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Greetings Gahanna! Whether it's preparing for our community's Juneteenth celebration, connecting with residents during constituent hours, or advocating for equity and access in policy spaces, I'm honored to serve this community and represent your voice on Council. Below are updates on what I've been working on, what I've heard from you, and how we can stay connected.



Celebrate Juneteenth

As you've seen in previous newsletters, I've been working alongside a passionate committee of residents to plan Gahanna Juneteenth. The event is just over a month away and will take place during the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival! Check out

www.creeksidebluesandjazz.com/Celebrate-Juneteenth

[https://www.creeksidebluesandjazz.com/Celebr ate-Juneteenth/] for full details and to help us spread the word!

Connect With Me

Let's chat over popsicles! I'll be hosting a family-friendly constituent hour on June 22, from 2:00–3:00 p.m. at Friendship Park (near the swing set). Bring the kids, your questions, your ideas—and a chair or blanket to sit on. I'll bring the popsicles!



Getting to Work

Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Participated in one-on-one interviews with Planning Next to support the "Our Gahanna" strategic planning process
- Hosted April constituent hour at local business, The Bibliophile Candle Co
- Introduced City Council and community members to ALICE (www.unitedforalice.org) as presented by United Way Central Ohio
- Participated in Affordable Housing Learning Exchange hosted by the Greater Ohio Policy Center, focused on preservation and creation of housing
- Discussion with Councilmembers Bowers and Padova to advance mental health initiatives
- Researched Ohio Senate Bill 14 and House Bill 314 and discussed potential impact with Gahanna Police Chief Spence

Resident communication topics included:

- Advocating for equity in girls' sports in Gahanna
- Recommending Prevention Action Alliance as a mental health support resource
- Elevating 2025 Taiwanese American Heritage Week (May 11–18)
- Continued frustrations with Local Waste Services and resident concerns over service quality
- Yard waste collection concerns
- Addressing water/sewer rates in Sycamore Woods

About Town

Recap of community events and activities

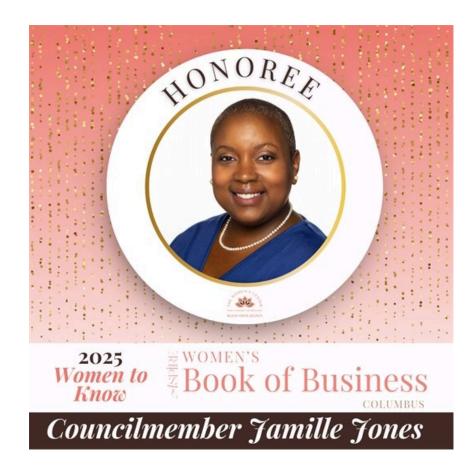


- 4/8: Spoke with Kiwanis K Kids at Royal Manor
- 4/12: Attended the Grand Opening of the Plant Library
- 4/12: Supported Dance Elite Performance Academy's showcase and fundraiser
- 4/12: Joined the grand opening of the GRIN food locker
- 4/19: Cleaned litter from Woodside Green with Make

Gahanna Yours

- 4/25: Attended a performance of Bright Star, a musical at GLHS
- 4/26: Attended the grand opening of SugaringNYC

I'm also deeply honored to be named one of 2025's Women to Know by the Women's Center for Economic Opportunity and Aspire Women's Book of Business for my continued work in uplifting women-owned businesses in Gahanna and beyond



In the Know

Stay informed about what's happening in our community

- **<u>Subscribe</u>** 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.
- **<u>Receive agendas</u>** for council and board/commission meetings via email.
- **Watch online.** All council and board/commission meetings are streamed lived via the city's Youtube page.

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

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