



BEXLEY TIMES

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ON THE FLIP SIDE:



Broad Street Project Update



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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: SUMMER UPDATES

The past couple of years have been marked by a flurry of new projects in Bexley, many of which are finally getting close to the finish line this summer. Here's a project-by-project update for the summer of 2016:

New Giant Eagle Market District Opens Soon

Bexley will soon be home to Ohio's first Giant Eagle Market District Express. The new development will be a full-featured neighborhood grocery store, and it is currently on track to open in August or September of this year. Bexley's Market District Express will bring a full selection of everyday grocery items, a variety of fruits and vegetables, organic produce, fresh meat and seafood, a full-service Starbucks® Cafe, casual bistro dining, wine by the glass and more than 150 craft, domestic and imported beers to take home or enjoy from the unique two-story patio overlooking Main Street.



In survey after survey of residents, a neighborhood grocery store was number one on the wish list of things to bring to Bexley. This exciting development is a result of years of coordinated planning to bring a neighborhood grocery store to Bexley. I've had the opportunity to take an early tour of the space with City Council members, and it's clearly going to be a wonderful space. It's exciting to see the project come to a close, and I look forward to seeing you in the aisle!

For more information on grand opening dates for the Bexley Giant Eagle Market District Express, sign up for our weekly email at www.bexley.org/blast.

Broad Street Reconstruction: Phase II

The second phase of the Broad Street project (phase I was a new water line and south lane reconstruction) continues this summer, with new curbs and gutters,



medians in select unused portions of the center lane, north lane spot reconstruction, upgraded signage, street light restoration, and street resurfacing.

The project is projected to continue until the end of November. Travel lanes will be restricted at various points along Broad throughout the project depending on the project component, so please anticipate delays along Broad, especially during rush hour, throughout the project time period. This project is made possible via a 75% grant / 25% zero-interest loan from the State of Ohio. For more information on this project, please visit www.bexley.org/service-department.

EV Chargers at City Hall

Thanks to funding from the Bexley Community Foundation, a Level II electric vehicle charger is now installed and operational at City Hall. This charger is



a 240V charger that provides charging to a variety of vehicles on the market, including the Chevrolet Volt and the Prius plug-in hybrids. The charger at City Hall can accommodate up to 2 vehicles simultaneously. The Level II charger joins the Level III DC Fast Charger that was installed last year thanks to funding from Nissan North America. The DC fast charger provides rapid charging for full electric vehicles such as the Nissan Leaf, the Tesla Model S and Model X, and the BMW i3. There is a Tesla adapter for the DC fast charger that can be checked out at the City Hall front desk during business hours, thanks to Community Foundation grant funding.



Restored Drexel Opens Mid-July

After months of renovation to the Drexel's marquee, entry lobby, main lobby, and theatres, the Drexel is set to open its doors again in July. The project was funded by a collaborative of private donations, State capital dollars, historic tax credits, Bexley Community Foundation grants, and Bexley TIF dollars. Users of the theatre will experience a completely renovated environment, with new seating and flooring in the theatres, and a new concessions and lobby experience, all designed to respect and restore the historic theatre's Art Deco roots. Follow the project at www.drexel.net.

There's a lot happening, and a lot to look forward to. Thank you for your patience as we deal with the dust and delays associated with all of this new development. Hope to see you soon around Bexley!

Mayor Ben Kessler



2016 Sidewalk Project

Each year, one-third of the city's sidewalks are inspected. This year's inspection focuses on the central portion of the City, roughly from Francis/Cassady, east to Remington/Stanwood. Inspection involves walking the streets to inspect each panel for damage. Panels marked "X" for deficiency are the responsibility of the property owner and those marked "C" are the responsibility of the city. The city will use a contractor for repairs and bill residents accordingly. For more information, including a map of the inspection areas, please visit www.bexley.org/sidewalks or call (614) 559-4220.



Before and After Care

The City of Bexley Recreation and Parks Department will now be officially offering Before and After School care for the Bexley City School district. The program will be offered to all elementary school students at all three elementary schools. The morning care will be located at Montrose Elementary with the evening care located at Maryland and Montrose Elementaries. The program will be offered from 7 am until the start of the school day and from dismissal until 6 pm. Students will be transported to and from school. Registration is currently open with the Recreation and Parks Department and it is on a first-come, first-served basis. Information and registration packets can be obtained at www.bexley.org/recreation-parks. All registration applications must be turned into Recreation and Parks Department at Jeffrey Mansion.



Splish Splash & Dash!

We are excited to announce the 4th Annual Splish, Splash, and Dash - Bexley Youth Triathlon on Saturday, August 20th. The triathlon requires participants to complete a swimming, biking, and running course. With age divisions ranging from under 6 years old to 14 years old, the courses will include laps at the Bexley pool, biking through the streets of North Bexley, and will finish with a run through Jeffrey Park. More info can be found at www.bexley.org/recreation-parks.



2016 Main Event Season

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 15:** Goosebumps (PG)
- August 5:** Star Wars Episode VII (PG-13)
- August 26:** Main Event Date Night (PG-13)
- September 9:** Inside Out (G)

For information visit www.gobexley.com/main.



Bexley Farmers' Market

Held every Thursday from 4-7 pm through the end of October, the Bexley Farmers' Market is located on the corner of Main Street and Dawson Avenue. You'll find plenty of farm-fresh vegetables and much more. Visit www.bexleyfarmersmarket.com or find them on Facebook for more details!

Love Your Alley

The 3rd Annual(ish) Love Your Alley Competition will be held on Saturday August 6, 2016. This competition is a chance for residents to take part in the beautification of Bexley. Judges will be combing the city to see which neighborhood block has the best looking alley. Winners of the contest will win a catered block party from Bexley Pizza Plus and Johnson's Real Ice Cream with a Block Party Activity Kit from the Bexley Recreation and Parks Department. Register at www.bexley.org/alleys for your block to have a chance to win on August 6.



Bexley to Host Ohio Eggfest

The Ohio Eggfest brings local cook teams together to demonstrate their skills in a competition centering around Big Green Egg grills/smokers. While not every team leaves a winner, every member of the public does! 100% of proceeds from the event benefit cancer research at The James. The event will be hosted on September 24th at Jeffrey Park, and will involve live music, refreshing beverages, and of course delicious taste testing of team creations! For more info, and to register a team, visit: theohioeggfest.com.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The City of Bexley will begin routine flushing of all fire hydrants Monday, August 1. This process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system. Residents in the immediate vicinity may experience temporary discoloration of their water, which 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

Bexley Farmers' Market
Thursdays from 4-7 pm through October at the corner of Dawson and Main Street

- July 4:** 5K/Parade/Community Celebration/Fireworks
- July 15:** Main Event - "Goosebumps"
- August 5:** Main Event - "Star Wars Episode VII"
- August 6:** "Love Your Alley" Competition Judging
- August 20:** Splish Splash & Dash Youth Triathlon
- August 26:** Main Event Date Night - "Date Night"
- August 28:** Buckeye Kosher Festival
- September 4:** Community Labor Day Block Party
- September 5:** Labor Day - no trash pickup
- September 9:** Main Event - "Inside Out"
- September 24:** Ohio Eggfest @ Jeffrey Park

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

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