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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - September 2023 Report**
Date: October 16, 2023

General Update - Events and Actions of September 2023:

- Attended the grand opening of the GLHS Lions Stadium on Friday, September 1.
- Facilitated a youth centered discussion at 254 Youth Center on September 14.
- Participated in the Kyle Miller 1st Day 5k on September 17 at Creekside.
- Drafted in collaboration with Council Clerk the Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution for October.
- Attended the Gahanna Residents in Need (GRIN) ribbon cutting for its new location on September 18.
- Supported the Mill Street Market on September 24.



From left: attending Mill Street Market, GRIN ribbon cutting, and Kyle Miller 1st Day 5k

Constituent Hours

Attended Mill Street Market at posted time to listen to residents about their preferences for land use and signage in the community.

Constituent hours by appointment for October and November, or one hour before regular city council meetings.

You may sign up for periodic email updates from Councilwoman Bowers here:

<https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

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

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Constituent Issues/Concerns:

1. Taylor Road drainage
Constituent reported drainage concerns; followed up with City staff who met with resident to discuss solutions to address drainage concerns.
2. Tobacco Retail License
Received emails from residents in support of tobacco retail license; forwarded to Council Clerk.
3. Small business support and zoning
Met with small business owners to discuss business goals, investment, and considerations on expansion.
4. Housing Tax Credit legislation at state level
Email from resident that a tax credit was being considered to encourage landlords to allow companion animals in rental dwellings.
5. Request for speed cart
Constituent reported concerns about speeding in Woodside Green South, requested speed cart for location.
6. Public Art policy and support for Public Art
Received emails in support of expanded public art and placement of Brightblocks projects.
7. Distracted Driving Ordinance
Received emails from residents encouraging local improvement to statewide distracted driving law. Proposed legislation tabled.
8. Potential Use of Pole Barn
Received email inquiring about use of pole barn at Creekside for temporary athletic practice facility. Forwarded email to Councilmembers Weaver and Renner.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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