



# May 9, 2023

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

May 11, 4:30 pm:	Year of the Parks Tour: Commonwealth Park & Pond Groundbreaking
May 11, 6:00 pm:	Architecture Review Board
May 11-14:	Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale
May 12, 4:30 pm:	Trash Talk
May 13, 12:00 - 3:00 pm:	Love Your Alley Festival at Clifton Park Shelterhouse
May 16, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
May 16:	Cassingham Calm Corridors Public Workshop
May 18:	One Bexley Community Workshop
May 24, 6:00 pm:	City Council
May 28:	Bexley Pool Opens for the Season!
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
- Research and meetings on code enforcement issues
- Naming Rights Meeting
- Meetings and work on Commercial Recycling strategy and ordinance
- Attended Israel's 75th Anniversary celebration at JCC
- OEC Strategic planning work and meetings
- Regional Mayor's meeting
- Staffed and presented at Omelets for Bloomers
- Attended Undesign the Redline exhibit
- Strategic Plan work
- Library Park MOU meeting
- Prototype Sign meeting
- Moderated Doug Tallamy Author Visit (LYA kickoff)
- Extensive planning, meetings, and follow up on One Bexley, including public workshop
- Attend proposal review meeting at Capital
- Meeting on Landscape Inspection process
- Meeting with residents and business owners regarding questions and concerns
- Plan and facilitate COMMA meeting
- Planning and communications for Cassingham Calm Corridors workshop
- Pelotonia Team Bexley kick off
- MORPC Executive Committee Meeting
- Meeting on Parking and Zoning
- COSI Food Tour - Maple Syrup
- Ferndale/Mayfield letters to residents
- Bexley Women's Club Dinner
- Cooked for AAPI Festival
- Facilitated Trash Talk
- Natural Playground Tour
- Work on regional EV charging grant
- Work on incentives analysis
- Onboarding and planning for summer interns

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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)

## Commonwealth Update & Pond Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking and park tour are 4:30 pm on May 11th - meeting at Commonwealth East athletic fields. Current concept for Columbia Plaza is attached in this folder for your review.

## One Bexley Project Update

The leadership of the City of Bexley, the Bexley City School District, and the Bexley Public Library is working together to plan an ongoing community program called the One Bexley Project.

One Bexley will be an interactive educational and community based programming to ensure that all people are welcome in our community. Through events, discussions, and engagement, One Bexley will provide programming that addresses the historical and structural context of past incidents that have scarred our community, and empowers our community to disrupt the occurrence of similar events in the future.

In order for this to be successful, the program requires deep community participation in the planning stages as well as the project launch. We are holding a planning session for community members interested in engaging with the One Bexley Project. We are asking any and all to join us in thinking through this program and how it can be truly meaningful for our community as a critical part of setting it up for success.

The One Bexley Project community planning session will be held on May 18th at 6:30 p.m.. In order to help us plan for small-group facilitation and meeting logistics, we ask that you RSVP in advance via this link.

## CIC Update

On Monday, the CIC met and: reviewed finances - discussed final payment on Bexley Square roof project - roof project is nearing completion; approved Brassica's signage change request; reviewed annual financial report and sent back for amendments; adjourned into exec. session; named members to a smaller group to work on access/easement negotiation with future Trinity site developer.

## Human Resource Contract Update

This week, we're interviewing the consultant we've narrowed the field down to, and determining whether to continue with that option or seek additional options.

## Board of Control Items

The following items will be discussed at the Board of Control Meeting tonight:

- Storm sewer lining project bids for Chelsea and Grandon
- Commonwealth Park landscape bids

## MORPC Regional Electric Charger Grant Update

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# 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



Nohla soft open has begun!



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Bexley Bloomers season  
Kick-off



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Celebrating a book launch!



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Arbor Day Cocktail - 4/28



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Prototype Sign Review for  
parks signage project



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Honoring Jane Baldwin's years  
of service on Women's Club  
Board



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Hosting May's COMMA  
Meeting



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Dueling Woks at the AAPI  
Heritage Festival



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Talkin' Trash



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Discussing City administration  
with Montrose 4th Graders