted in Jeffrey Mansion) we have only had one minor reported issue in which the officer on duty had to step in; our experience indicates that a security staff will be able to help ensure the safety at these events.
      - Additionally, in the event of a larger issue, security staff will be able to contact Bexley Police, which has amazingly fast response time.
  - We will work with City Council to introduce legislation to amend the Alcohol Framework accordingly.
    - In accordance with the framework, we will provide notice, by mail, to Bexley residents within 500' of Jeffrey Mansion.

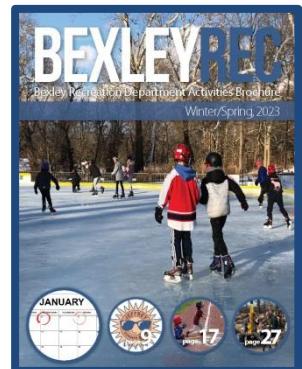
## Bexley Community Ice Rink:

- For the first time ever, we were able to have the Bexley Community Ice Rink running during the Holiday Break.
- Huge thanks you to the parks maintenance staff for getting the ice rink together and to the recreation staff for operating the rink for a couple of days.
- Over two days we had 291 skaters and hundreds of cups of hot chocolate consumed.
- We are hoping to see some more cold days this winter so the community can enjoy more time on the ice.
- Special thank you to the Bexley Ice Rink Sponsors, the Bexley Community Foundation, Star Title, and Lee Harris Skating System.



## 2023 Winter/Spring Activity Brochure Registration:

- Registration for the 2023 Winter/Spring Activity Brochure opened for Bexley residents on Wed., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at 12noon.
- In the first day we had 1522 registrations and \$102,712 in registration revenue. Compared to the same time period in 2022, we saw a 25% increase in registrations (1215 in 2022) and 26% increase in revenue (\$81,183 in 2022).
- Staff is now working to find ways to get as many people off of waitlists and into various programs. We currently have 653 individuals on waitlists.
- Staff will look at the potential to add more sessions and increase class capacity. However, there are a number of factors that impact this including class size that allows for a high quality experience, facility availability, instructor availability and more.



## 2023 Pool Update:

- We signed a contract with SwimSafe to provide pool management services for 2023.
- Early indication from SwimSafe is promising in terms of returning life guard staff. The \$15/hr wage has helped with retention for 2023.
- We will begin having regular meetings with SwimSafe management in an effort to stay on top of staffing levels and to work with Swimsafe on addressing areas in which we want to continue to see improvement for 2023.
- We are moving forward with the \$50 per person membership rates for this summer. Promotion of the new rates and membership structure will begin to be promoted over the coming weeks.

