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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski  
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter  
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers  
Re: **Constituent Update - October 2023 Report**  
Date: November 18, 2023

## **General Update - Events and Actions of October 2023:**

- Participated in the Annual Walk & Roll to School Day event on October 4.
- Attended Mifflin Township Fire Department Open House on October 8.
- Attended Ohio Municipal League Housing Webinar on October 10.
- Attended Gahanna Heights Community Association meeting regarding Creekside Redevelopment on October 11.
- Met with Troop 317 Boy Scout for discussion on “Citizenship in the Community” for merit badge on October 16.
- Participated in the Zoning Code Rewrite Workshop on October 18.
- Attended morning sessions of the MORPC Summit on Sustainability on October 26.
- Cheered on the GLHS Lions Football, Cheer, and Marching Bands throughout the season!



From top: Mifflin Township Fire 131's Tiller Truck at the Annual Open House; attending Senior Night on October 20 at Lincoln Stadium.

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## **Constituent Hours**

2nd Annual **Budget n' Breakfast Constituent Hour** will be held on **December 8, 2023 at 7:30a - 8:30a** at **Cafe Creekside**, 53 Granville Street.

This is an approachable, informal opportunity to learn more about the proposed 2024 Operating and Capital Budget, share your thoughts, and ask questions.

**You may sign up for periodic email updates from Councilwoman Bowers here:**

**<https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>**

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

## **Constituent Issues/Concerns:**

1. Cell phone coverage/reception  
Constituent reported concerns about mobile network coverage in Farm Creek/Rathburn Woods; in progress.
2. Parking on Schillingwood Dr.  
Received email from a resident regarding safety concerns for pedestrians/cyclists due to on-street parking proximate to MSS and LES. Referred to GPD.
3. Public Art policy  
Received follow up email from constituent questioning status of public art policy; responded.
4. Closure of small business  
Received email from resident concerned about closure of small business; forwarded to Economic Development Director; responded to resident.
5. Concerns with JFS benefits contact/phone service  
Received concerns about inability for residents to access benefits from Franklin County JFS due to extraordinary phone wait times and general scheduling process; reached out to County Commissioner office for point of contact; followed up with point of contact at JFS and relayed information to constituent. Further follow up pending as needed.
6. Truck Traffic on Stygler  
Received email from resident expressing concerns about truck traffic traveling on Stygler Road. Responded and inquired about source of traffic; followed up with Ward representative.
7. Growth  
Received email from resident regarding growth and development in Gahanna; responded and attended Gahanna Heights meeting where the matter was discussed; will follow up with resident.
8. Ongoing Bryn Mawr drainage concerns  
Received email from constituent regarding property damage allegedly caused by improper drainage. Responded to constituent and forwarded to Ward councilmember.

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Respectfully submitted,

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