

# Merisa K. Bowers

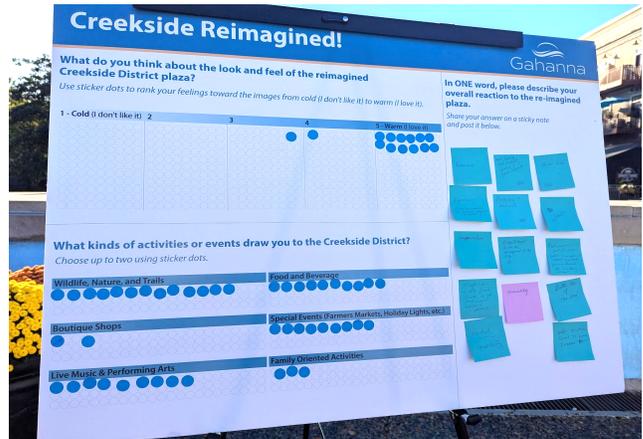
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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan  
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter  
From: Council President Merisa Bowers  
Re: **Community Report -October/November 2025 Report**  
Date: December 15, 2025

## **General Update -**

### **Events and Actions of October - November 2025:**

- Hosted focus group sessions on October 1 and 7 to discuss the proposed **Creekside private redevelopment project**.
- [Honored the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall](#) during its display in Gahanna October 2 - 6.
- Recognized American Birding Association **Young Birder of the Year Killian Sullivan** in conjunction with World Animal Day and World Habitat Month on October 6.
- Refreshed with women leaders and entrepreneurs at the **State of Women Conference** on October 9.
- **Heard from residents** at Creekside redevelopment engagement event on Creekside Plaza on October 9.
- Attended professional development on **public sector ethics laws** at the Ohio Ethics Commission on October 15.
- Celebrated at the Advocates & Allies Gala supporting Equality Ohio on October 17.
- Met with business owners and stakeholders to discuss proposed Creekside redevelopment projects over several weeks.
- Participated in the circular economy at the Clothing Swap hosted by Collective Home Supply on October 18.
- Attended the Columbus Metropolitan Club forum on the state of journalism on October 22.
- Celebrated the impact of the work of Ohio attorneys at the Ohio State Bar Foundation All Rise Gala on October 24.
- Collaborated with staff and colleagues to solicit and review applications and interview candidates for boards and commissions throughout October/November.
- Monitored **impact of Federal Government Shutdown** on Gahanna families and regional impact on food security including call with Mid Ohio Food Collective and conversations with residents.
- Hosted a constituent hour on November 8.



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- Supported Resolution and attended Ceremony for **Veterans Day** at the Gahanna Veterans Memorial hosted by the Gahanna Veterans Memorial Committee on November 11.
- Attended GLHS production of **Into the Woods** on November 14.
- Discussed and learned about staff request for professional association board service with the IIML Regional Board of Directors in November.
- Celebrated annual Holiday Lights celebration on November 23.
- Engaged in regular touch-bases with GJPS School Board President Kara Coates.



Photos from top: *Presenting with Young Birder Killian Sullivan and family; Creekside Reimagined engagement board from October 9 event; attending CMC forum with Jessica Hilts and Kevin Smith; celebrating at OSBF event with Gahanna lawyers Carol Marx, Trenton Weaver, Priya Tamilarasan, and Sarah Pollyea; honoring Veterans Day with Councilmen Stephen Renner and Trenton Weaver.*

## **Let's Connect: Upcoming Community Meet-Ups**

Meet me at the **GLHS Ribbon Cutting and Tour on Saturday, January 10** and the **Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 15!**

### **Virtual Community Meet-Up**

**Friday, January 16 at 12pm via Zoom.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89523395646?pwd=5hs0F7hbdj19WkHP43hMyyEkbXFM0S.1>

**To schedule a meeting, coffee, or call, please email [merisa.bowers@gahanna.gov](mailto:merisa.bowers@gahanna.gov) or call 614-342-0040.**

Where can you most influence the day-to-day lives of your neighbors? The answer is local government! I welcome your thoughts, questions, and information about what's going on in Gahanna!

*You can join various Gahanna CivicEngage newsletter lists - **including the new bimonthly City Council Newsletter** - by creating a **"Notify Me" Sign In** account and selecting the desired newsletter lists.*

## **Constituent Issues/Concerns:**

Throughout October and November, residents voiced concerns and opinions or requested assistance in the following areas:

- Creekside redevelopment, including terms of development agreement, demolition process, impact to businesses, impact to special events, scope of project.
- LGBTQ Youth wellness and support
- "Leave the leaves" advocacy for positive environmental impact
- Follow up on parking on Southwind Drive
- Solid waste collection

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- Council minutes
- Affordable housing set asides within multifamily residential projects
- Request for TIF Funding for multifamily project
- World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
- Use of Flock Cameras
- Childcare resources
- Interfaith and Jewish Hannukah displays for holiday events
- Follow up regarding Taylor Road safety
- Gahanna CIC and CIC Strategic Plan
- Holiday/Halloween decorations
- Immigration/ICE activity
- Building safety for new high school

Respectfully submitted,  
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Gahanna City Councilwoman, At-Large  
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