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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Council President Merisa Bowers
Re: **Community Report -August/September 2025 Report**
Date: October 20, 2025

General Update - Events and Actions of August - September 2025:

- Cheered on **Pelotonia** riders summiting the Gahanna Peak on August 2.
- Enjoyed the Columbus Jazz Orchestra's special performance at Headley Park on August 2 hosted by the Gahanna Area Arts Council.
- Supported police-community relations at **National Night Out** at Headley Park on August 5.
- Participated in the American Heart Assn. **Heart Walk** on August 16.
- Supported and introduced **Share the Road/Distracted Driving Awareness Month Resolution and Proclamation in honor of Rosann Pfeiffer** on August 18.
- Sampled the best of Gahanna-area restaurants at the Gahanna Area Chamber's **Taste of Gahanna** on August 24.
- Attended the Columbus Chamber's CEO Insights interview with CML CEO Lauren Hagan on August 27.
- Met with residents and participated at the Our Gahanna table at the **Gahanna Market** on August 27.
- Attended MORPC Economic Development training session on fiscal impact on September 17.
- Celebrated community with Rathburn Woods Party in the Park on September 20.
- **"Started with Hello"** at Lincoln Elementary School on September 19.
- Perused vendors and engaged with residents at the **Mill Street Market** on September 28.
- Engaged in follow up conversation on draft Strategic Plan with consultant on September 30.



Photos from top: attending the CJO at Headley Park; with Hilliard counterparts at MORPC training; great weather and better food at Taste of Gahanna; neighbors gathering at Rathburn Woods Park.



Let's Connect: Upcoming Community Meet-Ups

Join me for an open Constituent Meeting on **Saturday, November 8 from 10am - 11am** at the CM Library Gahanna Branch!

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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!

*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 August and September, residents voiced concerns and opinions or requested assistance in the following areas:

- Request for recognition of National Service Dog Month
- Sidewalk maintenance assessments
- Curb and apron concrete work
- Abatement vote
- RITA nonfiler notices and subpoenas
- Community grant funding
- Share the Road/Distracted Driving Awareness month resolution. traffic crashes, cyclist & pedestrian safety
- voter registration
- Traffic on Taylor Road between Rice and Howland
- commercial property landscaping
- parking on Southwind Drive
- LGBTQ+ youth protections and mental health
- demolition of property in Creekside district
- residential holiday displays
- Creekside redevelopment

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Merisa K. Bowers
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