



November | December 2025

The final months of the year included important planning conversations, resident advocacy, and meaningful moments of celebration and reflection across Gahanna. Read on to see how I closed out 2025.

Connect With Me

After a restful holiday season, like many of you, I've entered a particularly busy season both personally and professionally. While I won't be hosting formal constituent hours during this time, I remain accessible and always welcome your emails, calls, and requests to connect. Please feel free to reach out at jamille.jones@gahanna.gov [<mailto:jamille.jones@gahanna.gov>].

Getting to Work

Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Attended a community Town Hall hosted by State Representative Beryl Brown Piccolantonio and Senator Beth Liston.
- Participated in interviews for Board of Zoning and Building Appeals and Charter Review Commission appointments.
- Began planning for Gahanna Juneteenth 2026, meeting with potential sponsors and collaborators.
- Coordinated with the City Council Clerk on upcoming Black History Month programming.
- As City Council liaison to Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, attended the GJPS Ambassadors meeting and received updates on high school safety and winter break transition planning.
- Toured the new Gahanna Lincoln High School during its final phase of construction.
- Attended the retirement ceremony honoring Lieutenant Matt Kissel.

- Joined colleagues and staff for the City Council holiday gathering.
- Participated in the webinar More Than Clinics: Building a Mental Health Ecosystem in Your Community.
- Communicated with the Mayor, Police Chief, and Superintendent regarding local practices related to immigration enforcement in our schools.
- In collaboration with Councilman Renner, lead the development of a resolution affirming human dignity and belonging for all who call Gahanna home.
- Adopted the Our Gahanna Strategic Plan and Economic Development Strategy, 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan, and 2026 Budget Appropriations setting long-term priorities for growth, equity, and sustainability.
- Passed resolutions recognizing Veterans Day, local philanthropic impact, and student athletic achievements.



Presenting a resolution honoring State Champs: Girls Cross Country

Resident communication topics included:

- Diverse perspectives on the proposed Creekside development, particularly related to density, traffic, and parking
- Concerns regarding debris and recycling materials left during weekly pickups
- Sidewalk repair appeals and related follow-up questions
- Requests and concerns regarding how resident commentary is reflected in City Council minutes
- Follow-up conversations about what some residents consider inappropriate holiday decorations
- Requests for leaf pickup services
- Questions about Gahanna Police Department practices related to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)



Gahanna Holiday Lights

About Town

Recap of community events and activities

- **11/13:** Attended Weaving Threads of Hope fundraiser, supporting Our Helpers a non-profit who supports immigrant families.
- **11/15:** Enjoyed Into the Woods presented by Gahanna Lincoln High School.
- **11/20:** Honored at the Who's Who in Black Columbus event.
- **11/23:** Joined neighbors for the annual Gahanna Holiday Lights celebration.
- **12/6:** Attended the swearing-in ceremony for Franklin County Judge Ajmeri Hoque.
- **12/18:** Attended Dress for Success fundraiser as they prepare to break ground on a new, expanded space.

2025 Reflections & Highlights

As I reflect on my second year in office, I'm most proud of the work we've done and how I showed up for you:

Showing Up for Our Students:

As City Council liaison to Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, I stayed closely engaged with district leadership, attending Ambassadors meetings, State of Our Schools, and board meetings, while advocating for state and federal policy that protect, not harm. I also connected directly with young people by visiting classrooms, attending student performances, and supporting initiatives like Start With Hello Week, From Classroom to Careers, and youth cash-transfer pilot discussions.

Leading with Inclusion:

I led and co-led resolutions recognizing Black History Month, Disability Pride, Pride Month, Veterans Day, and affirming dignity and belonging for all. I also advocated for fair school funding, mental health access, and housing affordability through policy, letters, and public dialogue.

Building Together:

Through constituent hours, school visits, community events, and ongoing resident communication, I focused on relationship-building, listening across differences, and creating accessible spaces for dialogue on complex issues.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me, for the thoughtful dialogue—especially when conversations were hard and for the opportunity to serve alongside you.



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!