

Subject: New! Your City Council at Work: November & December 2025

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On the record

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Gahanna City Council newsletter.

Catch up 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: November-December 2025

Welcome back & congratulations to our Ward Representatives!

Residents in Gahanna voted to re-elect all four Ward Representatives to City Council, this past November. They rejoin our three At Large Members elected in November 2023.

- **Ward One:** Stephen Renner
- **Ward Two:** Michael Schnetzer
- **Ward Three:** Kaylee Padova
- **Ward Four:** Trenton Weaver



Ward Representatives are sworn into office following a successful re-election.

Learn more

If you would like further details about Council's legislative powers or election process, you can learn more by reading the city's charter here:

- [**Section 4.01 - Legislative authority**](#)
- [**Section 4.02 - Composition and term**](#)

The city's charter is reviewed every five years, including this year! Learn more about the city's Charter Review Commission here:

- [**Charter Review Commission**](#)

Recent Council meetings

Your Council has been busy supporting community priorities. If you missed a meeting, here is a quick overview. Click the links below to learn more!

- **Regular Meetings:** [Nov. 3](#), [Nov. 17](#), [Dec. 1](#), [Dec. 15](#)
- **Committee of the Whole:** [Nov. 10](#), [Nov. 24](#), [Dec. 8](#)
- **Special Meeting:** [Nov. 3](#), [Nov. 10](#), [Nov. 17](#), [Dec. 1](#)

Recognitions:



RES-0061-2025

Honoring community contributions & celebrating civic values

Council celebrated remarkable residents and initiatives, honoring their service, achievements, and impact.

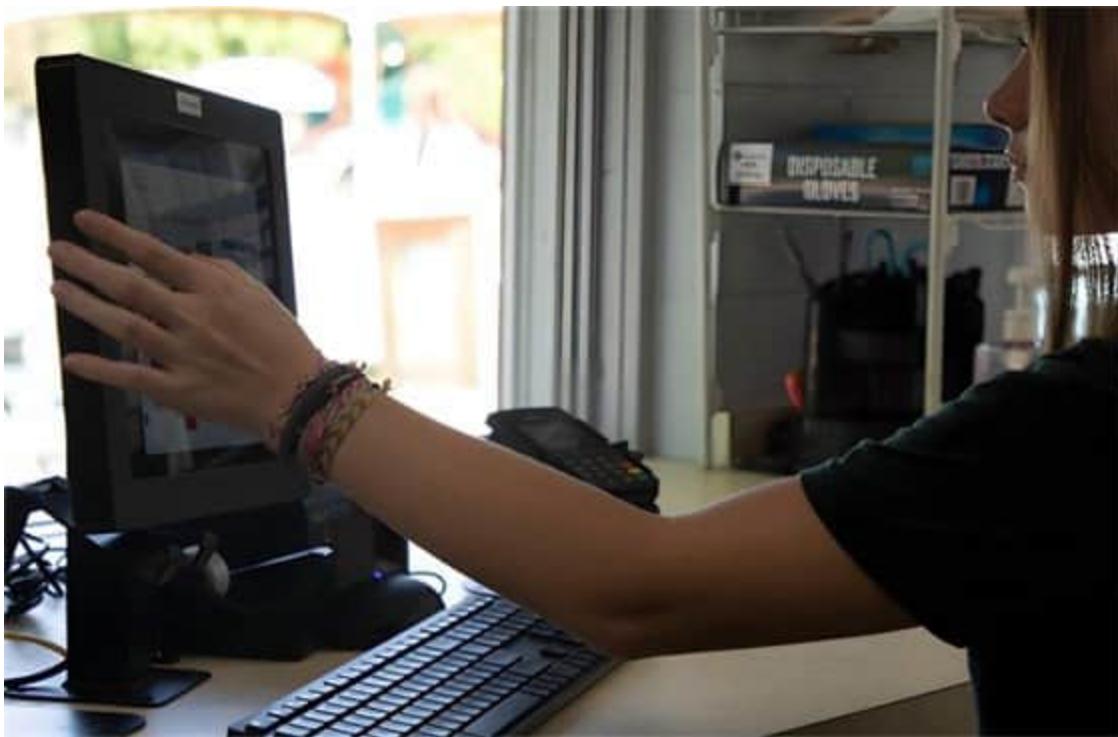
Click the links below to learn more about recent honorees!

- **Affirming Human Dignity & Belonging for All Who Call Gahanna Home**
Legistar: [View RES-0060-2025](#)
- **Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Pinnell Christmas Extravaganza & its Philanthropic Impact**
Legistar: [View RES-0061-2025](#)
- **Recognizing the OH Champion GLHS Girls Cross Country Team & Coach Ryan Callihan**
Legistar: [View RES-0062-2025](#)



RES-0062-2025

Legislation



Aquatics 2024

Building resilience

In December, Council approved a city cybersecurity program, addressing evolving technological opportunities. Council also authorized a public health services contract, ensuring continued access to essential public health programs.

Click the links below to learn more about legislation supporting community resilience:

- **Cybersecurity Program**
Legistar: [View RES-0058-2025](#)
- **Public Health Services Contract**
Legistar: [View RES-0059-2025](#)



[Big Walnut Trail Bridge](#)

Investing in Gahanna

Effective leadership includes thoughtful stewardship of community resources. Council approved legislation leveraging economic activity, recreational programming, and sustainable infrastructure. Together, these initiatives reflect an ongoing partnership between the city and our community, supporting a vibrant and forward-thinking Gahanna.

Click the links below to learn more learn more about recent community investments:

- **Utility Rates**
Legistar: [View ORD-0051-2025](#)
- **Big Walnut Trail Bridge Improvements**
Legistar: [View ORD-0052-2025](#)
- **Economic Development Revenue Bonds**
Legistar: [View ORD-0053-2025](#)
- **Community Improvement Corporation Agreement**
Legistar: [View ORD-0054-2025](#)
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Fees**
Legistar: [View RES-0055-2025](#)
- **Community Improvement Corporation Agreement**
Legistar: [View RES-0056-2025](#)
- **Parks & Recreation Pricing Policy**
Legistar: [View RES-0057-2025](#)

Coming up...



HONORING

Cora Mae Jones
(Thurman)



Proudly invites you to celebrate

BLACK History Month

Monday, February 2nd at 6 PM
Council Chambers

Light refreshments provided

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

02 FEB
7 PM

REGULAR MEETING

09 FEB
7 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

16 FEB
7 PM

REGULAR MEETING

23 FEB
7 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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



Councilmembers Padova and Weaver at GLHS Open House

Community features

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.

We are here for you:



Gahanna Lincoln High School Open House

Congratulating Gahanna Lincoln High School

Councilmembers toured the new Gahanna Lincoln High School. We're excited for our kids to have such a wonderful space to learn in!

Visiting the new high school was especially meaningful to GLHS alumni, as well as future Gahanna Lions parents.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers, Jones, McGregor, Padova and Weaver
- **Dates:** December 2025



Gahanna Football League awards banquet

Acknowledging our athletes

Your representatives are proud to recognize Gahanna's talented athletes, whether from the Council Chamber dais or alongside neighbors at community events!

We congratulate all of our athletes, including the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls' cross country team and the young athletes of the Gahanna Football League on their outstanding performance.

We thank the coaches, families, and friends who support their success and well-being! These athletes are learning more than physical fitness, they're learning important life lessons like tenacity, collaboration, and forming lasting friendships.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember Schnetzer
- **Dates:** December 2025



Baking cookies : Darlene Molitor ,Kari Hawk and Nancy McGregor

Supporting local history

Your Councilmembers love to celebrate local history and community events!

This December Councilmember McGregor volunteered with the Gahanna Historical Society, helping bake gingerbread cookies for the Society's Victorian Christmas event.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember McGregor
- **Dates:** December 2025

From the archives

by Sophia McGuire



Guess who?

Guess the elected official!

Think you know Gahanna's history? Here's your chance to prove it. Be the first to solve the clue and score local bragging rights, including a shoutout in the next Council newsletter!

Challenge #1

This former official served **three nonconsecutive terms as Mayor** and multiple terms on **City Council**.

Bonus hint: His family name still lives on along a busy Gahanna road stretching from **Johnstown Road to Morse Road**.

✉ Think you know the answer? Email us at: CouncilStaff@Gahanna.Gov

Enter Now

Member spotlights

Councilmember Activities: Learn how our local leaders are making an impact



Leading in professionalism

Councilmember Bowers presented at the Professionalism Seminar for the Toledo Bar Association, providing essential Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for Ohio lawyers.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember Bowers
- **Dates:** December 2025

Leading in influence

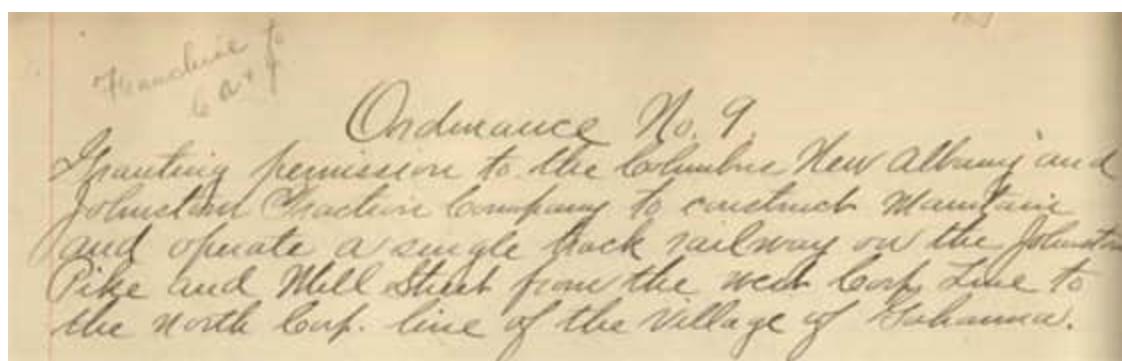
Councilmember Jones was honored at the Who's Who in Black Columbus. This annual event celebrates the achievements of African Americans making a lasting impact across central Ohio.

- **Contact for more information:** Vice President of Council Jones
- **Dates:** November 2025

Leading in connection

Councilmember Weaver was honored to accept an invitation by the Gahanna Area Realty Association, where he shared a bit about his background along with insights into the future of Creekside.

- **Contact for more information:** Council President Weaver
- **Dates:** November 2025



1899-Ordinance 9-Street Railroad

Public Records

An overview of public record laws in Ohio

What is a public record?

Under Ohio law, public records are documents kept by a public office that relate to official government business. Ohio's Public Records Act ([Ohio Revised Code §149.43](#)) governs access to local records. This is sometimes confused with the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which only pertains to federal records.

Not all questions are records requests, and the city is not obligated to create records it does not maintain. Public records requests do not require a form, identification, or a reason. Please reach out if you have any questions

Some important things to keep in mind when making a request:

- *Information shared with the city will likely become a public record itself*
- *There are several exemptions to Ohio's Public Records Act*
- *Overly broad requests take more time to be processed and may trigger an exemption*
- *Clearly defined requests help requestors and staff*
- *Public records are the people's records*

Want to learn more?

- [Visit the City's Public Records page for guidance, contact information, and FAQs](#)
- [Visit the Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Public Records Act webpage](#)
- [Read the Ohio Revised Code §149.43.](#)

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.



Gahanna has so much to offer! This winter, your City Council enjoyed the annual Creekside holiday lights with friends and neighbors.

CONSTITUENT HOURS

February Constituent Hours

By Appointment

Meet the Council Office

Here for you!



Stephen Renner



Michael Schnetzer



Kaylee Padova



Trenton Weaver



Merisa Bowers



Jamille Jones



Nancy McGregor

Say hello today!

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Members at Large

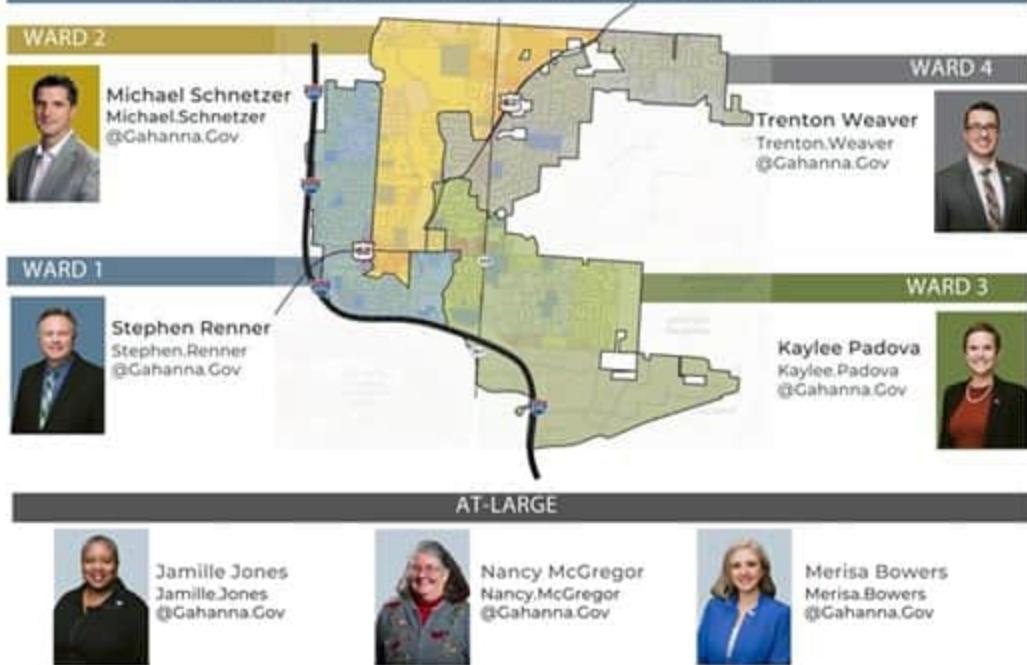
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Ward Map



Connect with your local Councilmember

Gahanna has four Council wards. For those unsure of which ward they live in, the Council Office is happy to share an easy-to-use ward map, to help residents connect with their representatives. This tool is all about making local government more accessible. [Plug in your address to find your Councilmember here!](#)

Supporting Council and community

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Clerk Hilts, MMC

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- [Find the answer to many Frequently Asked Questions.](#)

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Connecting Council and community

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