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Constituent Newsletter – July/August 2024

This month, City Council enjoyed a summer break with meetings only on the 1st and 15th of July. As a result, this month's report may seem "light," but there's still plenty to share!

As the days of summer wind down, I encourage to take advantage of all that our community has to offer!

Connect With Me

Please note, there will be no Community Connect or Constituent Newsletter in August. I will be taking some time off for a routine medical procedure and to focus on rest and recovery. I am looking forward to resuming my work with and for you in September.



Getting to Work

Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Led the drafting and presentation of a resolution recognizing Disability Pride Month, which honored Gahanna Employability and Adult Readiness (GEAR), GJPS Extended Support Services (ESS) programs, and Gahanna Special Olympics.
- Engaged in initial conversations to plan for Juneteenth 2025 celebrations in the city of Gahanna.
- Conducted interviews with residents seeking appointments to the Public Art Advisory Committee.
- Discussed digital accessibility improvements with Sr. Director of Operations
- Hosted monthly Community Connect to engage 1 on 1 with residents
- Met with Jess Hiltz, from Council Office, for her official onboarding and to brainstorm strategies for enhancing our communication efforts and elevating community engagement.
- Conducted mental health research by studying other municipalities, consulting with industry experts, and gathering resident input.
- Attended From Recovery to Resilience featuring the Executive Director of The National Peer Recovery Alliance, which provided valuable insights on integrating effective addiction recovery strategies into workforce development.



Received constituent communication concerning:

- Clarification from the Gahanna Arts Council about their mission, purpose, and their desire to be a strong community partner.
- Resident expressing support for energy aggregation and renewable energy sources.
- From the Board of Directors of the Gahanna Village at Castle Pines Condominium Association regarding the One Church development.
- Resident request for the City of Gahanna to update its civil and criminal codes to address issues related to light trespass, inappropriate camera placement, and neighbor harassment.



About Town

Recap of community events & activities

7/3 - 7/4: Enjoyed the 4th of July Fireworks & Parade. A big thank you to the Park & Rec Department, Gahanna Lions, and all the volunteers who made it possible.

7/18: Attended the Columbus Real Men, Real Talk Mental Wellness Summit featuring rapper/activist Michael "Killer Mike" Render, which focused on mental wellness within the Black community, particularly Black men.

8/3: Cheered on Pelotonia riders as they passed through Gahanna. Pelotonia is a fundraiser dedicated to raising money for cancer research.



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.

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