

BEXLEY TIMES

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: A 2013 PREVIEW

A look forward at what's coming to Bexley in 2013



Mayor Ben Kessler

As we prepare for a busy and exhilarating year ahead, here are some highlights:

Main Street in Focus

Plans for this year's Main Street streetscape project and traffic signal upgrades have gone to bid. A combination of TIF funds and OPWC grants will be funding enhanced brick crossings, a streamlining of signage, and medians

installed in select unused center turn lanes along Main Street. To see plan details, visit www.bexley.org/main.

City Hall Redevelopment

Redevelopment of the 1.6 acre City Hall site has long been a goal of the City's, and after several attempts over the years, we've been working hard to make this the year that it all comes together. Who knows? 2013 might just be the year it does...

Redevelopment Challenges

A vacant and environmentally impacted gas station on North Cassady and troubled properties along Livingston Avenue are among the redevelopment challenges that the City continues to confront. We'd like 2013 to be a year of solid progress, and will continue to work towards solutions for these difficult challenges.

Online Payment Options for Water Bill & More

We've prioritized this project and will be working on bringing online payment options to the City's billing.

Community Update

In March, community leaders from Bexley's major institutions provided a preview of 2013 at the first annual Bexley State of the Community Address. To view video of the address, visit www.bexley.org/soc.

More info on the year ahead is in this newsletter and at www.bexley.org/mayor. See you around Bexley!



"The Main Event" 2013

This summer on Main Street in Bexley is gearing up to be full of activities and events to keep you coming back for more. "The Main Event" will bring together Music on Main, the outdoor movie series "Movies on Main", extended merchant hours and restaurant specials. The Main Event will be once a month from May through September, with special activities and music themed around the outdoor movie of the month. **Tentative** movies and activities are as follows:

- May 24** "Madagascar 3" / zoo animals / Jack Hanna look-a-like contest
- June 21** "Brave" / Kids "Highland Games" / Bagpiper
- July 19** "Indiana Jones"
- August 16** "Ratatouille" / Chef demos / Food trucks
- September 20** "The Princess Bride" / "Bexley's Got Talent" talent show / Music of Capital U.

More Info: www.bexley.org/main



2013 Farmers' Market

The Bexley Farmers' Market kicks back up again starting on May 16th and going through September on Thursday's from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Located on Main Street right across from The Rusty Bucket, the market features a wide variety of farm fresh vegetables and much more. Visit www.bexleyfarmersmarket.com.



Ohio Chautauqua Coming to Bexley in 2013

This summer, take a step back in time and come face to face with history as Bexley hosts Ohio Chautauqua 2013: When Ohio Was the Western Frontier, July 16-20. Bexley was chosen as one of five cities where you can meet Johnny Appleseed and other important figures from Ohio's early history. The five-day event offers an exciting mix of education and entertainment, including daily interactive workshops for children and adults at different venues throughout Bexley and musical performances and living history presentations each evening under the tent on Capital University's front lawn on Main Street. All events are free and open to the public. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.gobexley.com/chautauqua or contact Pat Cramer at Capital University via phone at (614) 236-6714 or via email at pcramer@capital.edu.



Greater Bexley Cleanup

This year's Bexley Community cleanup will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 am to noon. We will have vendors to take a variety of trash and recyclables, a shredder, and opportunity for the whole family to volunteer to help make Bexley sparkle. More info: visit www.thegreaterbexleycleanup.com.



Bexley Shop Hop

Save the Dates and get ready to get your "boogie" on!

Friday, May 10th:

Shop Hop Preview Party 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Saturday, May 11th:

Shop Hop 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at Jeffrey Mansion

This year's Hop remains at Bexley's historic Jeffrey Mansion where each year it is transformed into a stunning marketplace featuring dozens of unique, boutique-style retailers. On Friday, share in a fun evening of shopping, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres, and dance the night away under the disco ball (your finest disco attire is encouraged). On Saturday, you can shop 'til you drop while enjoying the wonderful retailers and benefitting a terrific cause.

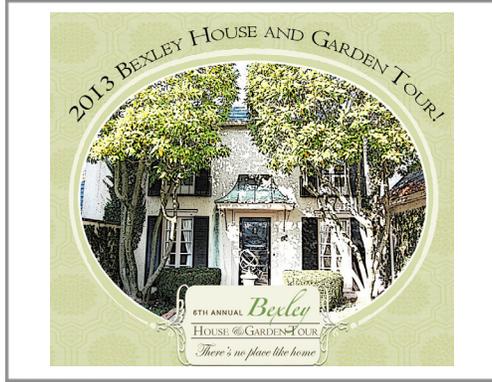
For more information, please visit us at www.bexleyshophop.com or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bexleyshophop. Preview Party tickets may be purchased through the website or by calling Kelly at 614.633.7705. Saturday's "Shop-Only" tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.

Leash Law Reminder

Bexley has an active, dog-loving community, but as the weather warms up it's a good time to be aware of Bexley's leash laws and general laws relating to animal care and consideration to our neighbors.

If you're a dog owner, please keep your dog on a leash at all times while walking, remember to always pick up after your pets mess, and do not allow your pet to roam at large. Also, please respect restrictions against dogs on school property, including playgrounds and athletic fields.

Boisterous puppies and dogs that are out of control can be disruptive and possibly dangerous to other animals and people - please be aware of your pets temperament and always have safeguards in place to ensure that your animals are under control at all times.



Bexley Women's Club House & Garden Tour

Enjoy ten lovely homes and gardens at the Bexley Women's Club 6th Annual Bexley House & Garden Tour on Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9, 2013.

Private Tour and "Starry, Starry Night" Party:
Saturday, June 8, 2013, 4:00 to 10:00 pm

House and Garden Tour:
Sunday, June 9, 2013, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Drive, walk, ride bikes or take the free Bexley BEAT busses to the House & Garden Tour. Tickets are available beginning April 15 on the Bexley Women's Club web site: www.bexleywomen.org. You may also purchase tickets in person at these three Bexley locations beginning May 10th: Bexley Coffee Shop, Bexley Pizza Plus, and Graeter's Ice Cream.

Advance sale tickets: \$15 each / Day of sale tickets: \$20 each (Ticket Entrance, Columbus School for Girls, 56 S. Columbia Avenue).

More Information:

Visit our Web site at: www.bexleywomen.org – for complete tour information.

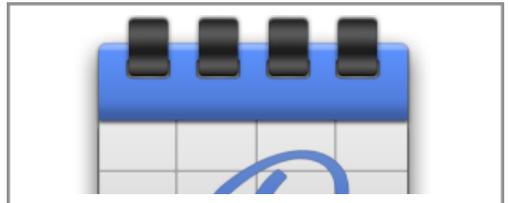
Water Meter MTU Replacement

In 2001 the City of Bexley replaced all of the water meters with an automated system. Attached to the water meter is a MTU (Meter Transmission Unit). The batteries in these units are starting to fail. The City, at this time, is replacing many of these MTUs. This process takes approximately 15-20 minutes. If a city employee stops and leaves a notice, please call 559-4270 to schedule an appointment. We must have access to the meter and the MTU in order to complete this replacement - in order to locate your MTU to clear access, trace the wires from the water meter. Thank you for your help!



Code Enforcement Corner

Spring is a great time to assess what home improvements are going to be undertaken this summer. Common violations of the property maintenance code include: peeling paint, broken or missing gutters and downspouts, driveways and sidewalks in disrepair, missing shingles, grass exceeding 8" in height and bushes and trees growing into sidewalk and street right of ways. These are just a few of the violations of the property maintenance code. Please be proactive and address any concerns with your property. If you ever have any questions, comments or complaints, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays at dhays@bexley.org or 614-559-4247.



Mark Your Calendar

- April 7, 4p:** "ET - Extra Terrestrial" showing at Drexel to benefit Bexley Peloton
- April 13, 9a:** Bexley Community Cleanup Day
- April 16, 7p:** Author Jennifer Egan at Bexley HS
- April 20, 9a:** Canoe & Kayak launch @ Jeffrey Park
- May 10-11:** Bexley Shop Hop
- May 16, 4p:** Bex Farmers' Market Season Opening
- May 24:** "The Main Event"
- May 25, noon:** Bexley Pool Season Opening
- June 8-9:** Bexley House & Garden Tour
- June 21:** "The Main Event"
- July 4:** 4th of July Parade & Fireworks
- July 16-20:** Bexley hosts Ohio Chautauqua

For more events, visit www.bexley.org/events

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