Drexel Theatre Opens After Renovation

The Drexel Theatre’s iconic marquee was restored to its original Art Deco splendor with a grant of $55,530, payable over two years, to Friends of the Drexel Theatre. Work included replacement of the existing neon tubing, removal of the existing false ceiling beneath the marquee, and rehabilitation of its original ceiling. New lighting was added beneath the marquee, and colored lights were reinstalled behind the glass block.

In keeping with tradition, signage for films and coming attractions still use the same manual lettering. The entry doors were also replaced with new doors based on the building’s original design.

Together with a previous grant of $25,000 for digital projection equipment, the Foundation has provided $80,530 to improve the Drexel Theatre.

Bexley Police Receive Electric Motorcycle

The Bexley Police Department received a grant to purchase an electric motorcycle, which will allow the Police to patrol parks and trails previously not accessible to vehicle transit. The motorcycle will also be equipped with an AED, purchased by a Foundation Grant in 2015.

“With the ability to patrol both on and off road areas, the motorcycle offers unique advantages over internal combustion motorcycles,” Sgt. Dawn Overly-Sheterom said. “The 100% electric powertrain is nearly silent, exhaust free, produces minimal heat, has powerful torque and is highly maneuverable giving us a tactical advantage. Our officers will use it in our parks allowing us to reach areas where our cruisers cannot go. We will use it for event safety and crowd control: parades, walks and runs. We have already had it out on day shift patrol and Halloween.”
TO OUR DONORS AND FRIENDS

2016 has been another successful year for Bexley and our Foundation – 23 grants totaling $247,218! Our total grants also reached over $848,000 which puts us on track to reach $1 million in total grants from all Funds by the end of 2017. Without you, none of this would be possible. Since 2011, we have received over 2,250 donations, THANK YOU!

If you have already made your 2016 gift, THANK YOU. If you have not yet done so, we ask you to consider a year-end tax deductible donation to the Bexley Community Foundation.

Gifts can be made by credit card through our website or by check using the enclosed envelope.

The greater the “we”, the more WE can do. It is an exciting future, and you and your support are the key to maintaining Bexley as the top in its class for generations to come!

Happy Holidays,

Paul Lacroix
Board Chair

Hallie Raskin
Executive Director

NEW FUNDS!

ANNE & SAM POWERS FUND

The Anne and Sam Powers Fund was established in 2016 to promote positive sports experiences for children and youth who participate in school, recreational and other sports programs serving the Bexley community. The Fund will promote child and youth health and wellness and positive values, such as teamwork, sportsmanship and self-confidence, which can be learned through sports. The Fund will also support programming to help athletes, parents and coaches develop skills to improve the sports experience and make it fun.

BEXLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY AUTHOR SERIES FUND

The Bexley Public Library Community Author Series Fund of the Bexley Community Foundation will support an annual Bexley Community Author Series which is an event that brings authors to Bexley to discuss their works and engage our community. Save the date for an evening with Colson Whitehead on April 25, 2017.

2017 GRANT DEADLINES

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The Bexley Community Foundation celebrated its sixth annual gathering and six years of grant making with over 200 donors, volunteers, grantees and friends on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at The Wells Barn at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. The evening focused on community projects and programs funded by the Foundation and the theme Because It’s Bexley!

Highlights from the evening included a performance by The Capitones, an acapella group from Capital University and the announcement of two new funds at the Foundation. The Foundation also announced a grant of $40,000 to the City of Bexley for a new community garden in North Bexley and reviewed other grants funded by the Foundation in 2016 including the 4th of July Celebration, restoration of the Drexel Theatre’s historic marquee, beautification projects and the new Alum Creek Park Athletic Fields.

Since 2011 the Foundation has invested over $848,000 in the Bexley community through 90 grants to local public entities and nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Elizabeth Paul, Capital University President, and her husband, Dr. Bill Ball were the honorary chairs of the event. Dr. Paul became the University’s 16th President on July 1st and she and Bill reside in Bexley with their two daughters, Martha, a sophomore at George Washington University, and Sophie, a senior at Bexley High School.

**CORNERSTONE AWARD**

The Cornerstone Award for Philanthropy and Service is given each year to honor current or former Bexley residents who inspire and challenge us by their examples of exceptional service and giving to Bexley and the greater community. This year’s recipients were Peter and Janet Halliday. Pete and Janet were instrumental in starting the Bexley Community Foundation and its predecessor, the Bexley Heritage Fund. Pete served as the Foundation’s first Board Chair and continues as a member of the Board of Directors. Janet has been a member of the Grants Committee of the Foundation since its inception until 2015.

The Bexley Celebrations Association received an $8,000 grant to support the 2016 4th of July Celebration.

A grant of $1,000 from our Youth and Recreation Fund was awarded for the City’s fourth annual Splish, Splash and Dash youth triathlon with over 350 participants.

An $81,000 grant, the Foundation’s largest, was awarded to the City of Bexley to build the new Alum Creek Park Athletic Fields.

A North Community Garden will be built with a $40,000 grant awarded to the City of Bexley.
• 2016 Grant Awards
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THE MAIN EVENT