



# BEXLEY TIMES

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: SPRING ACTIVITY!

It's that time of year again when we all emerge, blinking, into our front yards after the arctic chill, and the community events calendar starts to get busy for the season. This year we have more going on than ever. Here's a rapid-fire list of community events that you are going to want to know about this Spring!

### Bexley Community Clean-up Day - April 18<sup>th</sup>

**2015 Bexley Clean-up**  
**Bexley's Annual Spring Clean-Up Extravaganza!**

The Greater Bexley Clean-up is back this year, with more opportunities than ever to help clean up! You can bring the following to the Gateway South parking lot (across from Rusty Bucket on Main) for collection: household goods, bikes, clothing, toys for donation; paperwork for shredding; e-waste items, including car batteries and CFL lightbulbs; and excess building materials. Volunteer online to help pick up trash in high priority areas of the City, and join us afterwards for a cookout with live music for volunteers. Volunteer online now at [www.bexley.org/cleanup](http://www.bexley.org/cleanup)

### Arbor Day - April 24<sup>th</sup>

**TREE CITY USA**

Arbor Day is a big deal when you're an arborist, and this year we are celebrating Arbor Day in several different ways. On April 24th we'll have tree plantings along Livingston Avenue, as well as several different ways to sample the Bexley Arboretum's 2015 batch of maple syrup from Jeffrey Park. There will be a limited supply of french toast served with Bexley maple syrup at Zoe's Cafe, a signature cocktail with Bexley maple

syrup at Giuseppes, bottles of syrup for sale at Urban Emporium, and Johnson's Ice Cream is creating a special Bexley maple and walnut ice cream for Arbor Day. Find out more at [www.bexleyarboretum.org](http://www.bexleyarboretum.org).

### Bexley For Sale / Freecycle Event - May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**BEXLEY YARD SALE & FREECYCLE EVENT**  
**MAY 2, 2015**

The 2nd annual Bexley Yard Sale and Freecycle Event will be held on May 2nd in yards throughout Bexley. We're tweaking the format slightly after feedback from last year by holding the yard sale/freecycle event in the Spring, keeping the Yard Sale in the morning and the Freecycling in the afternoon of the same day, and continuing to partner with Goodwill for pickup of any leftover items from a designated drop-off point at the City Hall site. More info is online at [www.bexley.org/yard-sale](http://www.bexley.org/yard-sale).

### Bexley Safety Expo - May 9<sup>th</sup>

**BEXLEY SAFETY EXPO**  
 Saturday, May 9, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

This year we're organizing a "Bexley Community Safety Education and Expo" to provide education and awareness of safety issues. We'll have presentations from Bexley Police, Columbus Fire, the Board of Health, bike safety experts, personal safety experts, and product demonstrations and presentations from a variety of relevant vendors. There will be a bike helmet giveaway with 97 free helmets available for Bexley residents, as well as various kids' safety educational activities, and activities and opportunities for all

members of the community. Come on out to the Cassingham elementary school gym and playground on May 9th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm for the Bexley Community Safety Education and Expo! More details at [www.bexley.org/safety](http://www.bexley.org/safety).

### The Main Event - Premieres May 29<sup>th</sup>



The Main Event returns to Capital's Main Street lawn for a third season in 2015. May's movie is Big Hero 6 on May 29th, with live music from the Shazzbot's, kids' activities, and food trucks. For a complete lineup of the 2015 season, check the back side of this newsletter.

### Bexley House and Garden Tour - June 7<sup>th</sup>



The House and Garden Tour returns for its 8th year on June 7. This is a great opportunity to visit nine fantastic homes and gardens in Bexley. More info is on the back side of this newsletter.

So much to do this Spring! Hope to see you soon around Bexley!

Mayor Ben Kessler



## Bexley Women's Club House & Garden Tour

Enjoy unique homes and gardens at the Bexley Women's Club 8th Annual House & Garden Tour, held Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7, 2015.

### Preview Tour & Party:

**Saturday, June 6, 2015, 4-6:30 p.m.**

Get a sneak peek of the amazing sites with some areas not accessible during the Sunday tour. Relax at the party with tasty bites from local eateries, a cash bar and live music! Tickets are \$50 at [www.bexleywomen.org](http://www.bexleywomen.org) or mail check payable to BWC: PO Box 9023, Bexley, OH 43209

### House & Garden Tour

**Sunday, June 7, 2015, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Drive, walk, ride bikes or take free Bexley BEAT shuttles to visit the sites. Tickets available April 15 at [www.bexleywomen.org](http://www.bexleywomen.org) and beginning May 23 at Bexley Coffee Shop, Bexley Pizza Plus & Graeter's Ice Cream. Advance tickets: \$20; Day of tour tickets: \$25 – at Events Entrance, Columbus School for Girls, 56 S. Columbia Ave.

For complete tour and sponsorship info, visit [www.bexleywomen.org](http://www.bexleywomen.org)



## 2015 Main Event Season

This summer the Main Event is back for a 3rd season, with a great movie lineup and more activities and live music than ever!

**May 29:** Big Hero 6

**June 25 (Thurs. Night!):** Harry Potter

**July 31:** The Incredibles

**August 21:** Main Event Date Night - Audience Vote!

**August 28:** Night at the Museum

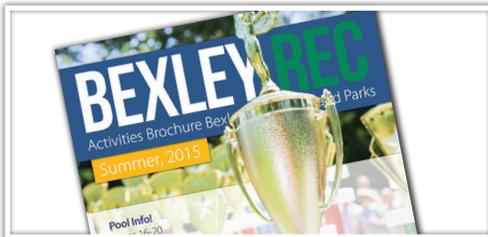
**September 25:** Sandlot

For information visit [www.gobexley.com/main!](http://www.gobexley.com/main!)



## 4th of July Activities

This year's July 4th activities will be held on Saturday, July 4th, with the John Barr 5K at 8:30 am, the parade starting at 9:30 am and evening activities starting at 6:00 pm on Capital's Main Street lawn. Our celebrations are legendary, with exciting activities, food, and entertainment options to keep you going throughout the evening. And of course, our firework display is the perfect culmination of the day, beginning at 10:00 pm. For more information, and to donate to support this entirely donor-funded event, please visit [bexleycelebrations.org](http://bexleycelebrations.org) and [bexley.org/fourth](http://bexley.org/fourth).



## Recreation Registration

The Bexley Recreation & Parks Summer Activity Brochure is now available for viewing online! All activities/events from April to August are listed in this brochure. Bexley residents can receive a hard copy of the brochure from This Week Bexley News, or at Jeffrey Mansion, City Hall, or the Library. Activity registration opens on April 6th at noon (online or in person) for residents, and on April 8 at noon for non-residents. For more information please call us at (614) 559-4300.



## Bexley Farmers' Market

It's almost that time--the Bexley Farmers' Market kicks back up starting Thursday, May 21st. Held every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. through the end of October, the Market is located on Main Street in the Gateway South Parking Lot right across from Rusty Bucket. You'll find plenty of farm-fresh vegetables and much more. Visit [www.bexleyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.bexleyfarmersmarket.com) or find them on Facebook for more details!



## Code Enforcement Corner

It's time for spring cleaning outside our homes. Please remove weeds, leaves, brush, and trash that have accumulated during the last few months. Also, remove any dead bushes and trees that didn't survive the winter. For those with alleys, pay particular attention to trash and brush/leaves. And remember that trash bags must be put in cans with tight-fitting lids.

Due to the snowfall we received this year, there has been damage to gutters, downspouts, soffits, fascia, siding and accessory structures such as garages, sheds and carports. Please repair these items as soon as possible to prevent further damage to, and keep up the appearance of, your property. Remember to keep plantings on your property trimmed out of the right-of-ways of sidewalks, streets, and alleys.

For questions, comments or complaints, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hays at [dhays@bexley.org](mailto:dhays@bexley.org) or 614-559-4247.



## Mark Your Calendar

**April 6:** Bexley Recreation Summer Registration Opens

**April 18:** Clean-up

**April 24:** Arbor Day Activities

**May 2:** 2015 Bexley Yard Sale/Freecycle Day

**May 9:** Bexley Safety Expo

**May 21:** Bexley Farmer's Market Opening

**May 29:** Main Event - Big Hero 6

**May 25:** Memorial Day Service at Drexel Circle

**June 6/7:** Bexley House & Garden Tour

**June 25:** Main Event - Harry Potter (Thurs. Main Event)

**July 4:** 4th of July Parade & Evening Celebrations!

For detailed event info, visit [www.bexley.org/events](http://www.bexley.org/events)



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