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To: Residents of Gahanna;  
Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski  
CC: Council Clerk Krystal Gonchar  
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers  
Re: ***Constituent Update - June Report***  
Date: 08/02/2021

## General Update - Events and Actions of June 2021:

- Attended Ribbon Cutting at Stoneridge Kroger for Grand Reopening following \$3.1M Renovation
- Attended City of Reynoldsburg Juneteenth Celebration
- Met with new Economic Development Director for introduction
- Drafted and proposed LGBTQ Pride Month Resolution
- Attended LGBTQ Pride March in Gahanna
- Attended National League of Cities LGBTQ+ Local Officials caucus meeting
- Continued discussions/research regarding Housing for All/Fair Housing legislation
- Promoted the news regarding GPD's purchase and implementation of body-worn cameras
- Participated in 2021 Ohio Insights Review with research firm, received summary of 2020 research re Ohio
- Initiated and proposed Resolution in Support of Passenger Rail Expansion

## **Constituent Hours**

July 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Gahanna City Hall

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<https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

## **Constituent Issues/Concerns:**

#1: Fair Housing/Housing for All Policies

### Action:

On-going research into options for fair housing legislation. See general updates, above. Executive Director of Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio is scheduled to present to Council (August 23).

### Status:

Pending.

#2 Disc golf course project

### Action:

Met with Jay Weaver regarding Disc Golf Course concept and toured Big Walnut Trail to discuss concept.

### Status:

Pending.

#4 Hanukkah / Multi-Faith Holiday Displays at Creekside

Constituent requested more representation in holiday displays at Creekside, specifically Hanukkah.

### Action:

Emailed Director of Parks and Rec regarding suggestion/recommendation.

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## Response:

Prompt, positive response from Director, welcoming input to make our public spaces welcoming and beautiful to all residents.

## #5 Distracted Driving Legislation (State)

Received an emails from constituent regarding pending distracted driving legislation pending in the General Assembly. (HB 111 and 283)

### Status:

Reviewed information provided.

## #6 Street Trees

Received email from Constituent regarding feedback to proposed street tree ordinance changes.

### Status:

This feedback was considered when the legislation was presented to council; changes made to the ordinance prior to council vote.

## #7 Request for Service at Trapp Park

Received request from resident in McKenna Crossing area regarding graffiti tags on the equipment at Trapp Park.

### Status:

Followed up with Parks and Rec Superintendents and Director, who responded promptly and addressed damage.

## #8 Township Fire Department Mutual Aid to Columbus Fire

Received email from IAFF L67 Vice President Zach Shaw regarding Mifflin Township coverage of City of Columbus incidents.

### Status:

Responded, requested more information.

## #9 Received request for Gahanna Statistics and Land Use Plan

Residential realtor (whose husband works in Gahanna) requested information about Gahanna and a copy of the Land Use Plan

### Status:

With Clerk's assistance, provided requested information.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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