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## Constituent Newsletter - June 2024

Hello, neighbors! As we move into the final months of the year, I'm excited to share updates on everything from budget season to new projects that make Gahanna a more vibrant and inclusive place. Take a look at what's happening around town, and I hope to see you at an upcoming event!

## Connect With Me

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 22! Join me and Councilwoman Merisa Bowers for her annual Budget & Breakfast meet-up to discuss the budget process, anticipated 2025 spending, and how the Council advocates for our community through the budget. This is a great chance to share your thoughts and learn more about how city resources are allocated!

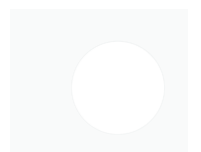


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# Budget n' Breakfast

**LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET**  
HOSTED BY GAHANNA CITY COUNCILMEMBERS  
MERISA BOWERS & JAMILLE JONES

Friday, Nov. 22, 2024 | 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM | Cafe Creekside  
53 Granville Street, Gahanna



# Getting to Work

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## Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Have been actively reviewing the proposed 2025 budget and asking key questions to ensure we're making fiscally responsible choices that reflect our community's priorities.
- Created a resident-led Juneteenth Planning Committee to explore ways our community can celebrate this significant holiday in 2025. Initial brainstorming has already taken place and follow-up meetings held with Parks & Rec and Visit Gahanna staff.
- Attended the Gahanna Energy Plus (Community Choice Aggregation) town hall to better understand residents thoughts, concerns, and support of our sustainability efforts. Additional information regarding Gahanna Energy Plus can be found here on [gahanna.gov](http://gahanna.gov).
- Participated in Transportation and Mobility Plan Steering Committee Meeting.
- Reviewed applicants for Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council (CRA). Interviews with council to take place in November.
- Participated in Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools Communication Ambassadors meeting.
- Met with resident to discuss increasing civic engagement among the New American community in Gahanna.
- Attended the Ohio Municipal League Annual Conference. Sessions of note included one on mental health initiatives in Hamilton, OH.
- Corresponded with school board President and City Liaison regarding my school board report at the 10/7 meeting.
- Attended webinar entitled *Navigating the New DOJ Accessibility Standards for Public Entities* which specifically addresses digital accessibility.
- Met with Columbia Gas Public Affairs Project Specialist to discuss how they can best serve our community

### Resident communications:

- Concerns about truck traffic on Styler road
- Opposition to proposed Action Park in McCorkle which has subsequently been cancelled
- Dog safety concerns near Moss Oak Ave
- Follow up feedback on sidewalks repairs on Coldwell Court



Director Ferrell, Mayor Jadwin, Councilman Renner, Parks Superintendent Guthrie, & Councilwoman Jones show off the new communication panels at Sunpoint Park.



Councilwoman Jones speaks with Girl Scout Troop 6821.

## About Town

### Recap of community events & activities

**10/17:** Featured guest in *Civic Engagement and the Importance of Local Elections*, a virtual panel hosted by Emerge, the employee resource group for young professionals at Bath & Body Works.

**10/18:** Attended PAWS to Walk-a-Thon at Lincoln Elementary which raised over \$40,000 for the school.

**10/19:** Joined the ribbon-cutting for new communication panels at Sunpoint Park, which will support nonspeaking and minimally speaking individuals in fully enjoying our parks.

**10/22-10/23:** Attended the Franklin County DEI conference, "Celebrating Differences & Building Inclusive Futures," focused on developing practical strategies for inclusion and equity.

**10/23:** Led a local government lesson and mock elections with Girl Scout Troop 6821.

**10/24:** Joined the Unity in Light Dashain-Tihar Fundraiser, a fundraiser for Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio (BCCO).

**10/26:** Attended the GLHS haunted house hosted by the International Thespian Society.



Reynoldsburg Council President Meredith Lawson-Rowe and Councilwoman Jamille Jones at the Unity in Light Dashain-Tihar Fundraiser.

## In the Know

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

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

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