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# A vision for Gahanna's future

Welcome to the fall-edition of the Gahanna City Council newsletter.

Catch up on recent legislation, community initiatives, and the work your Council is doing to support Gahanna families and businesses.

*In this edition, you will find:*

- 1. **Legislative highlights**
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## Legislative highlights

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### Bimonthly updates: September-October 2025

Your Council has been busy supporting community priorities. If you missed a meeting, here is a quick overview. Click the links below to learn more!

- **Regular Meetings:** [Sept. 2](#), [Sept. 15](#), [Oct. 6](#), [Oct. 20](#)
- **Committee of the Whole:** [Sept. 8](#), [Sept. 22](#), [Oct. 13](#), [Oct. 27](#)
- **Special Meeting:** [Sept. 22](#), [Oct. 20](#), [Oct. 27](#)



Honoring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall: [View RES-0042-2025](#)

## Recognitions:

### Honoring community contributions & celebrating civic values

Council celebrated remarkable residents and initiatives, honoring their service, achievements, and impact. We were happy to recognize our veterans, celebrate youth achievement and amplify neighbor-to-neighbor kindness!

Click the links below to learn more!

- **National Good Neighbor Day in Gahanna**  
Legistar: [View RES-0040-2025](#)
  - **Honoring Veterans & the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall**  
Legistar: [View RES-0042-2025](#)
  - **Recognizing Killian Sullivan-Young Birder of the Year - In celebration of World Animal Day & World Habitat Month**  
Legistar: [View RES-0043-2025](#)
  - **National Arts and Humanities Month**  
Legistar: [View RES-0047-2025](#)
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Waterline replacement 2024

## Highlights:

### Strengthening community infrastructure & stewardship

Your Council prioritizes long-term community stewardship and ensures reliable resources for residents and businesses. Click the links below for details on the policies enhancing our roads, sidewalks, sewer systems, utilities, and public facilities.

- **Bidding for**
  - **Hamilton Road, Granville Street & East Johnstown Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements**  
Legistar: [View MT-0011-2025](#)
  - **Annual Sanitary & Storm Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Inspection Program**  
Legistar: [View MT-0012-2025](#)
  - **Clotts Road & Serran Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvements**  
Legistar: [View MT-0013-2025](#)
  - **White Swan Court & Embassy Court Street Rebuild and Waterline Replacement**  
Legistar: [View MT-0014-2025](#)
- **Electric Supply Agreement for City Facilities (Omnia Partners Cooperative)**  
Legistar: [View RES-0039-2025](#)



- **Accepting Crescent Circle Roadway, Stormwater & Domestic Water Improvements**  
Legistar: [View ORD-0041-2025](#)
  - **Revising 2026 Sidewalk Maintenance Program Area**  
Legistar: [View RES-0048-2025](#)
  - **Determining Necessity for 2026 Urban Paving Sidewalk Maintenance Area**  
Legistar: [View RES-0049-2025](#)
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[RES-0045-2025: Improved transportation for the \*Gahanna Senior Center\*](#)

## **Supporting public safety & a thriving community**

Your representatives empower staff to make the most of the public resources we all contribute to. The items below highlight new funding opportunities and actions that progress Gahanna's growth and resilience!

- **Transfer of Funds to Support Public Safety Contract Services**  
Legistar: [View RES-0037-2025](#)
- **Entering the Purdue Direct Opioid Settlement**  
Legistar: [View RES-0038-2025](#)
- **Accepting County Budget Commission Amounts & Tax Levies**  
Legistar: [View RES-0041-2025](#)
- **Entering into Secondary Manufacturers Opioid Litigation Settlements**  
Legistar: [View RES-0044-2025](#)
- **Application for Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) / Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Mobility Funding**  
Legistar: [View RES-0045-2025](#)
- **Supporting State Capital Grant Application for Creekside Plaza & Flood Improvement Project**  
Legistar: [View RES-0050-2025](#)

- **Supplemental Appropriations: General Fund & Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Grant Fund**  
Legistar: [View ORD-0038-2025](#)
  - **Temporary Construction Easement with Columbia Gas of Ohio**  
Legistar: [View ORD-0039-2025](#)
  - **Supplemental Appropriations for Development Contract Services; Second Reading Waived**  
Legistar: [View ORD-0040-2025](#)
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Visit [Legistar](#) for complete agendas with legislative details, or sign up for agendas delivered directly to your inbox!

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## Community highlights

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### Celebrating service and engagement in Gahanna

From community partnerships to acts of advocacy and celebration, Gahanna City Council continues to champion community involvement and civic pride.



*Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall at the Veterans Memorial Park in Gahanna.*

## **We are here for you:**

### **Honoring our heroes**

Councilmembers sponsored [RES-0042-2025](#), honoring the *American Legion Post 797* for bringing the *Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall* to *Veterans Memorial Park* in Gahanna.

This sobering monument is a 3/5-scale replica of the national monument. It invites us to remember those who selflessly served their country.

We proudly honor the brave men and women who answered our nation's call to service. We extend respect and gratitude to all patriots, humbly acknowledging the truth that in their service "All Gave Some – Some Gave All," and joining our neighbors in the enduring promise "We Remember."

Thank you to the *American Legion Post 797* and all the volunteers who supported this meaningful endeavor!

- **Contact for more information:** Bowers, Jones, Padova, McGregor, Renner, Schnetzer & Weaver
  - **Dates:** October 2–6, 2025
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Councilmembers attended MORPC's annual *Summit on Sustainability*.

### **Bringing home innovation & sustainability**

This September Councilmembers attended *Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC's) annual Summit on Sustainability, Local Roots. Lasting Impacts.*

Your representatives joined other local leaders, exploring innovative environmental solutions to bring home for Gahanna.

Sessions highlighted new state and federal legislation, successful community programs, solar-powered air monitors, equitable tree canopy tools, and transportation improvements driven by strategic investments like *LinkUs*.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Padova, Renner & Weaver
  - **Dates:** September 30, 2025
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Good Neighbor Day 2025.

### **Befriending our neighbors**

Led by Councilmember Padova, Council partnered with community groups to celebrate *National Good Neighbor Day*. Events were hosted at the *Mill Street Market*, the *Gahanna Branch Library* and *Stonybrook Early Learning Center*.

Gahanna's 35,000+ residents were invited to meet neighbors and form new friendships. We know these bonds strengthen our community, improving our quality of life, and building resilience in our city.

We will continue supporting these connections, as our neighborhoods represent the heartbeat of our community, providing safe spaces where children play in front yards, friends gather over cookouts, and gardens bloom in every season.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers, Jones, Padova, McGregor, Renner, Schnetzer & Weaver
  - **Dates:** September 28, 2025
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### **Saying *Hello***

Councilmembers joined students, families, Gahanna Peace Officers and staff at *Goshen Lane* and *Lincoln Elementary School's* to celebrate the *Start with Hello Week*.

Each day, students were welcomed with a warm hello. This simple act of kindness lets our next generation know their community cares!

- **Dates:** September 15–19, 2025
- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers, Jones & Padova

***Thank you to all partners and volunteers for their continued dedication to making Gahanna a thriving safe and inclusive community!***

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## Member spotlights

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### **Getting to know your Councilmembers**

See how your representatives are advocating for Gahanna, building pathways, strengthening community bonds and modeling service beyond the dais.



Members of the Council Office visiting the construction site of the city's new civic center.

## **Your Council has been hard at work:**

### **Delving into development**

Vice President Weaver attended *Bricker Graydon's* webinar, *Hot Topics for Ohio Political Subdivisions in 2025: Laying the Groundwork for Successful Development Projects*.

The program used real case studies to show how effective community-led development works, and what can go wrong when critical tools are not used properly.

These lessons provide key insights into good governance practices we can use here in Gahanna.

- **Contact for more information:** Vice President Weaver
  - **Dates:** September 22, 2025
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Council President Bowers joined by fellow Gahannians at CMC event.

### **Keeping up with noteworthy news**

President Bowers attended the *Columbus Metropolitan Club's (CMC's)* forum on journalism. Joining her were fellow Gahannians Jessica Hilts (Council Office staff) and Kevin Smith, the Executive Director of the *Kiplinger Program in Public Affairs Journalism* at *Ohio University*.

Moderated by WOSU's Mike Thompson, panelists from *Signal*, *Columbus Can't Wait*, and a former *Washington Post* journalist discussed the importance of local news balanced with broader context, informed communities, and rebuilding trust in media.

[If you'd like to listen, explore the CMC's panel: \*Who Owns the News? Rebuilding Trust and Local Voices in a Fractured Media Landscape.\*](#)

- **Contact for more information:** President Bowers
  - **Dates:** October 22, 2025
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Council GJPS Liasson Jones joined by Council colleagues at GJPS event.

### **Empowering our youth**

Councilmember Jones served on an advisory panel guiding a new youth advocacy program. The pilot program is hosted by the *254 Teen Center*.

Fully funded by donors and outside the daily operational budget, this trailblazing project provides direct economic support to our local kids.

This program helps our next generation strengthen financial resilience and signals community investment in their futures.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember Jones
  - **Dates:** October 2025
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Councilmembers & City Attorney attended *Equality Ohio's Advocates & Allies 2025* event.

### **Advocating for equity**

Councilmembers Bowers and Jones championed equity throughout the fall, attending *Equality Ohio's Advocates & Allies 2025* event and celebrating statewide leaders in inclusion.

Councilmember Jones also connected with State Representative Beryl Brown Piccolantonio on the *SNAP* funding crisis.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers & Jones
  - **Dates:** September 30, 2025
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Planning Commission Chair Sarah Pollyea.

## Neighbors serving neighbors

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### Meet Planning Commission Chair Sarah Pollyea

Chair Sarah Pollyea brings both personal roots and professional expertise to her service on the *Planning Commission* and *Property Appeals Board*. A lifelong Gahanna resident, small business owner, and real estate attorney, she says she serves because “this community has always been home to me,” and she wants to support growth that strengthens local businesses while preserving the character that makes Gahanna special.

Appointed by Mayor Jadwin in January 2023, Pollyea values the collaboration behind each decision and the chance to help maintain transparency and fairness. Whether reviewing development proposals or supporting the sidewalk program’s appeals process, Pollyea applies the same dedication. “Every decision, big or small, affects people’s lives” she shared.

Pollyea explained how her service made her “part of the process” and gave her insights into the many people who “work together to keep Gahanna moving forward,” including staff, volunteers and elected officials. She reflected that “most of all, I’ve learned that Gahanna’s strength really comes from its people, the residents who care deeply about this community and want to see it thrive.”

Has Sarah inspired you? If you are looking for ways to get engaged, her message is simple, get “involved in civic life to go for it.” Help shape policy, review key issues, and strengthen your community!

To explore openings on volunteer boards and commissions, including eligibility requirements, [visit \(https://onboard.gahanna.gov/\)](https://onboard.gahanna.gov/). A list of City of Gahanna boards and commissions is below.

For questions, contact the Clerk of Council at **614-342-4091** or [jeremy.vanmeter@gahanna.gov](mailto:jeremy.vanmeter@gahanna.gov).

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## City of Gahanna Boards and Commissions

Click the links below to learn more about each group.

1. [\*\*Board of Zoning & Building Appeals \(BZBA\)\*\*](#)
2. [\*\*Charter Review Commission\*\*](#)
3. [\*\*Civil Service Commission \(CSC\)\*\*](#)
4. [\*\*Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council \(CRAHC\)\*\*](#)
5. [\*\*Fair Housing Board\*\*](#)
6. [\*\*Landscape Board\*\*](#)
7. [\*\*Local Board of Tax Review\*\*](#)
8. [\*\*Parks & Recreation Board\*\*](#)
9. [\*\*Planning Commission \(PC\)\*\*](#)
10. [\*\*Property Appeals Board\*\*](#)
11. [\*\*Records Commission \(RC\)\*\*](#)



Sarah Pollyea with fellow members of Visit Gahanna & Brutus the Buckeye.

# In the know

## Stay connected with your City Council!

We would love to hear from you! Stay engaged by reaching out to your Councilmembers, attending meetings, or joining a community event. Contact information for Councilmembers is included below.



Scenes from a recent Council Constituent Hours event

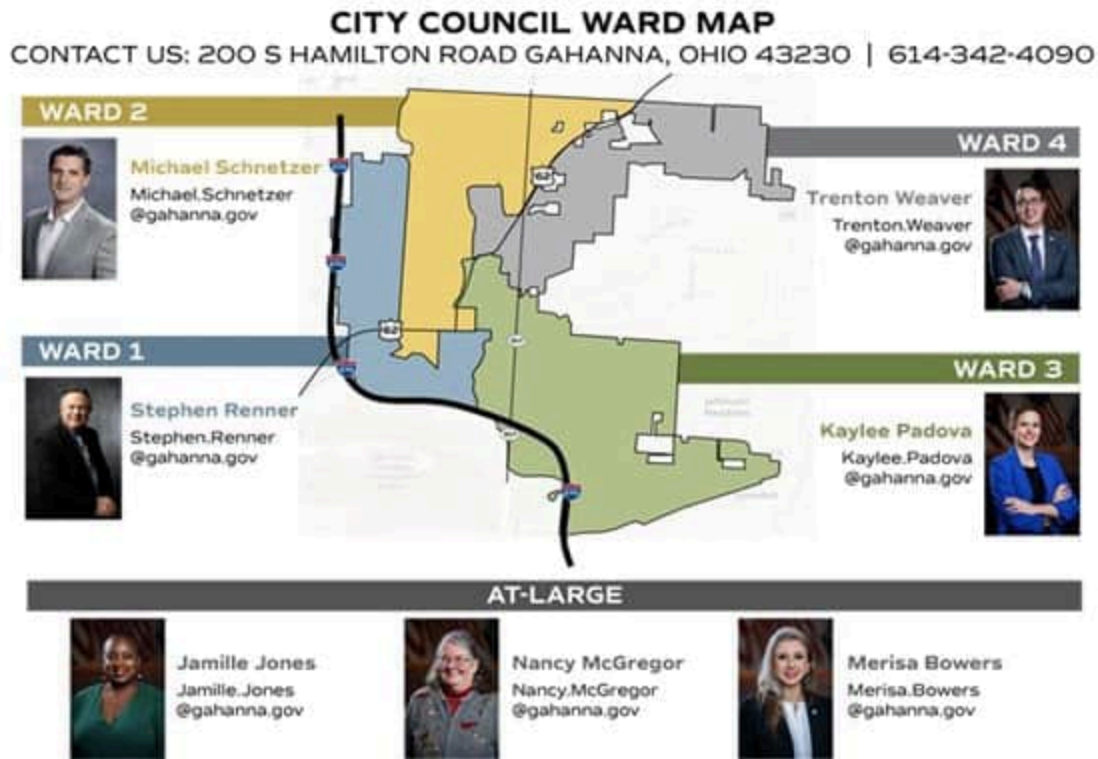
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December Constituent Hours  
By Appointment



# Meet the Council Office

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## Connect with your local Councilmember

Gahanna has four Council wards. For those unsure of which ward they live in, the Council Office is happy to share an easy-to-use ward map, to help residents connect with their representatives. This tool is all about making local government more accessible. [Plug in your address to find your Councilmember here!](#)

## Your Representatives

- [Stephen Renner - Ward 1](#)
- [Michael Schnetzer - Ward 2](#)
- [Kaylee Padova - Ward 3](#)
- [Trenton Weaver - Ward 4](#)
- [Jamille Jones - Member at Large](#)
- [Merisa Bowers - Member at Large](#)
- [Nancy McGregor - Member at Large](#)

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*Until next time—thank you for reading,*

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*Connecting Council and community*

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