

### **Recreation Board Meeting:**

- The next Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 530p at City Hall.
- The board will receive the annual report on Jeffrey Mansion rentals for 2023. The report will also include any recommendations for policy changes moving forward.

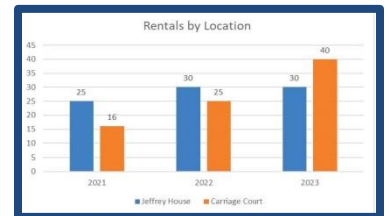
### **Tree Lighting:**

- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting was held this past Sunday at Drexel Circle.
- Thank you to the wonderful Jeffrey Mansion Preschoolers and Bexley High School Vocal Ensemble providing beautiful holiday music for the event.
- We had a very good turnout and so excited to have Santa join us to talk with the kids.
- Thank you to Kristen Schweitzer, Ron Gould, and the amazing volunteers that helped pull off the event.



### **Jeffrey Mansion Rental – Year End Report - Highlights:**

- Jeffrey Mansion saw a significant increase in rental in 2023 with 70 paid rentals and 25 comped rentals. Jeffrey Mansion hosted 27% more paid rentals compared to 2022 (55 paid rentals).
- Rental revenue was also significantly higher in 2023 with a 55% increase in rental revenue. Projected 2023 total rental revenue is \$153k compared to \$98k in 2022.
- Policy changes in 2023 included eliminating the restriction on non-resident alcohol rentals and the number alcohol events per month.
  - Opening up alcohol events to non-residents allowed for 10 non-resident bookings in 2023, accounting for roughly \$35k in additional revenue.
  - Removal of the monthly restrictions opened up an additional 11 events in 2023.
- Thank you to Lauren Miller for her amazing work on event management at Jeffrey Mansion as well as the yearend report.



### **Year of the Parks - Update:**

- Skate Park
  - The Skate Park Committee will review a draft design at the Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> committee meeting which will be held at City Hall at 3p.
  - The draft design will then presented to the public for feedback at a public workshop on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at City Hall at 6p.
- Commonwealth Park
  - The pond at Commonwealth should begin being filled this week.
  - A Commonwealth Park public workshop will be held on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at 530p at City Hall.
- Jeffrey Park 4-Season Shelter
  - We have selected MSA Sport as the design firm for the design of a potential 4-season shelter facility at Jeffrey Park.
  - The design process will start after the New Year.