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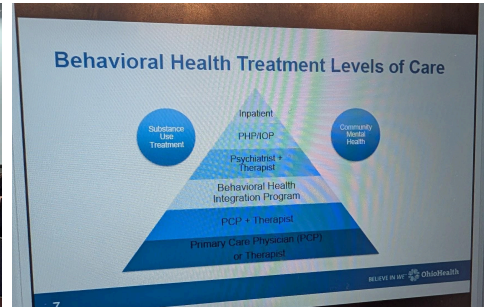
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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Councilwoman Merisa Bowers
Re: **Community Report -May-June 2026 Report**
Date: July 2, 2026

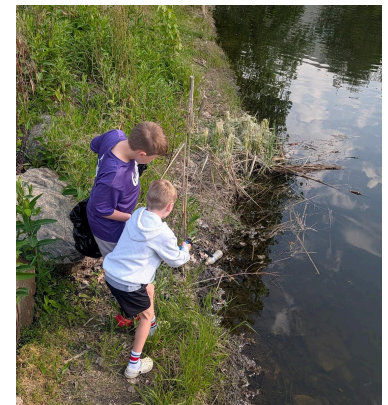
General Update -

Events and Actions of May-June 2026:

- Authored Resolution and Proclamation declaring May **Perinatal Mental Health Awareness Month**, welcoming **OhioHealth's Dr. Scott Gspandl** on **May 18** to present on mental health resources and needs for new parents.
- **Tracked developments on ORC 9.66(D) confidentiality law pertaining to economic development records.**
- Co-hosted and participated in **Rathburn Woods neighborhood clean-up** on May 16.
- Welcomed **newly-admitted Ohio lawyers** to the profession at the Ohio Supreme Court on May 18.
- Polished up paddling skills at Gahanna Parks and Rec's **Kayaking 101** at Hannah Park on May 21.
- Attended the **Gahanna Veterans Committee Memorial Day event** at Veterans Memorial Park on May 25.



Photos from top: Moderating “Breaking the Silence” panel with professional law enforcement and education panelists hosted by the New American Cultural Center at



ETSS on April 29; Dr. Scott Gspandl’s presentation for Perinatal Mental Health Awareness Month; participating in Kayaking 101 at Hannah Park with Gahanna Parks & Rec; young volunteers retrieving litter from Rice Avenue pond; honoring Memorial Day at Gahanna Veteran’s Memorial Park with Councilman Weaver and former Councilwoman Beryl Anderson.



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Special Note: Gahanna Charter Review Commission Completes Recommendations

Thank you to our residents who served on the Gahanna Charter Review Commission!

The Charter Review Commission met over the last several months to review the City's principal governing document, the Charter, and evaluate requests and proposals for amendments. Meeting notices, agendas, and minutes can be located on the [City's Legistar](#) page by selecting "This Year" and "Charter Review" in the respective drop-down menus.

The Commission has voted to advance [proposed amendments to the Charter, identified as Resolutions 0026-2026, 0027-2026, 0028-2026, 0029-2026, 0030-2026, 0031-2026, 0032-2026, 0033-2026, 0034-2026, and 0035-2026.](#)

These proposed amendments, following a procedural vote by Council, **will appear on the November 2026 ballot for City of Gahanna Residents.**

Residents are encouraged to review the [Charter](#) in its current form and consider recommendations that improve the City's governance, responsiveness, and transparency to our community.



Let's Connect: Upcoming Events and Community Meet-Ups

Fourth of July Parade presented by the Gahanna Lions - Saturday, July 4 at 10:30am, Granville Street

Gahanna Market - Wednesday, July 8 at 4pm at Creekside Plaza

Live in Gahanna, ProMusica presented by the Gahanna Area Arts Council - Saturday, August 15 at 4pm at Headley Park ([tickets available](#))

Taste of Gahanna presented by Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce - Sunday, August 23 at 5pm at Edison Brewing Company ([tickets available](#))

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Where can you most influence the day-to-day lives of your neighbors? The answer is local government! I welcome your thoughts, questions, and information about what's going on in Gahanna!

To schedule a meeting, coffee, or call, please email merisa.bowers@gahanna.gov or call 614-342-0040.

You can join various Gahanna CivicEngage newsletter lists - including the new bimonthly City Council Newsletter - by creating a [“Notify Me” Sign In](#) account and selecting the desired newsletter lists.

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

Throughout May and June, residents voiced concerns and opinions or requested assistance in the following areas:

- Use of Chinese Rubber Trees as replacement street trees
- Council/City recognition of religious group
- Collection and use of data by Flock cameras
- Group home in Bryn Mawr/Rose Run area
- AT&T workers in utility easements/backyards
- Gahanna Parks vendor landscape contract and practices
- Gun violence awareness/Wear Orange Day
- Hazards of e-bikes and e-scooters, safety measures

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Merisa K. Bowers
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