



# April 25, 2023

# **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

## Coming up in Bexley:

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| April 27, 6:00 pm: | Board of Zoning and Planning  |
| April 28:          | Arbor Day   |
| April 28, 1:00 pm: | City Council Open Office Hours  |
| April 29, 9:00 am: | Spring Plant Swap at Community Gardens                                    |
| May 3, 5:30 pm:    | Recreation Board Meeting  |
| May 4, 11:30 am:   | Bike Friendly Bexley Open Working Hours                                   |
| May 5, 6:00 pm:    | AAPI Festival at Bexley Public Library                                    |
| May 5, 6:00 pm:    | Bexley's Super Science Block Party  |
| May 6, 9:00 am:    | ReCycle Bikes Open Workshop   |
| May 6, 10:00 am:   | Trash Talk with the Mayor   |
| May 6 & 7:         | Bexley Yard Sale/Freecycle Event  |
| May 8, 6:00 pm:    | CIC Meeting   |
| May 9, 6:00 pm:    | City Council Meeting  |
| May 11, 4:30 pm:   | Year of the Parks Tour: Commonwealth Park & Pond Groundbreaking           |
| May 16:            | Calm Corridors Public Workshop  |
| May 18:            | One Bexley Community Workshop   |
| May 29:            | Memorial Day Service / Jazz in the Park / Havenwood Park Grand Re-Opening |
| June 2:            | Main Event  |
| June 3:            | PorchFest   |
| June 4:            | House and Garden Tour   |

## Some of What I've Been Up To:

- Weekly departmental meetings
- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Extensive planning meetings for the One Bexley project
- One Bexley leadership workshop
- Planning meeting for Memorial Day Ceremony
- Skatepark Committee meetings
- Work with econ. dev. advisors on CoHatch
- COMMA meeting
- Planning for Ferndale/Mayfield Block Party
- Prepared and submitted ODNR grant for Schneider bridge
- Attended Board of Health meeting
- MORPC Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting prep and meeting
- Bike Friendly Bexley calm corridor ride along
- Work on HR Contract
- Participated in OU Governing Essentials panel
- Meeting with Capital President
- Earth and Arbor Days events and Trash Talk and Park tour
- Attended BMPA Circle of Excellence event
- Meeting re: 2023 Street Projects
- Regional Juvenile Crime facilitated meeting with County administration
- Extensive work on Year of the Parks planning and site visits
- Planning and design work on Main Event and BC&E 2023 Season
- Work on incentives analysis

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# Year of the Parks Update

Work and meetings for Year of the Parks continues!



## Meetings and Progress Over Past Couple Weeks:

- Launched Invitation to Bid for Commonwealth Follies
- Commonwealth Park presentations at Rec Board, ARB, Tree Commission
- Skate park committee selected Hunger as design contractor
- Meeting with Commonwealth Park designers to discuss feedback
- ODNR grant submitted for bridge
- Splash pad groundbreaking

## Next Steps Coming Up Soon:

- Assessment of survey data for bridge project
- Dog park grand opening - TBD
- Pond ground breaking - May 11, 4:30 pm
- Havenwood grand re-opening @ Memorial Day Jazz in the Park
- Bid opening for follies
- Preparation of bid specs for Commonwealth Plaza (2-3 month time horizon)

## Schneider Park Landscape Update

Tree Commission approved the landscape/trail update for the final piece of the trail refresh at Schneider. This will include benches and plantings along the paved path, as well as the stairs from Astor down to the lower path.



## One Bexley Project Update

The April 19th leadership planning session was well attended. Based on feedback from that workshop, we are now turning our attention to planning a broader community workshop, to be held on May 18th at Capital's Student Union building.

## Undesign the Redline

**Undesign the Redline** is an interactive exhibit that explores the history of structural racism caused by the 1938 redlining maps and how this inequality continues to impact our communities today, focusing on the ways in which we can come together to "undesign" these systems with intentionality.

Systemic challenges today, like inequalities in housing, education, income, criminal justice, and health are far from separate issues. These challenges are rooted in a deep and entangled history of policies, practices, and processes that remain hidden and misunderstood.

Undesign the Redline explores these challenges, reframes them as opportunities, and grounds discussions about race, wealth, opportunity, and power in an honest context that is not about guilt and blame.

This allows everyone to contribute value to the design and development of new projects, partnerships, and decisions that seek to transform communities and move beyond the challenging – and often clouded – situation of our entangled past.

The Undesign the Redline exhibit travels nationally to cities, towns, and communities. It has been localized for Columbus by a committee of local experts and historians, and it will be here for the next several months so that we can learn together, activate, and mobilize into a strong "we" capable of transformation.

**Undesign the Redline** is at Capital University's Trinity campus (2199 E Main) through May 31st. This week I'll be visiting the exhibit on **Thursday, April 27th at 3:00 pm**, with a facilitated discussion to follow. Whoever is available is invited to join!

## Earth and Arbor Day Celebration Redux

This past weekend our Earth and Arbor Day Celebrations were held, overlapping with the Green Bexley Cleanup Day event as well as a honeysuckle removal event at Jeffrey Park. It was a busy day! We'll be meeting in coming weeks to review all of the events to continue to tweak for future years - let me know if you have any feedback to be considered. Huge thanks and congratulations to all of those who have worked so hard on the earth and arbor month events.



# Cassingham/Remington **Calm Corridor Public Workshop**

Explore and share ideas for a reimagined, safer route  
between Bexley's school campuses

May 16th, 6:30 pm @ Bexley City Hall



**FOUNDED 1908, UPDATED DAILY.**

## Mayor's Update to City Council

### Mayor's Office Major Goals for 2023

#### Mega Meta Goal

Finalize and complete the Year of the Parks projects

#### Safety and Community Health

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 reccomendations

#### Environment and Sustainability

Work with Council to advance zero emissions landscaping incentive ordinance

Complete Climate Action Plan for Council adoption

Pass and institute universal recycling

Identify and install on-street EV charging infrastructure

Monitor electrical aggregation options

Stormwater onsite treatment code

#### Zoning and Development

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

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

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



# MAYOR'S PHOTO UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL



The Undesign the Redline exhibit - at Capital University through the end of May, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm



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The Natural Dog Park is  
nearing completion



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Mock council meeting with  
Montrose Elementary 3rd  
Graders



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One Bexley Leadership  
workshop at the library



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Trash talkin' at Earth and Arbor  
Celebration



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Schneider Park walk and talk



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Calm Corridors bike-along tour



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Tree planting with Jeffrey  
Mansion Preschool



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Cassingham oak tree round  
table for BRAVO! Auction



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Service crews work a water main break on Bexley Park