



Summer of service

Welcome to the summer edition of the Gahanna City Council newsletter. Dive into a season of service and civic engagement as we share updates on recent legislation, community initiatives, and the work your Council is doing to support Gahanna families and businesses.

In this edition, you will find:

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Legislative Highlights

Bimonthly updates: May-June 2025

Your Council has been busy supporting community priorities, paving the way for needed improvements. If you missed a meeting, here is a quick overview:

- **Regular Meetings:** [May 5](#), [May 19](#), [June 2](#), [June 16](#)
- **Committee of the Whole:** [May 12](#), [June 9](#), [June 23](#)
- **Special Meeting:** [June 2](#), [June 23](#)



Honoring LGBTQ Pride Month: [RES-0023-2025](#)

Recognitions:
Honoring community contributions & celebrating civic values

Council celebrated remarkable residents and initiatives, honoring their service, achievements, and impact. Click the links below to learn more!

- **ALS Awareness Month:** [RES-0019-2025](#)
- **Public Service Month:**[RES-0020-2025](#)
- **CHLOE, Inc. and Commending Connie Nafziger:**[RES-0021-2025](#)
- **LGBTQ Pride Month:**[RES-0023-2025](#)
- **Kylee Tibbs, GLHS' First OHSAA State Wrestling Champion:**[RES-0024-2025](#)
- **Juneteenth and Gahanna's Inaugural Celebration:**[RES-0025-2025](#)
- **Dr. Paul Kaufman, MD, Urologic Care and Civic Betterment:** [RES-0027-2025](#)



Highlights:
Advocating for local control & fiscal responsibility

Council adopted the *2026 Tax Budget* ([RES-0026-2025](#)) and opposed state-level efforts to limit municipalities' financial tools through inside millage restrictions ([RES-0030-2025](#)), advocating to protect our local control over public resources.

Design, develop, deliver: infrastructure in action

Key contracts were approved to support sanitary sewer improvements, sidewalk repairs, and utility oversight, ensuring our sidewalks will be safer and our infrastructure stronger.

- *West Gahanna Sanitary Relief Sewer design* ([ORD-0022-2025](#))
- *2025 Sidewalk Maintenance Lookback Program* ([ORD-0024-2025](#))
- Utility coordination and inspection services ([ORD-0023-2025](#))

Protecting local interests & the environment

Council voted to join an *Ohio Supreme Court* case supporting taxpayers' right to challenge how public funds are used ([RES-0029-2025](#)). This helps strengthen local voices in decisions that affect our community. Council also approved applying for *Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program* to plant approximately 200 street trees near the I-

270 outer belt ([RES-0028-2025](#)) promoting cleaner air, shade, and more vibrant neighborhoods.

AUGUST
COUNCIL MEETINGS

4 AUG
7 PM

REGULAR MEETING

11 AUG
7 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

18 AUG
7 PM

REGULAR MEETING

25 AUG
7 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Visit [Legistar](#) for complete agendas with legislative details, or sign up for agendas delivered directly to your inbox!

Community highlights

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.



Memorial Day Ceremony

We are here for you: Honoring our heroes

Councilmembers attended *Gahanna’s Memorial Day* ceremony at *Veterans Memorial Park*, honoring brave citizens who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our homes and families in the United States.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers, McGregor, Schnetzer, and Weaver
- **Dates:** May 26, 2025

Lifting local businesses

Councilmember Padova joined city staff, the *Chamber of Commerce*, and local entrepreneurs in celebrating the grand opening of *Performance Health Institute* (located at 788 Morrison Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230). They recently relocated

from another Gahanna location, expanding their services. In addition to traditional gym amenities, they arguably have the best sunset view of any gym in Central Ohio.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember Padova
- **Dates:** May 22, 2025

Celebrating culture, savoring connections

Councilmembers joined neighbors for a month of music, art, food, friends and honoring our collective history. Councilmembers volunteered at the annual *Pride Festival*, and at the *Blues and Jazz Festival*, which hosted Gahanna's inaugural *Juneteenth Celebration*. The Juneteenth celebration was led by the *Gahanna Juneteenth Committee*, spearheaded by Councilmember Jones.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers, Jones, Schnetzer, Weaver
- **Dates:** June 13-15, & 26, 2025



Photos: 1st: Juneteenth Festival; **2nd:** Pride Festival; **3rd:** Blues & Jazz Festival

**Supporting initiatives like:
Our Gahanna: Vision Festival**

In May, Councilmembers joined neighbors like you for *Our Gahanna Vision Festival* events, including *Taco Tuesday* and a *Small Business* networking meet-up. They spoke with fellow families and professionals from across Gahanna, sharing their hopes for Gahanna’s strategic future.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers and Schnetzer
- **Event Dates:** May 6 & 7, 2025

Coming Soon Our Gahanna: A Sweet Celebration

Now, it is time to see how your feedback has come to life! Join us as the city unveils the *Our Gahanna Draft Strategic Plan*, a vision shaped by your voice and ideas. This special event is a celebration of our community’s collaboration and shared hopes for the future of Gahanna.

Enjoy light refreshments, connect with neighbors, and be among the first to explore the draft plan that will help shape Gahanna’s future. Whether you were involved from the start or are just curious about what is next, everyone is invited.

Can’t make it? No worries! The *Our Gahanna Roadshow* will be popping up at locations across the city throughout September. More details, and an online survey, will be available soon. Please visit OurGahanna.com for more information.

- **Details:**
 - **Date:** August 26, 2025

- **Time:** 4:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Creekside Plaza



Our Gahanna Vision Festival May Events

Citizens Academy

Councilmembers joined the second annual *Citizens Academy Graduation*, connecting with participants and enjoying a fun game that tested local government knowledge. Councilmembers praised the program and the dedication of participants and organizers. We hope participants consider applying for future volunteer opportunities on our boards and commissions!

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers McGregor and Padova
- **Dates:** May 13, 2025



Citizens Academy 2025

School visits

Councilmember Renner joined Mayor Jadwin and staff in welcoming *Middle School West* students to City Hall for a lesson on civic engagement and local government. Students were delighted when Mr. Renner shared that our residents are the ultimate “bosses” of City leadership, including Council. We can not wait to see how these future leaders help shape Gahanna's future!

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember Renner
- **Dates:** May 6, 2025



Middle School West City Hall Visit

Mental health

Councilmembers attended the city sponsored event [*In This Together: A Conversation on Mental Health, a community event designed to support, inform, and connect community members.*](#) We encourage community members to take advantage of meaningful programs in this series. If you're experiencing a mental health, substance use, or emotional crisis, call or text **988** or visit **988lifeline.org** for free, 24/7 support from trained counselors.

- **Contact for More Information:** Councilmember Jones
- **Dates:** June 18, 2025

Community amenities

Councilmembers joined neighbors for the grand opening of a new three-mile mountain bike trail at *Academy Park*. We celebrate the completion of this exciting new trail in Gahanna!

- **Contact for More Information:** Councilmember Bowers & McGregor
- **Dates:** June 6, 2025



Grand Opening of New Mountain Bike Trail at Academy Park

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

Member spotlights

Councilmember activities



Councilmember Renner spoke at *BAPS Charities Spirit of Service Walk* in Gahanna

Your Council has been hard at work:
Speaking from the heart

Councilmember Renner spoke passionately with neighbors about the importance of community engagement and support for the *Feed the Kids - Columbus* during the *BAPS Charities Spirit of Service Walk* in Gahanna.

- **Contact for More Information:** Councilmember Renner
- **Dates:** May 7, 2025

Sowing seeds of service

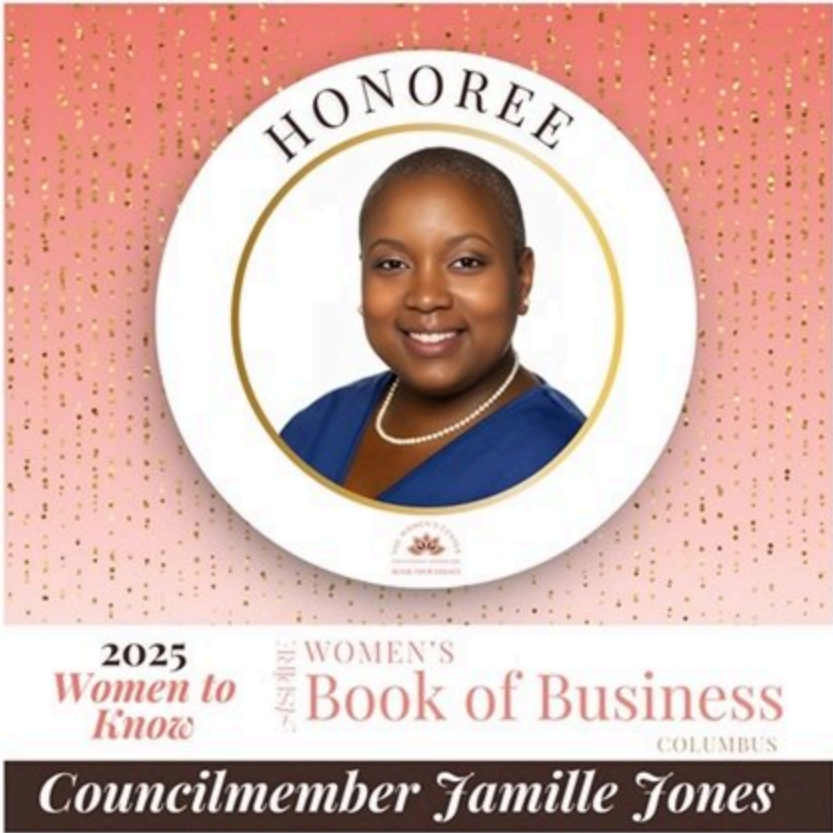
President Bowers hosted the *Rathburn Woods Planting and Cleanup* event, where she and Councilmember Padova joined neighbors in distributing supplies, picking up litter, and planting flowers at the neighborhood entrance. Padova also participated in the *Make Gahanna Yours* planting event. It was a busy and rewarding weekend, and a great way to jump into summer.

- **Contact for More Information:** Councilmembers Bowers and Padova
- **Dates:** May 10 & 11, 2025

Standing in the gap

Councilmember Jones was honored by the *Women's Center for Economic Opportunity* and *Aspire Women's Book of Business* for her inspirational work bridging pathways of opportunity for women business owners.

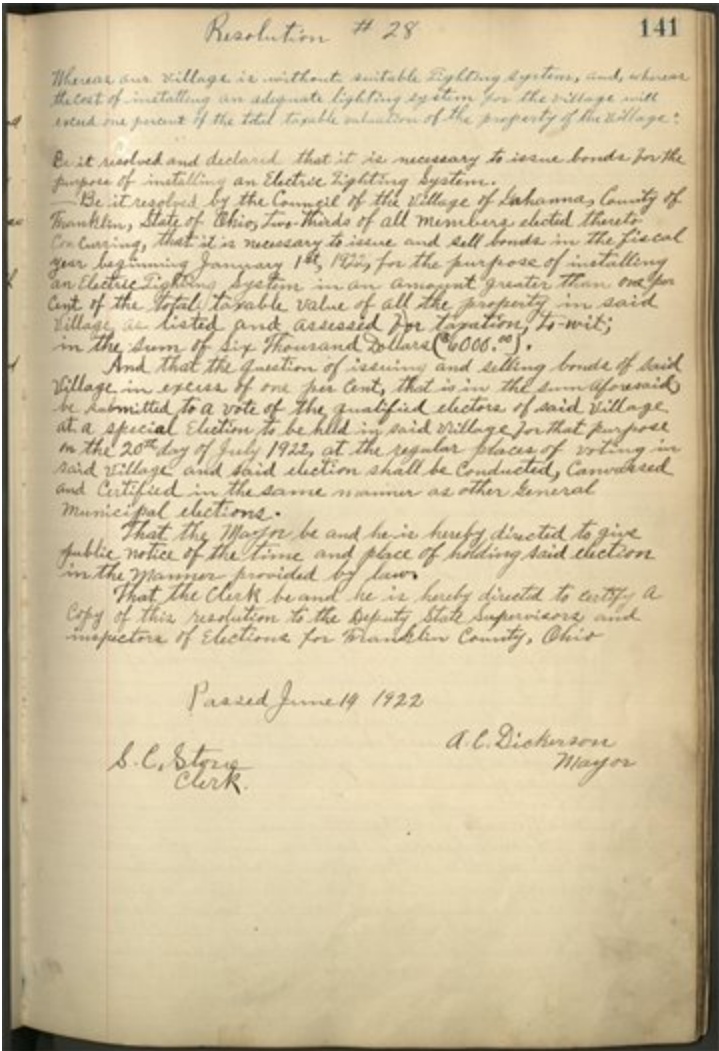
- **Contact for More Information:** Councilmember Jones
- **Dates:** May 10, 2025



From the archives

Powering Progress: Laura Fisher’s Trailblazing Legacy

- by Sophia McGuire



Resolution 28

In 1922, just two years after the 19th Amendment secured women the right to vote, Laura M. Fisher made local history as the first woman elected to the Gahanna Village Council! During her tenure, Fisher played a key role in making critical decisions about establishing the Village’s first electrical system!

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

CONSTITUENT
HOURS

20 AUG

VICE PRESIDENT TRENTON I. WEAVER

5 - 6:30 P.M.

City Hall Lobby Conference Room

200 Hamilton Rd

Gahanna, OH 43230

27 AUG

PRESIDENT MERISA K. BOWERS

5 - 6 P.M.

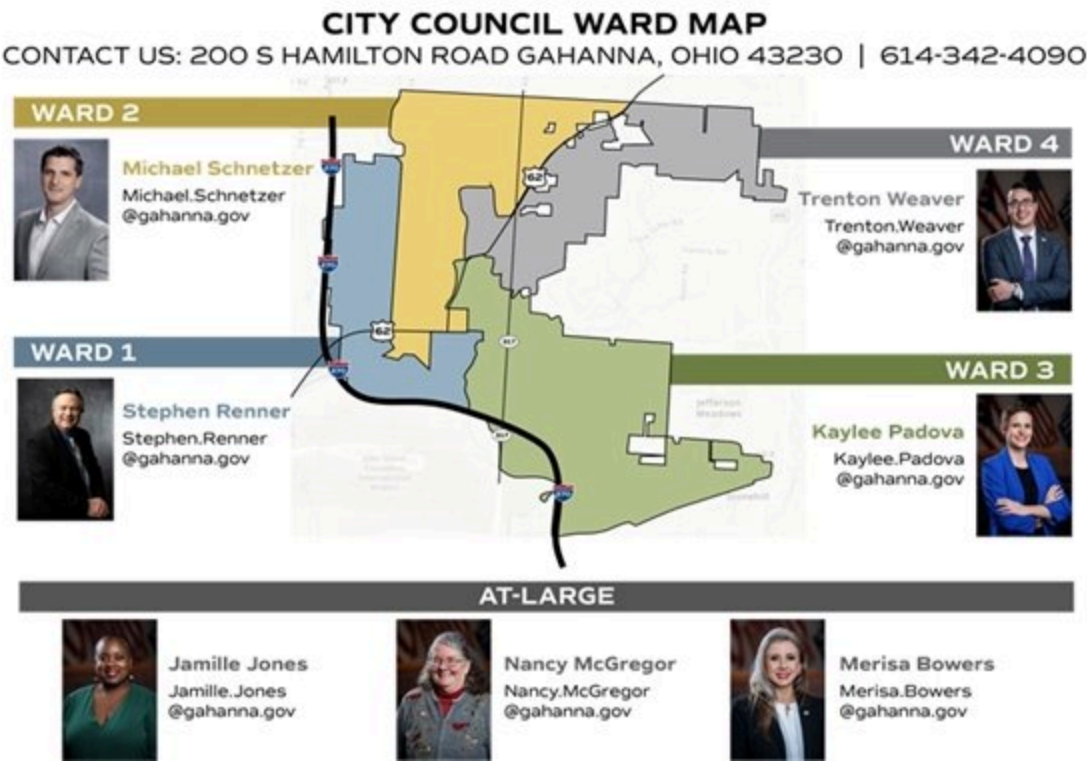
Gahanna Market

Creekside Plaza


Lower Level Fountain-Side Patio Table


Mill St, Gahanna, OH 43230


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