



# June 13, 2023

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

## Coming up in Bexley:

June 15, 4:00 - 7:00 pm:	Farmer's Market (also on June 22 and June 29)
June 17, 9:00 - 11:00 am:	Pedal for Pancakes
June 17, 3:00 pm:	Natural Dog Park Grand Opening
June 19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:	Juneteenth Community Potluck Cookout
June 20, 2:00 pm:	Annual TIRC Meeting
June 20, 4:00 pm:	Citizen Review Board
June 20, 6:00 pm:	Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
June 22, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning
June 25, 5:00 pm:	Jazz in the Park - Robert Mason Trio
June 27, 6:00 pm:	City Council
July 4, 8:00 am - 10:30 pm:	Independence Day Activities!
July 4, 8:00 am:	8:00 am: John Barr 5K Race
	9:30 am: Parade
	6:00 pm: Evening Activities Begin (Fireworks around 10:00 pm)

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

- Routine staff and cabinet touch-base meetings
- Spoke to AP Government Classes
- Cooked for Police Department Retiree Lunch
- Met with Cassingham Fourth Grade class
- Presented at BCF Year of the Parks event
- Attended BCF Annual event
- Meetings, planning, and communication work on street and infrastructure projects
- Extensive work completing draft Strategic Plan
- Work on creation of HR job description
- One Bexley Next Steps Meeting
- Memorial Day ceremony planning, organization and speaking at event
- Planning and cooking at Havenwood Grand Reopening and Jazz in the Park
- Work on Newsletter Draft completion
- Staffed appreciation cookout for Service Department
- Interviewed candidates for open board positions
- Extensive planning and work on YOTP, especially dog park communications, signage, and grand opening event planning
- Meetings and calls with potential developers
- Extensive planning for Bexley Super weekend, including staffing Main Event and Porchfest
- Attended Steve Shapiro retirement gathering
- Attended and presented at PACE National Summit
- Presented at BEB Realtors Meeting
- Attended Smoke and Fire Planning Event
- Staffed Open Office Hours with Matt McPeck
- OEC Lunch with Emerging Leaders and Board Meeting
- Meetings and calls with residents regarding various issues.
- Attended 2024 preliminary insurance meeting
- Planned and hosted Land Use Strategy 2.0 meeting
- Front Yards Study Group Meeting

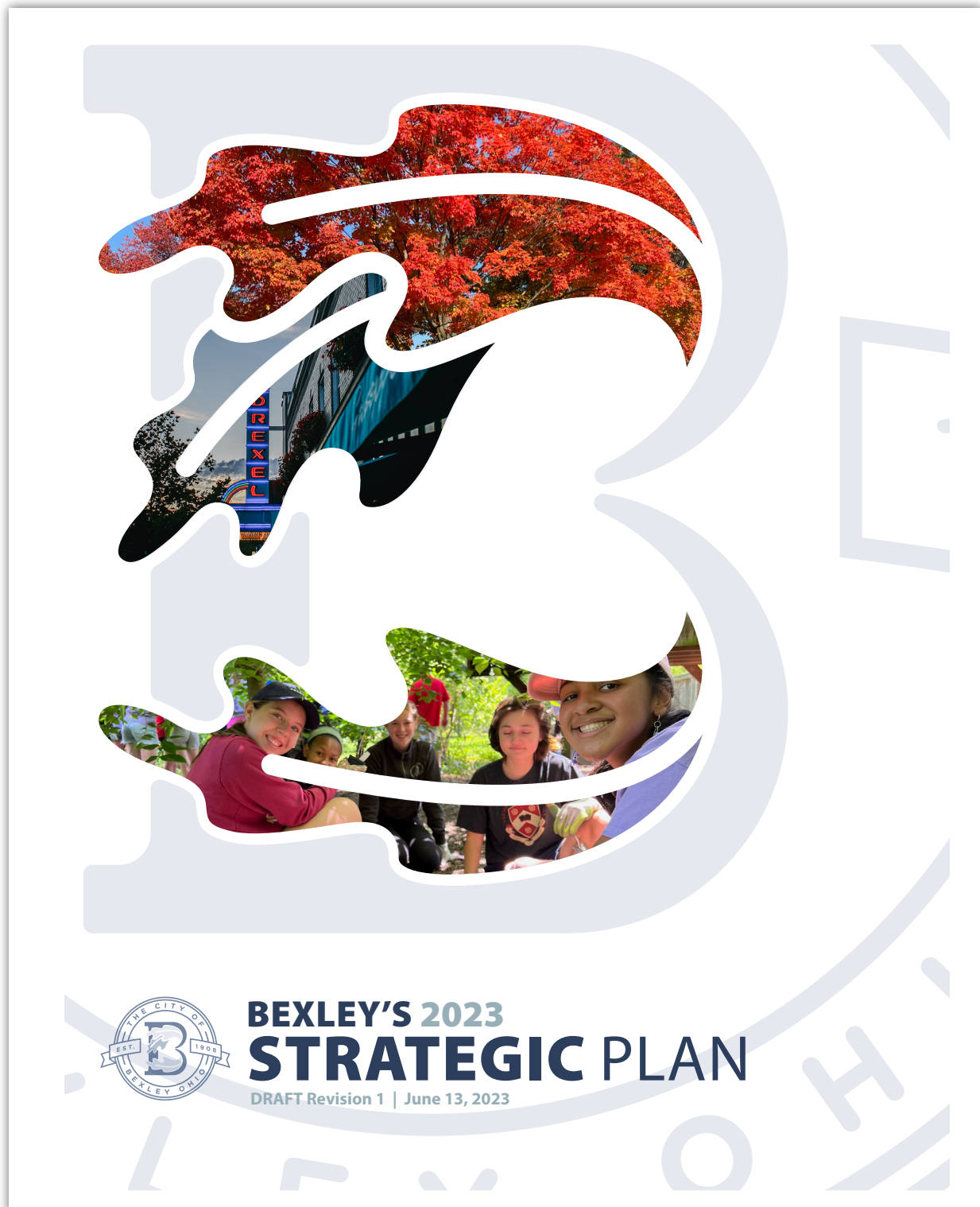
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## Strategic Plan Draft

The initial draft of the comprehensive strategic plan update is being circulated tonight. I'd like to take some time to allow you to review, provide comments and feedback (through a process I'm working with Councilwoman Roibinson on) before a revised draft is circulated to the public in advance of public workshop(s) later this summer.



## Year of the Parks Update

Work and meetings for Year of the Parks continues!

### **Meetings and Progress Over Past Couple Weeks:**

- Commonwealth Pond Groundbreaking Event
- Columbia Plaza Design Development approved by both ARB and Tree and Public Garden Commission
- Splashpad construction is underway
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- Going to bid for Schneider Park Landscape improvements
- Should receive preliminary designs for pedestrian bridge
- Finalizing construction drawings for library and outdoor reading room
- Dog park grand opening - TBD



## Human Resource Update

With no further responses from consultants, a job description has been drafted for a Human Resources professional. The position has been posted and the job description is uploaded as part of this update!

## PACE Nation Summit Update

On June 6 and 7, I attended the PACE Nation Annual Summit in New York City, and presented with a panel on the strategy and success of the Columbus Regional ESID program. Great content and lots of new ideas for Bexley and the region.

## Land Use Strategy Update

Last night we held our kickoff meeting for the Land Use Strategy Update. Great first meeting. Next several meetings will focus on early organization - expect an initial public workshop in the fall timeframe.

## Super Weekend Update

Had a great kickoff to the summer with Pride Walk, Main Event, PorchFest, and House and Garden Tour. Thanks to all who helped make it such a great weekend in Bexley!



## 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 recommendations

#### 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