



July/ August 2025

As summer winds down, I'm excited to be back in your inbox after a season of rest and reflection. I'm grateful to return with updates on the work happening in our city and opportunities to connect in the weeks ahead.

Connect With Me

Let's talk about what matters to you. Bring your ideas, questions, and neighbors. I'll bring the listening ear.

Monday, September 29, 6:00 p.m., Columbus Metropolitan Library-Gahanna Branch

Getting to Work

Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Sponsored a joint resolution recognizing Disability Pride Month and the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Met with Kelsey Ellingsen, Local Government Affairs Director at COTA, to discuss transit and mobility.
- In my role as school board liaison, communicated with President Kara Coates, Superintendent Dr. Deagle, and Board Member Moehring on RITA non-filer letters and subpoenas and their potential impact on GJPS staff, one of our city's largest employers.
- Visited orchestra camp for incoming 7th-9th graders to support our young musicians.
- Considered applicants for appointment to an unexpired term on the Parks & Recreation Board.
- Voted with colleagues to reject an 80%, 12-year property tax abatement for a proposed \$19 million warehouse project.
- Met with a youth resident and Council President Bowers to discuss youth LGBTQ+ advocacy and potential local protections.
- Conducted outreach to racially diverse communities and personal networks to ensure robust participation in the OurGahanna Strategic Plan reveal and engagement session.



- Authorized agreements for parking access with Centerpoint Church and engineering services for pond improvements at Woodside Green and Hannah Park.
- Launched bidding for the 2025 Sidewalk Maintenance Program.
- Recognized and honored community members including Kate Acklin, 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen, and Jessica Hilts, Management Analyst, for achieving the "Master Municipal Clerk" designation.
- Designated August as Share the Road and Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Gahanna.



Council present resolution honoring Jessica Hilts

Resident communication topics included:

- Strong opposition to the CRA with Velocis JV, LP and KBC Advisors.
- Ongoing concerns about poor-quality driveway apron repairs following roadwork.
- Resident concerns about street tree maintenance and who bears the financial responsibility.



OurGahanna Sweet Treat Event

About Town

Recap of community events and activities

7/23 - Enjoyed fresh produce, handmade goods, live music, and community connection at Gahanna Market.

8/2 – Enjoyed the Columbus Jazz Orchestra LIVE at Headley Park hosted by the Gahanna Area

Arts Council.

8/3 – Supported "We've Got Good Jeans", a local response to the American Eagle controversy.

8/5 – Connected with neighbors at National Night Out.

8/13 – Attended a safety seminar for elected officials.

8/17 – Shared fellowship at the Sisterhood Supper Club: Matriots gathering.

8/20 – Joined families for Picnic in the Park to Protect Education.

8/24 – Tasted the best of local flavor at Taste of Gahanna.

8/26 – Attended the OurGahanna Sweet Treat Strategic Plan reveal event.



Concilmembers Bowers, Weaver, & Jones attend the Taste of Gahanna.

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!

