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CONNECT WITH ME

Please join me for my **May Community Connect**. These monthly conversations are an opportunity to build community while discussing your questions, concerns, and ideas.

Your thoughts and engagement are important to me. If you're not able to make it to a community connect, send me an email so we can coordinate a time that works for you.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Conversations with:
**COUNCILMEMBER
JAMILLE JONES**

May 20
6:00 p.m.
City Hall
Lobby Conference Room

Gahanna

GETTING TO WORK

Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Met with the Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging for the City of Westerville, focusing on strategies to enhance inclusivity in our community.
- Corresponded with school board liaison to city council regarding my April 15 school board report.
- Participated in the first quarterly meeting of 2024 between the School Board and City Council, alongside the Superintendent, Mayor, Council & School Board Presidents, and both liaisons (myself as council liaison to the school board). Topics included shared goals, communication strategies, and avenues for collaboration.
- Successfully completed the final session of the Voinovich Academy Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials program. This comprehensive training has enhanced my understanding of municipal governance, equipping me to better serve our community.
- Met with the newly appointed Development Director of Greenleaf Job Training Services to learn more about the mission of their organization and to explore potential collaboration opportunities.

Received constituent communication concerning:

- Recurring issue regarding semi and garbage truck traffic on Stygler Road that has previously discussed at the December 11th Committee of the Whole.
- Air BnB/short term rental on Allanby Ct. Engaged in discussions with Visit Gahanna leaders and Director of Planning to understand relevant rules and regulations and implications to our community. Resolution is still pending.
- Follow up from resident who first reached out in February regarding debris in street gutters who expressed appreciation that the issue is now resolved.

ABOUT TOWN

Recap of community events & activities

4/13: Central Ohio African American Chamber of Commerce All Black Gala, an evening dedicated to celebrating minority-owned businesses in the Columbus metro area.

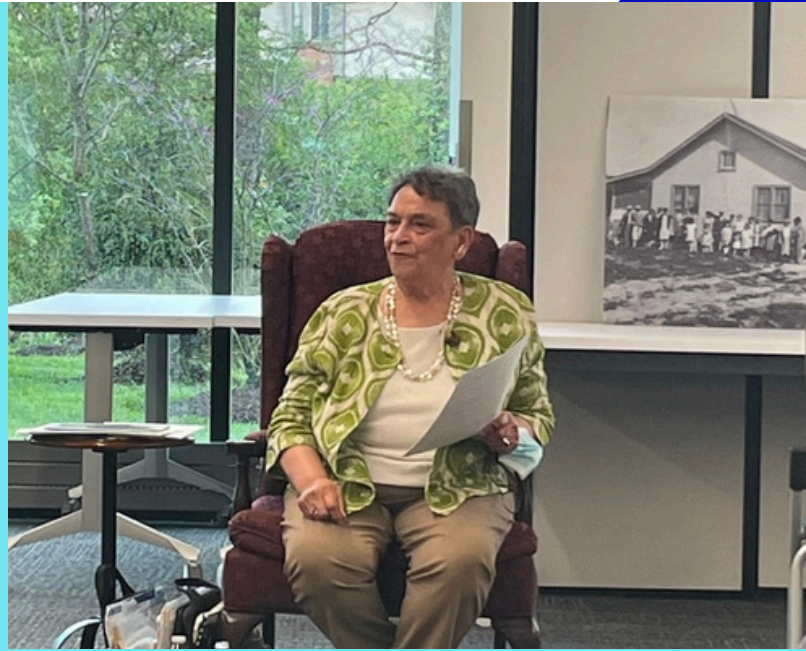
4/17: A Night of Storytelling with Reita Smith was so much more than memories of the Big Walnut Country Club, but also a journey through Black history in the metro area and a call to action to continue telling our stories and uplifting history.

4/20: Cheered on those participating in the **Walk in Our Books 5K** which raised funds for homeless Veterans and participated in the **Make Gahanna Yours Litter Clean Up**, a community-driven effort to beautify our city and foster a cleaner, greener environment.

4/27: Attended **GLHS Arty Party** hosted by GLHS Community Art class, students passionate about promoting the arts within our vibrant Gahanna community.



Councilmembers Jones, Bowers, Weaver and their families at the Walk In Our Boots 5K.



Reita Smith

IN THE KNOW

Stay informed about what's happening in Gahanna

- ✓ **Subscribe** to periodic email updates from me.
- ✓ **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:

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