Dear Friends and Neighbors,

There is Only One Bexley! How do we know that? In the good ol’ USA, there are 25 Franklin Counties; 17 cities named “Columbus”, but “There is Only One Bexley”!

Bexley is the only municipality in the country to be accredited as an Arboretum. Bexley has developed an “education industry.” Home to five superb schools – Bexley Public school; Capital University; Columbus School for Girls; St. Charles Preparatory Academy; and Trinity Lutheran Seminary. We have a real and historic Main Street. In addition, the Governor’s Residence and home of the OSU president are here. Bexley has an endless variety of architecture and even an Art Deco themed movie theater, the “Drexel.”

In May, the Bexley Community Foundation welcomed its first full-time Executive Director, Whitney Abraham. With experience in capital campaign development, marketing and grant writing for various non-profits across the nation, Whitney is poised and ready to lead the Bexley Community Foundation has been in business just three years, but is already strongly added to the fabric of life by funding programs that could take place only in Bexley. If you have hopped down Alum Creek in a kayak; attended “Movies on Main Street”; walked on the brick sidewalks at Jeffrey Mansion; participated in Chautauqua; been part of the Youth Triathlon or the Beekeeping Project; heard the exciting adventures the Bexley Community Foundation has funded. Why should you support the Bexley Community Foundation this year? Because “There is Only One Bexley” and we want to keep it that way. We invite you to join us.

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

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A NEW FACE

It was a sold out crowd! If you were lucky enough to attend our third annual Fall Campaign kick-off on October 2, you know it was Standing Room Only. The evening’s theme, “There’s Only One Bexley” was a heart-warming, exciting program that made all of us think about Bexley and live in Bexley, our “Drexel.”

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2013 MAJOR GRANT RECIPIENTS

Bexley Arboretum: The Bexley Arboretum received a grant for $12,000 which will allow the City of Bexley to identify itself as an accredited arboretum; provide a GIS software system for plant collection management and label 500+ species of trees.

Main Street Pole Banners Project: A grant led by the City of Bexley and the Bexley Women’s Club to create banners promoting community-wide events for Main Street and other key Bexley locations is being funded for $6,500. (Other collaborative organizing organizations are the Bexley Public Library, Friends of the Library and Bexley City Schools).

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– Maria Herbsfield, Program and Grants Coordinator

2014 GRANT DEADLINES

In order to accommodate the needs of our grant applicants, we are moving from one small grant cycle and one major grant cycle to two open grant cycles. This change gives organizations multiple opportunities to apply for funding throughout the year. In order to facilitate this new process, we are also requesting a Letter of Intent to help grantees hone in on their project plans earlier. For giving guidelines and priorities, please visit our website at www.bexleycommunityfoundation.org.

Upcoming Deadlines

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The Bexley Community Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of The Jeffrey Mansion and Park Fund, established to provide financial support for Jeffrey Mansion and Park. Mike Price, Director of the Recreation and Parks Department for the City of Bexley, shares his excitement over the creation of the fund; “This fund couldn’t have come at a more important time. The Jeffrey Mansion and Park Fund will be essential to helping maintain the Jeffrey Mansion and Park’s brilliance and providing the opportunity to make the improvements necessary to ensure its lasting impact on generations to come.”

In 1908 Robert H. Jeffrey was instrumental in the founding of the City of Bexley. In 1942, he donated his family estate “Kelvedon” and its 32 acres to the City for public purposes. Since then, the estate has been the recreational heart of our community, becoming a memorable part of the life of every Bexley family.

The Jeffrey Fund is made possible by a gift of $75,000 over three years from The Jeffrey Company and will be matched by donations to the Bexley Community Foundation. The net income and principal of the Fund will be used to support improvements. The Bexley Community Foundation will reserve the first $100,000 of this year’s donations to fund its grants program in 2014. All donations in excess of this initial $100,000 will go to the Jeffrey Mansion and Park Fund to begin to build a legacy for our crown jewel.

Visit www.BexleyCommunityFoundation.org to learn more.

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JEFFREY MANSION AND PARK FUND

We are excited to announce the launch of our redesigned website — created with the assistance of donors, grant applicants and community partners. Now it’s easier than ever to donate, apply for grants and learn about the great work of our many funds!

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FOUNDER GRANTS LAUNCH NEW COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

DARN SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Developmental Assets Resource Network (DARN) focused on offsetting childhood hunger over the summer vacation months with its grant request to the Bexley Community Foundation this year. During the 2012-2013 school year, over 240 children in Bexley City Schools received assistance through the National School Lunch and National School Breakfast programs. These programs provide free or reduced-price meals to families whose income is 185% or less than Federal Poverty Level (FPL). "That is roughly 12% of the school population," shares Mike Denison, a member of the Bexley Board of Education. However, the Federal Government only offers summer meal assistance to communities where at least 50% of the population is below FPL. Because Bexley doesn’t qualify for that assistance, DARN used its grant from the Bexley Community Foundation to provide 4,000 meals to Bexley children during June, July and August.

THE MAIN EVENT

A collaboration between the City of Bexley, Capital University and Friends of the Drexel put Main Street on the Big Screen with a brand new outdoor Summer Movie Series, "The Main Event." Nearly 800 Bexley residents gathered for the monthly viewing on Capital’s lawn. From “Indiana Jones” to “The Princess Bride,” each month’s outing had a theme so local businesses and retailers could join in on the festivities.

Mayor Ben Koscelar shares this observation. “The Main Event far exceeded our expectations and became a highlight of our summer. We started out envisioning a monthly outdoor movie series, but the events quickly turned into much more than...