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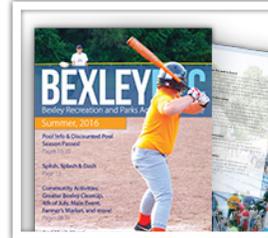
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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: COMING UP IN BEXLEY



Mayor Ben Kessler

Springtime in Bexley - when front porch hangouts start right back up where they left in the fall, and the walking/jogging/biking populations increase tenfold. Spring also means a pickup in our community events calendar, and this Spring's calendar is more jam-packed than ever. Here's a rapid-fire list of community events that you are going to want to know about this Spring!



2016 Bexley Clean-up
Bexley's Annual Spring Clean-Up Extravaganza!

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/clean-up!

arboretum walk, which will wind south of Montrose Elementary and encompass Havenwood Park, featuring a variety of species of the Bexley Arboretum. Residents will also be able to purchase limited quantities of the 2016 season Bexley Maple Syrup at Bexley retail and restaurant partners. Find out more at www.bexleyarboretum.org

BexTalks - April 7th

BexTalks features intriguing talks from Bexley residents (both past & present) who are thought-leaders in their fields. The next program in the series celebrates World Health Day with Dr. Nick Baird. Dr. Baird will discuss



how simple changes are the key to long-term success and a healthier you. Dr. Baird is a 1958 graduate of Bexley High School. He worked closely alongside Jack Hanna at the Columbus Zoo, served as Director of the Ohio Department of Health, and was appointed to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports in 2002. He is currently CEO of U.S. Healthiest, an organization whose goal is to make the U.S. the healthiest nation in a healthier world. **April 7, 7:00 pm, at the Bexley Library Auditorium.**

Bexley Community Clean-up Day - April 16th

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;



Bexley For Sale / Freecycle Event - May 7th
The 4th annual Bexley Yard Sale and Freecycle Event will be held on May 7th in yards throughout Bexley. We are using the same format as last year, 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.



Arbor Day - April 29th

Arbor Day is a big deal when you're an arboretum, and this year we are celebrating Arbor Day in several different ways. On April 29th we'll unveil our latest



The Main Event - Premieres May 20th

The Main Event returns to Capital's Main Street lawn for a fourth season in 2016. May's movie is "Finding Nemo" on May 20th, with live music from the Shazzbot's, kids' activities, and food trucks. For a complete lineup of the 2016 season, check the back side of this newsletter.



Bexley House and Garden Tour - June 5th

The House and Garden Tour returns for its 9th year on June 5. This is a great opportunity to visit nine fantastic homes and gardens in Bexley. More info is on the back side of this newsletter.

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 9th Annual House & Garden Tour, held Sunday, June 5, 2016.

The House & Garden Tour is Sunday, June 5, 2016, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Drive, walk, ride bikes or take free Bexley BEAT shuttles to visit the sites. Tickets available April 16 at bexleywomen.org and beginning May 23 at Bexley Coffee Shop, Bexley Pizza Plus, Bexley Natural Market & Graeter's Ice Cream. Advance tickets: \$20; Day of tour tickets: \$25 – at Events Entrance, Columbus School for Girls.

For complete tour and sponsorship info, visit www.bexleywomen.org



2016 Main Event Season

This summer the Main Event is back for a 4th season, with a great movie lineup and more activities and live music than ever! The Main Event is a free outdoor movie series on Main Street, with pre-movie entertainment and activities that are themed based upon that night's movie.

- May 20:** *Finding Nemo* (G)
- June 23 (Thurs. Night!):** *Wallace & Gromit* (G)
- July 15:** *Goosebumps* (PG)
- August 12:** *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope* (PG)
- August 26:** Main Event Date Night - *Date Night* (PG-13)
- September 9:** *Inside Out* (G) & *Bexley's Got Talent*

For more information on the 2016 Main Event, please visit www.gobexley.com/main/



Bexley Farmers' Market

It's almost that time--the Bexley Farmers' Market kicks back up starting Thursday, May 19th. Held every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. through October 20th, the Market features over 20 vendors selling a variety of seasonal farm-fresh vegetables and much more. Visit www.bexleyfarmersmarket.com or find them on Facebook for more details!

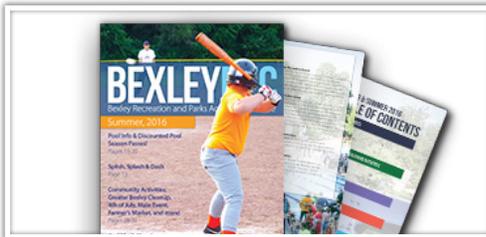


4th of July Activities

This year's July 4th activities will be held on Monday, 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.

We need your help! Bexley's fireworks and 4th of July entertainment are completely funded by you - we rely on Bexley resident donations to pull it all off! For more information, and to donate to support this resident-funded event, please visit: www.bexleycelebrations.org.



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. Hard copies of the brochure will be sent via the mail, and can also be picked up at Jeffrey Mansion, City Hall, or the Library. Activity registration opens on April 4th at noon (online or in person) for residents, and on April 6 at noon for non-residents. For more information please call us at (614) 559-4300.



Bexley Base Update

Since we went live with the service late last year, the Bexley Base app has logged over 350 issues, with over 300 issues fixed/closed. The Base website and app allows you to report and track city issues such as issues with potholes, water leaks, trees, streetlighting, code enforcement, etc. To get started, visit: www.bexley.org/base.



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, please pay particular attention to trash and brush/leaves. And remember that trash bags must be put in cans with tight-fitting lids.

Please remember to keep plantings on your property trimmed out of the right-of-ways of sidewalks, streets, and alleys. Landscaping at the corner of street or alley intersections should be no more than 2' tall within 50' of intersections in order to keep a safe sight triangle for drivers and pedestrians.

Code enforcement will also begin to focus more this year on driveway maintenance. Homeowners with extensive driveway pitting or potholing should begin to plan for the repair, resurfacing, or replacement of their driveway surface.

For questions, comments or complaints, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hrdlicka at dhrdlicka@bexley.org or 614-559-4247.



Mark Your Calendar

- April 4:** Bexley Recreation Summer Registration Opens
- April 7:** BexTalks with Dr. J. Nick Baird
- April 16:** Greater Bexley Clean-up Day
- April 29:** Arbor Day Activities
- May 7:** 2016 Bexley Yard Sale/Freecycle Day
- May 19:** Bexley Farmers' Market Opening Day
- May 20:** Main Event - *Finding Nemo*
- May 25:** Memorial Day Service at Drexel Circle
- June 5:** Bexley House & Garden Tour
- June 23:** Main Event - *Wallace & Gromit* & Bexley Shorts
- July 4:** 4th of July Parade & Evening Celebrations!

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



Have a Blast

The Bexley Blast is the City's weekly email update, which includes information on community events, City initiatives, listings of planning applications, and more. To sign up, visit www.bexley.org/blast.