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Constituent Newsletter – June 2024

Hello Gahanna! It's been a busy month, and I'm excited to share all the wonderful work and community events we've been involved in. Let's dive into the highlights and see how we're making a difference together!

Connect With Me

Please join me for my July Community Connect. These monthly conversations are an opportunity to build community while discussing your questions, concerns, and ideas. Can't make it on June 23? Please [use this link to schedule a time](https://calendly.com/meetwithjamille/letsconnect) [https://calendly.com/meetwithjamille/letsconnect] that will work for you.

**COMMUNITY
CONNECT**

Conversations with:

**COUNCILMEMBER
JAMILLE JONES**



July 23
6:00 p.m.
Gahanna Library
Study Room G



Getting to Work

Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Participated in the final Active Transportation Plan Steering committee meeting to weigh in on the prioritization of proposed projects
- Led drafting and presentation of a Juneteenth resolution honoring Keena Smith, founder and CEO of the Women's Center for Economic Opportunity
- Met with instructors from Gahanna Employability and Adult Readiness (GEAR) program at GLHS in preparation for a resolution in July honoring Disability Pride Month
- Participated in quarterly School | City partnership meeting alongside the Superintendent, Mayor, Council & School Board Presidents, and both liaisons (myself as council liaison to the school board). Topics included community safety, AED accessibility, and mental health
- Toured construction site at 825 Tech Center Drive, home of new the city's new municipal complex to get a first hand look at progress and to meet with the Elford Construction and MSA Design teams leading the work
- Did a deep dive into past council meetings regarding energy aggregation in preparation for the 6/24 Committee of the Whole Meeting where we selected a power aggregator



Keena Smith receives Juneteenth resolution surrounded by members of Council and participants of the Women's Center of Economic Opportunity current cohort.

Received constituent communication concerning:

- Presence and accessibility of AEDS throughout Gahanna - See 6/3 council meeting recording for further dialogue on this topic.
- Proposal to redesign the Gahanna flag from The Gahanna Foundation
- Support for the council's decision not to redesign the existing flag as discussed at the 6/10 meeting
- Street sign in need of replacement on Beecher Crossing North. Parks & Rec has been notified and resolution is pending.

- Support for the city's move towards green energy and SOPEC as our aggregator of choice
- Recommendation for unified communications from the city to underscore the work the city is doing and build resident support



Councilmember Kaylee Padova,
Reynoldsburg Council President
Meredith Lawson Rowe, Council
President Merisa Bowers,
Councilmember Jamille Jones,
Councilmember Trenton Weaver

About Town

Recap of community events & activities

6/2: Attended Council President Merisa Bowers' **Community Rockstar Event** benefiting the Two Fifty Four Teen Center.

6/9: Attended **Band Together Central Ohio**, a supportive and inclusive open mic night where everyone can participate, regardless of their abilities or challenges. Be sure to check them out the second Sunday of each month at Gatsby's Bar & Grill

6/14: It was a pleasure to attend and volunteer at one of my favorite Gahanna events of the year, the **Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival**, Ohio's longest running musical festival of it's kind.

6/18: Celebrated with our neighbors to the east at **Reynoldsburg Juneteenth**, a significant event commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the US.

6/19: The celebration continued here at home in Gahanna with the **Juneteenth Gospel Tribute** featuring Gahanna Lincoln High School alum and local musician Hawc Griffin.

6/21: Met new **Friends of the Library** at a gathering to support and appreciate our local library.

6/26: Attended first ever **Gahanna Pride Community Night**, celebrating Pride and fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance in our community



Jamille at Creekside Blues & Jazz Fest

In the Know

Stay informed about what's happening in our community

- **Subscribe** to periodic email updates from me and other city communications.
- **Attend meetings**. Regular Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month (or the following Tuesday if Monday is a City holiday). Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Both meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
- **Receive agendas** for council and board/commission meetings via email.
- **Watch online**. All council and board/commission meetings are streamed live via the city's Youtube page.

Links to all of the above (and more!) are available via:

linktr.ee/jamilleforgahanna [<http://linktr.ee/jamilleforgahanna>]

Working with and for you to champion inclusion, access, and a thriving Gahanna for all!