



September | October 2025

I'm grateful for the continued opportunity to serve this community we call home. Over the past two months, much of my time has been spent listening, to residents, council colleagues, and city staff, as we discuss major initiatives that will shape Gahanna's future. In this issue, I'll share what I've been working on, highlight recent legislative actions, and reflect on a few community moments that remind me why Gahanna is such a vibrant and connected place to call home.

Connect With Me

As the seasons shift and the holidays approach, I'm filled with gratitude for the ongoing conversations and care you show for our community. While I won't be hosting formal constituent hours during this busy season, I encourage you to reach out anytime to schedule a time to connect. Your thoughts and questions help shape how I show up and serve.

Getting to Work

Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- In my role as City Council liaison to the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools Board of Education, I attended the September GJPS Ambassadors meeting, where we received an update on district finances and facilities.
- Served on an advisory panel informing implementation of a youth cash transfer program hosted by the 254 Teen Center, an innovative pilot fully funded by donors and outside of typical operational costs. [\[Click here to learn more.\]](#)
- Coordinated the presentation to Council on the ADAMH Levy, which appeared on the November general election ballot.
- Provided insight to PlanningNext during final stages of community engagement of the OurGahanna Strategic Plan.
- Joined students and staff for Start with Hello Week at Goshen Lane and Lincoln Elementary Schools, an initiative that builds inclusion and connection among students.
- Approved resolutions supporting the City's 2026 Sidewalk Maintenance Program, ensuring safe and accessible walkways.

- Passed a Joint Resolution recognizing National Good Neighbor Day on September 28.
- Attended the Creekside Community Conversation to hear firsthand resident feedback regarding proposed development at Creekside.
- Continued dialogue with a youth resident and Council President Bowers around LGBTQ+ youth mental health and safe spaces in our community.
- Participated in interviews for Board of Zoning and Building Appeals and Charter Review Commission appointments.
- Began drafting new council procedures to ensure equitable and efficient appointments to city boards and commissions.
- Hosted a constituent meeting on September 29 focused on concerns related to proposed Creekside development.
- Toured 825 Tech Center Drive to see the exciting progress on the new Gahanna Civic Center.
- Advocated for the timely resolution of the Serran Drive easement agreement to improve efficiency and resident clarity.
- Recognized October as National Arts & Humanities Month, celebrating creativity and culture throughout our community.
- Communicated with State Representative Beryl Brown Piccolantonio about the ongoing SNAP funding crisis and potential local strategies to mitigate food insecurity.



Council & Mayor Jadwin present a joint resolution & proclamation to Gahanna Lincoln Instrumental Music Boosters (GLIMB) in honor of Arts & Humanities Month.

Resident communication topics included:

- Questions about how to get more involved in boards, commissions, and community initiatives.
- Invitation to participate in the 2026 Greater Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival.
- Numerous varied perspectives, both for and against, the proposed Creekside development, particularly regarding density, traffic, and parking.
- Appreciation for Gahanna's continued commitment to environmental stewardship and a "clean, green" community alongside concerns about national policy shifts that could undermine local environmental protections.
- Ongoing concerns about waste collection and management issues across several neighborhoods.

About Town

Recap of community events and activities



Council members Padova and Jones at
Mill Street Market.

9/5: Friday night lights! Cheered on our Gahanna Lincoln Lions at their first home game vs. Olentangy Liberty.

9/28: Strolled through Mill Street Market, connecting with local vendors and neighbors.

10/17: Attended Equality Ohio's Advocates & Allies 2025, celebrating champions of inclusion and equity statewide.

10/22: Joined Gahanna Glow Gather to Give, where The SOAP Project was voted by members as the nonprofit recipient of funds.



City Attorney Tamilarasan, Council President Bowers, and Councilwoman Jones attend Equality Ohio's
Advocates & Allies Event.

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.

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

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