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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 - July Report***
Date: 08/02/2021

General Update - Events and Actions of July 2021:

- Participated in residential water testing project
- Attended CML Gahanna Branch Groundbreaking Ceremony on July 14
- Attended Municipal Fireworks at Gahanna Golf Course on July 3
- Attended Gahanna Lions 4th of July Parade
- Shared information regarding Small Business Grant availability

****GPD will host National Night Out at Sunpoint Park on Tuesday, August 3****

Constituent Hours

August TBD

You may sign up for periodic email updates from Merisa Bowers here:

<https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1 Quality concerns regarding curb construction

Constituent communicated concerns to me regarding gaps in concrete in new curbs in his neighborhood.

Action:

Followed up with constituent via email and requested photos; forwarded to Director of Public Service for attention.

Status:

Director responded that the inspectors would address these specific concerns, and generally that the contractors' work is inspected before payment is rendered, and that the City has a warranty period with the contractor. Director thanked resident for bringing these concerns to the City's attention, as more eyes help ensure quality.

#2 Home Security System Registration

Received email from constituent regarding home security system Alarm Permit requirement.

Action:

Followed up by email and verbally with constituent; researched the ordinance (Chapter 715)

Response:

Will address with City and Police Department public information campaign regarding the need for Alarm Permits

https://library.municode.com/oh/gahanna/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTSEVENBURECO_CH71_5ALSY.

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#3 Gahanna Ward Redistricting

While attending various meetings, the issue of the census and redistricting has come up, including whether Gahanna would redistrict the wards based on the census data.

Action:

Discussions with Council Clerk regarding process to determine redistricting, and ordinance in Gahanna Charter requiring action by Council.

105.01 - DIVISION INTO WARDS.

The City of Gahanna redistricts its wards in a manner equitably balanced as to present population and voter registration statistics provided by the Franklin County Board of Elections and City of Gahanna records to prepare for the election of Council members to be elected from wards in the regular municipal election in 2013 and every four years thereafter.

(Ord. 0151-2013. Passed 11-25-13.)

Response:

Will be added to COTW agendas to determine work group/ad hoc committee or other process.

#4 West Side Events - West Side Pride Day and Royal Manor Block Watch Meeting

Status:

Royal Manor Block Watch Meeting scheduled for September 1 at RM Elementary, spearheaded by resident Jason Ruark in collaboration with GPD.

#5 Expansion of CORA

Constituent interested in expanding the boundaries of the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.

Action:

Obtained process information from Clerk on legislative steps to move forward; recommended that constituent determine whether other neighboring restaurants would be interested in participating; neighboring business is interested. Emailed to Chief of Police.

Response:

Pending.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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