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I'm excited to share some highlights from this past month. From honoring history makers to highlighting the talent within Gahanna to engaging with our community, it's been a month full of meaningful connections and valuable dialogue.

Read on to learn more!



CONNECT WITH ME

Please join me for my March **Community Connect**. These monthly conversations are an opportunity to build community while discussing your questions, concerns, and ideas.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Conversations with:
COUNCILMEMBER JAMILLE JONES

March 13
8:00 a.m.
Dunkin Donuts
1111 N. Hamilton Rd

Gahanna

Your thoughts and engagement are important to me. Please reach out to me at any time.

GETTING TO WORK

Updates on Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

Led Black History Month Resolution presentation honoring Dr. Donja Thomas the first Black English teacher at Gahanna Lincoln High School, Johnel Amerson, first Black school psychologist in GJPS, Keisha Whitfield, GLHS Assistant Principal, and several students who spoke of their experience in Dr. Thomas' African American Voice class and as part of Diaspora "Voices of an Ever Changing America," an annual Black cultural program.

Hosted first Community Connect with one resident in attendance. We engaged in dialogue around how I can best communicate and collaborate with residents. Thanks to the resident's recommendation, I look forward to exploring communication avenues outside of email and social media.

Before voting to approve funding at the February 19 meeting, I **reviewed 825 Tech Center Drive design renderings and floor plan** with the goal of ensuring the future home of city hall prioritizes safety and accessibility, optimizes the proposed investment, and will benefit our whole community.

Received constituent communication from a resident regarding parking at City Hall. Resolution is still pending.

ABOUT TOWN

Community events & activities

2/3: Diaspora Voices of an Ever Changing America - This 10th-anniversary performance highlighted Black culture while showcasing the incredible talent of our Gahanna Lincoln High School students, leaving me amazed and inspired.

2/4: A Conversation with author Ta-Nehisi Coates - Presented by Columbus Metropolitan Library and other local library systems, this enlightening discussion that provided valuable insights into important societal issues and offered perspectives that resonate deeply with our community.

2/17: Gahanna Community Chorus Dinner Theater Concert "Dare to Dream" - The event was a testament to the immense talent within our community, and it was heartwarming to see residents come together to celebrate the arts.

2/24: Gahanna Gala - This event was not only a fantastic evening of entertainment and fun, but also an opportunity to support Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation. Every dollar raised will go towards funding innovative tools for our district like pocket translation devices, which will benefit our diverse student body.



Gahanna Community Chorus

IN THE KNOW

Stay informed about what's happening in Gahanna

- ✓ **Subscribe** to periodic email updates from me.
- ✓ **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.

Links to all of the above (and more!) are available via:

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