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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski

CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers

Re: Constituent Update - July 2023 Report

Date: July 24, 2023

General Update - Events and Actions of June 2023:

- Attended **Stonewall Columbus Pride Brunch** on June 4
- Recognized and celebrated LGBTQ Pride Month in Gahanna!
- Attended Cybersecurity for Local Governments webinar from Ohio Municipal League on June 7
- Hosted a **Constituent Hour** at the Gahanna Library on June 13
- Attended LGBTQ Elected Official Policy Briefing hosted at Columbus City Hall by Council President Shannon Hardin on June 16
- Volunteered at and attended the **Creekside Blues and Jazz Festival**June 16 18
- Recognized and celebrated **Juneteenth in Gahanna** on June 19
- Attended **Gahanna CIC** meeting on June 20
- Attended **Public Employment Law Seminar** on June 24
- Received invitation from State Representative Ismail Mohamed to recognize **Somali Independence Day**; collaborated to present Certificate of Recognition with Councilmember Trenton Weaver at Somali Flag Raising Ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse





From top: Councilwoman Bowers at the Gahanna Library for June 13 Constituent Hour; At Creekside Blues and Jazz Festival with Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce Board members; Attending presentation on Crisis Communications at Public Sector Employment Law Seminar

Constituent Hours

June 13, 2023 Constituent Hour held at Gahanna Branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library. July and August Constituent Hours TBD.



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Constituent Issues/Concerns:

- 1. Zoning Code updates
 - Received email from constituent regarding breadth of expected zoning code updates; responded and followed up with questions about next round of zoning code changes.
- 2. Construction project inquiries
 - Constituent emailed various city staff and electeds to inquire about status of construction projects on Hamilton Road and E.Johnstown/Cherrybottom Roads. Followed up with constituent.
- 3. Source of Income Nondiscrimination Legislation Inquiry from Upper Arlington resident regarding SOI nondiscrimination ordinance and its function in Gahanna.
- 4. Capital Improvement Plan Email from constituent regarding questions about draft CIP; forwarded to Finance Chair; responded to email.
- 5. Plant Library
 - Following resident concern regarding actions at the Gahanna Plant Library, met with facilitators of TPL; received emails and responded via social media; working with community partners to address relocation of TPL.
- 6. Theori road construction communication Received emails from residents concerned with communication about road construction on Theori; responded to constituents and followed up with City Administration.
- 7. Housing for All Forum
 Received email from constituent regarding upcoming Housing For All Forum. Shared information regarding the event and thanked constituent for the information.
- 8. Grant availability
 - Received information from a constituent regarding available grant funding for P&R. Thanked constituent for the information and shared with Finance Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Merisa K. Bowers
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