



BEXLEY TIMES

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MAYOR'S DESK: THANK YOU, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!

In just a few quick years, the Bexley Community Foundation has made a big impact on community events and initiatives in Bexley. I wanted to take a moment to say "thank you" to the Foundation, and to highlight some of the recent grants received by the City to the benefit of all residents.



Bexley Block Party Activity Kit (BPAK!)
We've really enjoyed putting together the Block Party Activity Kit (BPAK). The BPAK is a trailer chock full of equipment to keep your block party humming, including yard games, popcorn and snow cone machines, a sound system, and a movie projector and outdoor screen. The BPAK can be rented from the Recreation Department, and the rental fee includes trailer drop-off and pickup to your block. Find out more at www.bexley.org/bpak!

Jeffrey Mansion Entryway
Building off of the success of the brick sidewalk installation (another Community Foundation funded project), the Jeffrey Mansion entryway project is designed to help highlight the entrance to the mansion, and provide the sort of grand entry feature and landscaping befitting the facility. Construction of the feature should be completed this summer.

July 4th Equipment & Sponsorship
While the City isn't the actual organizer of July 4th activities, we all benefit from the support the Community Foundation provided this year, by helping the Bexley Celebrations Association (BCA) purchase equipment for July 4th activities, and also by serving as the title sponsor of the evening events.

Electric Vehicle Car Chargers
Building off equipment donated by Nissan earlier in the year, the Community Foundation has provided funds for the equipment and installation of a Level II electric vehicle charger. This EV charger will provide charge-up facilities for plug-in hybrids and other Level II compatible cars such as the plug-in Prius and the Chevrolet Volt. The DC fast charger is already installed, and the Level II charger should be installed by this fall. Both chargers will be at the new Bexley City Hall parking lot, across from the entrance to City Hall, along the west side of the parking lot.



Police Department Honor Guard
Bexley's Police Department received a grant from the Community Foundation to establish a Police Department Honor Guard. The Honor Guard grant will allow for the purchase of uniforms and equipment, so that Bexley Police officer members of the Honor Guard can attend ceremonies and events where the presence of a Bexley Honor Guard would be appropriate.

The Community Foundation helps the City and other Bexley organizations to think creatively and aim big, by providing us with the resources to accomplish really great things we wouldn't otherwise be able to accomplish. Thank you, Community Foundation!

Read on for more info on what's happening in our fair City. Hope to see you soon around Bexley!


Mayor Ben Kessler



Toters Now Available to Purchase

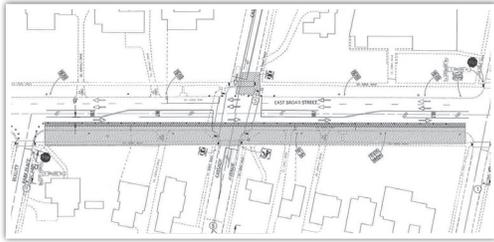
The City of Bexley is offering 48, 64, and 96 gallon toters for purchase by residents at a discounted price for recycling and solid waste. These are commercial grade, industrial toters with lids and wheels, and the City's program is designed to encourage greater recycling and to better contain solid waste. There is a limit of 1 reduced price recycling toter and 1 solid waste toter per household.

Come to City Hall at anytime during the week between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm to purchase a can and register your address for delivery of the can (if desired). Payment needs to be made at the time of purchase, by check or cash.

Recycling and Solid Waste toters are priced as follows:
48 gallon toter: \$20
64 gallon toter: \$20
96 gallon toter: \$30
Delivery Cost: \$10 (optional)

Delivery can be provided by the City for an additional cost of \$10, and will be provided on a weekly basis. Trash and recycling pickup details are the same with toters as without toters, and residents may still use standard trash and recycling receptacles along with the new toters.

For more information: www.bexley.org/recycle



Broad Street 2015/2016 Water and Street Project

The city will begin construction on Phase I of the Broad Street Reconstruction Project from Westland Avenue to Gould Road mid to late July. Two way traffic will be maintained throughout the duration of this project along Broad Street and construction will be conducted in two block increments in order to minimized impact to traveling public, employers/employees and local residents.

The south side of the impacted intersection will be closed to all north/southbound traffic while the north side will remain open for southbound traffic during working hours (open to both north/southbound traffic during nonworking hours).

Phase I work will consist of sanitary sewer, waterline and storm sewer work. Phase II, which will begin spring of 2016, will include asphalt replacement and some aesthetic improvements.

For more information on this project as well as the Service Department's 2015 streets and sidewalks projects, please visit www.bexley.org/service-department.



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! The Main Event brings food trucks, live music, and themed activities to Capital's lawn on Main Street, followed by an outdoor movie at sunset.

- July 31:** The Incredibles
- August 21:** Main Event Date Night - The Breakfast Club (Date Night is at Jeffrey Park)
- August 28:** Harry Potter
- September 25:** Sandlot

For information visit www.gobexley.com/main.



City Hall Redevelopment Update

It's been over a year since we began the process of moving off of the former Bexley City Hall / Service Garage site, and we wanted to provide an update to the community with progress that has been made and the status of the redevelopment project.

Earlier this year, we began the move of our City Hall and Service Garage functions off of our former site, and are now fully operational out of the new City Hall and new Service Garage buildings. In April, the developer of the Giant Eagle Market District Express took occupancy of the former City Hall site, and the developer is on track for the planned September commencement of environmental cleanup of the site and the demolition of the former City Hall / Service Garage buildings.

After demolition, work will commence on preparation of the development "pad" for the new grocery store development. The pad is anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2016. Construction will then commence on the grocery store, with completion of the store itself targeted for late 2016.

We know this has been a long process, but there have been many moving parts to our move off the site, and we thank you for staying patient as we have now completely moved off the site and are eagerly awaiting the new development!

To keep up with the status of the City Hall redevelopment project, visit www.bexley.org/cityhall.

Bexley Farmers' Market

Held every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. through the end of October, the Bexley Farmers' 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 or find them on Facebook for more details!



Fire Hydrant Flushing

The City of Bexley will begin routine flushing of all fire hydrants Monday, August 3. The water lines are flushed by opening a fire hydrant so that staff can check the condition of the valve, verify if there are any visible/audible leaks, and record flow rates, water pressure, color, turbidity, PH and chlorine levels. Flushing the lines also removes any corrosion and rust that may have accumulated within the lines since they were last serviced.

This process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system, allowing us to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our residents and commercial users. As a result, residents in the immediate vicinity may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. In this case, users can clear the pipes by running their faucets for a minute or two.



Mark Your Calendar

Outdoor Farm & Handcraft Market
Wednesdays from 3-7 pm through November at Bexley Natural Market

Bexley Farmer's Market
Thursdays from 4-7 pm through October at the Gateway South Parking Lot

Main Event
July 31: The Incredibles
August 21: "Date Night" - The Breakfast Club
August 28: Harry Potter
September 25: The Sandlot
 Beginning @ 7 p.m. on Capital's lawn (except for August 21 at Jeffrey Park)

Labor Day Weekend
September 6: Community Labor Day Block Party
September 7: Labor Day - no trash pickup

For detailed event info, visit www.bexley.org/events

To sign up for weekly email updates from the City of Bexley, visit: www.bexley.org/blast