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Safe, strong, & connected in Gahanna

Welcome to the summer sunset-edition of the Gahanna City Council newsletter. The dog days of summer may be winding down, but your Council is still hard at work making sure our community stays safe, strong and connected!

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: July-August 2025

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:** [July 7](#), [July 21](#), [August 4](#), [August 18](#)
- **Committee of the Whole:** [July 21](#), [August 11](#), [August 25](#)

- **Special Meeting:** [July 10](#), [August 11](#), [August 25](#)



FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN: [RES-0032-2025](#)

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!

- **HONORING DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH:** [RES-0031-2025](#)
- **HONORING KATE ACKLIN, 2025 FRANKLIN CO. FAIR QUEEN:** [RES-0032-2025](#)
- **COMMENDING J. HILTS, ON MMC:** [RES-0033-2025](#)
- **SHARE THE ROAD & DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH:** [RES-0034-2025](#)



Highlights:

Investing in reliable infrastructure

We are committed to ensuring our families and neighbors have access to gold-standard resources, protecting the integrity of our streets, sidewalks and water systems.

In August, Council authorized the bidding for major neighborhood improvements, including the *2025 Street Rebuild and Sidewalk Maintenance Program with Waterline Replacement* ([MT-0008-2025](#)) and the *Taylor Road Water Main Replacement Project* ([MT-0009-2025](#)).



Enhancing city facilities and amenities

We want everyone to love our city just as much as we do! This August, Council voted to improve growth, function and safety of public spaces throughout Gahanna. Council approved contracts for the renovation of the *Price Road House* facility ([ORD-0036-2025](#)) and essential furnishings for our first responders' workstations ([ORD-0033-2025](#)).

Council also re-authorized the *Creekside Outdoor Refreshment Area (CORA)* promoting the vitality of one of Gahanna's premiere community spaces, for residents and visitors alike ([ORD-0034-2025](#)). That's something we can all raise a glass to!

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

06 OCT 7 PM	REGULAR MEETING
13 OCT 7 PM	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
20 OCT 7 PM	REGULAR MEETING
27 OCT 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.



We are here for you:

Celebrating milestones

This year's *4th of July Parade* did not disappoint! Councilmembers and their families were honored to join local champions, including school bands, nonprofits, industry leaders, first responders and neighbors in celebrating our community and country.

Councilmembers were also happy to spread a little cheer, handing out candy to our youngest community members and a few lucky parents and grandparents!

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers, McGregor, Renner, Schnetzer, and Weaver
- **Dates:** July 4, 2025



Supporting local businesses

Councilmembers gathered with friends and neighbors at the annual *Taste of Gahanna*, celebrating some of the finest food and flavors our community has to offer.

If you missed this year's marquee event, it's never too late to stop by one of our local favorite hotspots. Every visit is a chance to treat yourself while supporting Gahanna's local businesses.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers, Jones, and Weaver
 - **Dates:** August 24, 2025
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Prioritizing what matters to you

At the *Gahanna Sweet Celebration*, Councilmembers joined the community as the City unveiled the *Our Gahanna Draft Strategic Plan*, a roadmap for our city's future shaped by the ideas and input you shared with us.

Together, we look forward to bringing these shared dreams to life and continuing to build Gahanna's bright future!

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember Bowers and Schnetzer
 - **Dates:** August 26, 2025
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Amplifying the arts

Earlier this summer, the Columbus Jazz Orchestra (CJO) brought world-class jazz to Gahanna's own Headley Park. Councilmembers joined family and friends on the lawn to enjoy performances by the CJO and local groups. Thank you to all sponsors who helped bring this cherished event to life!

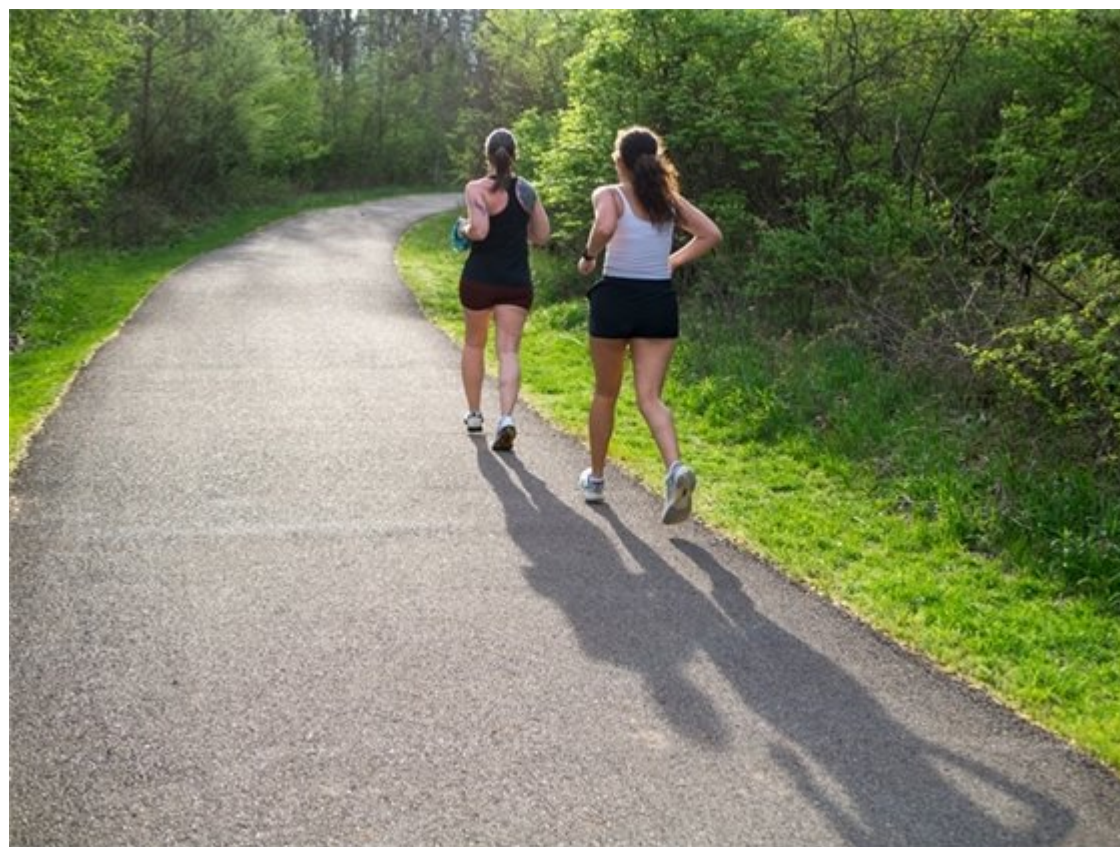
- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember Bowers, Jones, Padova, and Weaver
- **Dates:** August 2, 2025

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

Member spotlights

Getting to know your Councilmembers

See how your representatives are advocating for Gahanna, building pathways, strengthening community bonds and modeling service beyond the dais.



Your Council has been hard at work:

Listening and learning

On November 5, 2024, Franklin County voters approved *Issue 47*, a multi-organizational initiative led by the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), known as LinkUS. This project promises major investments in central Ohio's transportation future.

With this in mind, several Councilmembers met with COTA representatives to explore potential community infrastructure grants, discuss transit planning, and better understand how LinkUS will impact Gahanna, including trails like the *Big Walnut*, pictured above.

From neighborhood bus stops to major thoroughfares, your Council is working to ensure Gahanna's voice is heard. Council is advocating for our residents to benefit from these regional investments, making our community safer and more accessible.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmembers Bowers, Jones and Weaver
- **Dates:** July 9, 2025



Supporting community bonds

Vice President Weaver volunteered at the city's annual *National Night Out* festivities, sitting in the hot seat at the dunk tank. Fellow Councilmembers supported Vice President Weaver from a safe distance from the splash zone ;).

This event strengthens relationships between community members and law enforcement. Special thanks to our local heroes who keep our community and families safe.

- **Contact for more information:** Bowers, Jones, Weaver
 - **Dates:** August 5, 2025
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Standing with families

Councilmember Jones joined others from across the metro area for *Picnic in the Park to Protect Education*, highlighting the importance of safe, strong schools.

As Council's school board liaison, Jones also connected with district leaders on issues impacting *GJPS* staff and visited the 2025 middle school orchestra camp, encouraging young musicians.

- **Contact for more information:** Councilmember Jones
 - **Dates:** August 20, 2025
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Looking ahead:

Modeling citizenship for all ages

Councilmember Padova is leading Council Office efforts in partnering with local organizations and the Mayor's Office to recognize *National Good Neighbor Day* this September 28, 2025.

Inspired by watching Daniel Tiger with her young daughter, Padova introduced [RES-0040-2025](#) a joint recognition to promote kindness and civic responsibility across all generations.

Activities at the Mill Street Market and the Gahanna Library will invite families to join in crafts, story time, and neighbor-to-neighbor outreach. Together, we can build a safer, more supportive Gahanna, one good neighbor at a time.

- **Contact for more information:** Padova
- **Dates:** September 27 & 28
 - **Gahanna Library:** 11 a.m., Saturday, September 27, 2025
 - **Mill Street Market:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, September 28, 2025

From the archives

On track for success

- by *Sophia McGuire*

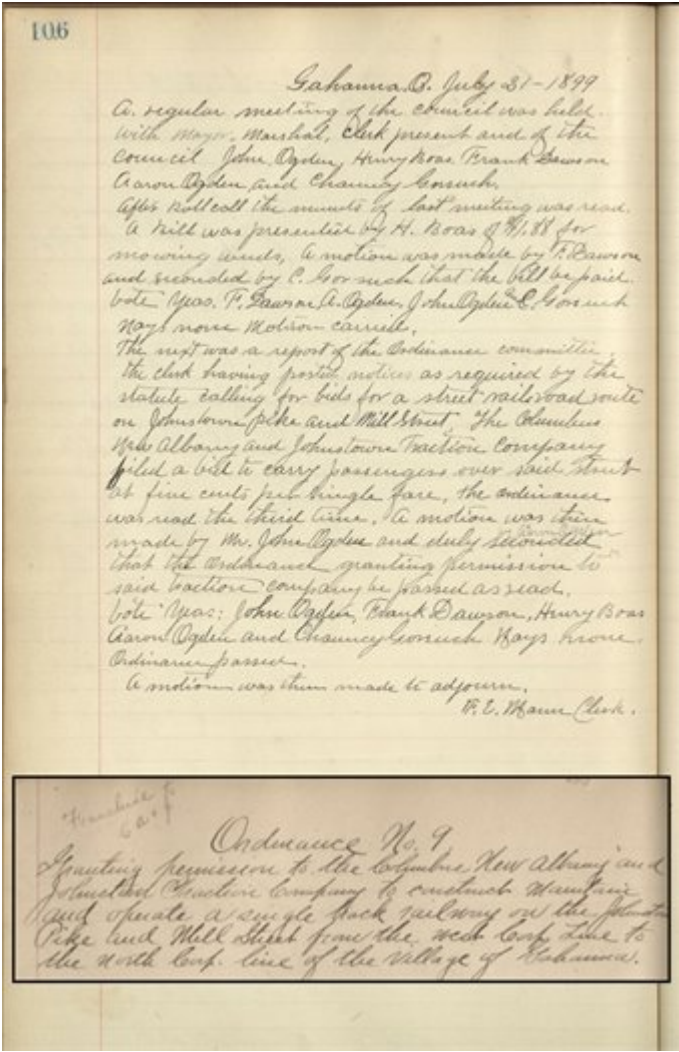


Traction Company car -7.

Image courtesy of Columbus Metropolitan Library, via Wikimedia Commons.

Improving infrastructure is nothing new for Gahanna. In fact, in 1899, Gahanna's Village Council granted the *Columbus New Albany and Johnstown Traction Company* a contract to construct, maintain, and operate a single-track railway on the Johnstown

Pike and Mill Street. Gahanna continues to embrace innovation and community connectivity today.



Digitized ordinance and minutes from City Council's original handwritten records.

Gahanna
CITY COUNCIL

Now
**accepting
applications**

Open seats

- Board of Zoning & Building Appeals
- Charter Review Commission

APPLY NOW

Your city needs you

Apply to serve on a Gahanna board or commission today. Help shape policy, review key issues, and strengthen your community!

Opportunities are listed below. Find details, including eligibility requirements at: <https://onboard.gahanna.gov/>.

For questions, contact the Clerk of Council at **614-342-4091** or jeremy.vanmeter@gahanna.gov.

Apply now!

 Applications due Friday, October 3, 2025, at 12:00 PM

Submit your **resume** and **cover letter** online. In the application, please select City Council as the appointment authority: <https://onboard.gahanna.gov/application/>

Current Vacancies

1. [Board of Zoning & Building Appeals \(BZBA\)](#)

- **Open Seat:** 1
- **Term:** 3 years | Pay: \$100/meeting
- **Meets:** January + as needed
- **Benefit:** Protect fairness in zoning and building rules
- **Advantage:** Hear appeals from residents and officials
- **Feature:** Five-member board with Council or Mayor appointments

2. [Charter Review Commission \(CRC\)](#)

- **Open Seats:** 4
- **Pay:** Volunteer
- **Meets:** January–June 2026, plus possible year-end session
- **Benefit:** Help shape the foundation of Gahanna’s government
- **Advantage:** Work with leaders, experts, and residents
- **Feature:** Comprehensive Charter review every five years

This opportunity only comes up every five years!

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

29 SEPT.

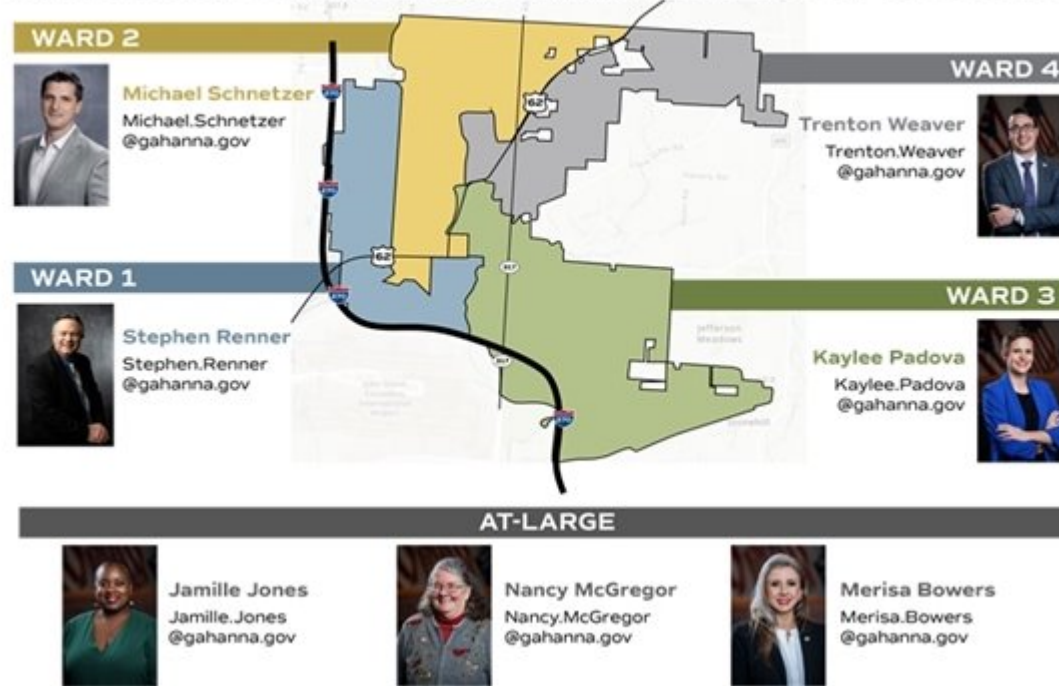
COUNCILWOMAN JAMILLE JONES
6:00 P.M.
Gahanna Branch
Columbus Metropolitan Library
310 Granville St.
Gahanna, OH 43230

OCT.

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FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES**
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Additional Constituent Hours
By Appointment

Meet the Council Office



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!](#)

Your Representatives

- **[Stephen Renner - Ward 1](#)**
- **[Michael Schnetzer - Ward 2](#)**
- **[Kaylee Padova - Ward 3](#)**
- **[Trenton Weaver - Ward 4](#)**
- **[Jamille Jones - Member at Large](#)**
- **[Merisa Bowers - Member at Large](#)**
- **[Nancy McGregor - Member at Large](#)**

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Until next time—thank you for reading,

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Connecting Council and community

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