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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: **Constituent Update - October/November 2024 Report**  
Date: November 29, 2024

## **General Update - Events and Actions of October & November 2024:**

- Met with Somali-American community members to learn more about goals and initiatives on Oct. 5.
- Discussed police response protocol with GPD leadership and Councilwoman Jones on October 7.
- Attended **CIP Advisory Committee** meeting on October 7.
- Participated in the [initial meeting](#) of the **Strategic Plan Steering Committee** on October 9.
- Met with neighbors along Old Ridenour corridor regarding civic participation with Councilman Schnetzer on October 10.
- Attended **Gahanna Area Realtors Association** October 11 meeting.
- Developed agenda, prepared for and attended leadership touchbase meetings with Mayor, City Attorney, Council leadership and senior directors on October 14 and November 12.
- Cheered on student-walkers at the **Lincoln Elementary Walk-a-Thon** on October 18.
- Participated in the [Make Gahanna Yours](#) litter clean-up on October 19.
- Prepared for and collaborated with Clerk VanMeter and Councilwoman Jones to discuss Council office policy and governance on October 21.
- Recognized **First Responder Day** with a [Joint Resolution Proclamation](#) presentation to Gahanna and Mifflin Township first responders on October 21.



- Prepared for, presented, and fielded resident questions at the October 22 [Gahanna Energy Plus](#) Municipal Aggregation Town Hall meeting.
- Celebrated the inaugural class of the **Citizens Academy** on October 28.
- Attended the keynote luncheon of the **MORPC Summit on Sustainability** featuring Jeff Speck on **creating walkable communities** on October 29.
- Met with students and staff at the mock election hosted at Gahanna Lincoln High School on November 4 and attended November 6 CMC Forum Post-Election debrief.



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- Advanced [Joint Resolution Proclamation](#) designating November as **Native American Heritage Month** in Gahanna and Advanced a [Joint Resolution Proclamation](#) for **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** on November 17.
- Attended and offered questions at the Audit Exit Conference regarding FY 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report on November 4.
- Celebrated the **Grand Opening of Orthopedic One** at the Crescent development on November 7 with the presentation of a Certificate of Recognition along with Councilmembers Weaver, Padova, and McGregor.



- Hosted Reynoldsburg Councilwomen Meredith Lawson-Rowe and Shanette Strickland along with Councilwomen Jones and Padova for a **donation at GRIN** on November 9.
- Publicized and interviewed applicants for appointment to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council throughout October/November.
- Recognized **Veterans Day** at the Veterans Memorial ceremony on November 11, presenting a [Joint Resolution and Proclamation](#) with Mayor Jadwin and with Councilmembers Renner, Weaver, and Padova in attendance; attended for further presentation of the Joint Legislation at the American Legion Post 797 meeting with Councilwoman Padova and Mayor Jadwin on November 21.
- Proposed legislation to address governance issues with Park and Recreation Board appointment; revised based on discussion; collaborated with Council Clerk to post open Board position and solicited for applicants.
- Hosted **Annual “Budget n’ Breakfast”** meeting with residents at Cafe Creekside on November 22 with Councilwoman Jones.
- Celebrated the “official” start of the holiday season with the **Creekside Holiday Tree Lighting** on November 24.



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## Constituent Hours

### **December Constituent Meetings by appointment!**

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! Join me to share your thoughts, ask questions, and exchange information about what's going on in Gahanna - and what is in store for our City in the new year!

January Constituent Hour will be held Saturday, January 25 at the Gahanna Library at 10am.

You can join various Gahanna CivicEngage newsletter lists 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:

- Recreation facilities and programming
- Engineering permit
- Municipal Aggregation
- Street Trees
- Small business support
- Animal control incidents
- Budget and Municipal Complex funding and presentations
- Roadway conditions
- Street lights
- Strawser performance
- Deer population
- Neighbor dispute
- Trail safety
- Recognition of multicultural holidays
- Water billing
- Disability accessibility
- Recycling bins



Respectfully submitted,  
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