



August 26, 2025 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Coming up in Bexley:

August 26, 6:00 pm:	City Council Meeting
August 27, 12:00 pm:	Tax Incentive Review Council
August 28, 4:00 - 7:00 pm:	Bexley Farmer's Market (Also on September 4)
August 28, 6:00 pm:	Board of Zoning and Planning
August 31, 3:00 - 8:00 pm:	SummerFest
September 1, 8:30 - 11:30 am:	Craig Kleiman 5K (races begin at 8:45 and 9:00 am)
September 2, 8:00 am:	Community Improvement Corporation
September 2, 8:00 am:	Civil Service Commission
September 2, 6:00 pm:	Paws in the Pool
September 3, 5:30 pm:	Recreation Board
September 6, 9:00 - 11:00 am:	Bexley Re:Cycle Bikes Open Workshop
September 6, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm:	Johnson's 75th Anniversary Bash!
September 9, 6:00 pm:	City Council
September 21:	One Bexley - The Gathering

Some of What I'm Working On

- Preparation and planning for SummerFest
- Meeting and planning for One Bexley Gathering
- MORPC Commission/Transportation Policy Meeting
- Calls with Board/Commission members
- Slowdown Bexley Meeting
- Preparation and staffing for Main Event
- Volunteered at Splish, Splash & Dash
- Staffing, Set up and teardown at Jazz in the Park
- Met with multiple potential developers
- St. Charles Brotherhood Center Grand Opening
- Tree Commission Ordinance Working Group
- Slowdown Bexley photographs
- Commercial Design Guidelines Working Group
- Food Council Meeting
- Interview on ADUs with Columbus Business First and 10TV
- BMPA Back to School Block Party
- Noise Ordinance Work with Marc and Alex
- AEP Meeting
- Employee Insurance Meeting
- Phone calls and emails regarding various resident and business questions and concerns.
- BCE Meetings discussing upcoming events
- Research on water department payments
- Preparation and meetings on City Hall cleanup and the construction project.
- Discussion with Johnson's Ice Cream on anniversary bash plans

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One Bexley: The Gathering

Plans are firming up for the annual One Bexley Gathering, which will be held on September 21 on Drexel. We're reimagining things a bit this year with a streamlined dinner so that hosts can focus more fully on the invaluable conversations this evening fosters. If you're interested in hosting a table, or just attending, reach out to Natalie or keep an eye on the Blast for the signup which will be out soon!

SummerFest

Keen historians of Bexley are well aware that the City used to host Summerfest, an annual celebration on Main Street that involved food, vendors and a gigantic block party. Our last Summerfest was held around 20 years ago and we've long been thinking about how to resurrect this awesome tradition. Over the years we've gradually grown our annual Labor Day Block party to the point that it can now live up to the Summerfest mantle.. Summerfest 2.0 brings all of the components of the Labor Day Block Party, Brewfest, and the Art Fest component of last year's Mural Fest. This is set to be a blowout celebration you don't want to miss! Join me at Bexley's Summerfest next week and be sure to shout hello as you pass the Bexley Cookout Trailer. I'll be behind the grill, cooking up some delicious offerings to close out the summer season right and we're still looking for volunteers to help prep and serve plates at the Cookout Trailer. If you'd like to be part of the fun and can spare an hour or two this Sunday from 3 to 9, reach out to Natalie

Serving as the Vice Chair of MORPC Board

I've recently been elected as Vice Chair of the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Board. MORPC's core responsibility is to facilitate the Central Ohio region's transportation planning process. MORPC provides invaluable work in research and forecasting, public policy, facilitating funding and financing, and connecting local governments to work collaboratively to drive holistic regional value. As Vice Chair, I'll support the MORPC Board's work to address important regional issues, guide the direction of MORPC's work, collaborate with local leaders to identify and solve common problems, create solutions to shared regional challenges, and provide input on funding decisions.

A Music & Movie Main Event - September 12

We're closing out this year's Main Event series with an extra special Music & Movie edition, where food and music will take center stage! Instead of inflatables and games on the lawn, we'll have an awesome lineup of food trucks and a band you absolutely won't want to miss. The Conspiracy Band takes the stage at 6:00, playing music that's sure to have the whole family dancing. After the band takes their final bow, we'll settle in for a lawn showing of *If*. Bring your chairs and an appetite. It's going to be a Main Event to remember!

MuralFest Update

Last year we got Mural Fest off to a great start. For this year and perhaps years to follow, our plan is to do one high quality mural a year. This year's wall will be the side of the Zen Cha wall, across from Harvest. The Committee has been meeting and has artist concepts in hand, with the winning artist due to be chosen in the coming weeks.

Tree Commission Ordinance Planning Working Group

The Working Group met this month, and discussed the current laws governing the Tree Commission and tree preservation, etc. At our next meeting, we'll be touring street tree conditions, with a focus on examining a variety of right of way conditions.





