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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 -December 2025 - February 2026 Report**  
Date: March 16, 2026

## **General Update -**

### **Events and Actions of December 2025 - February 2026:**

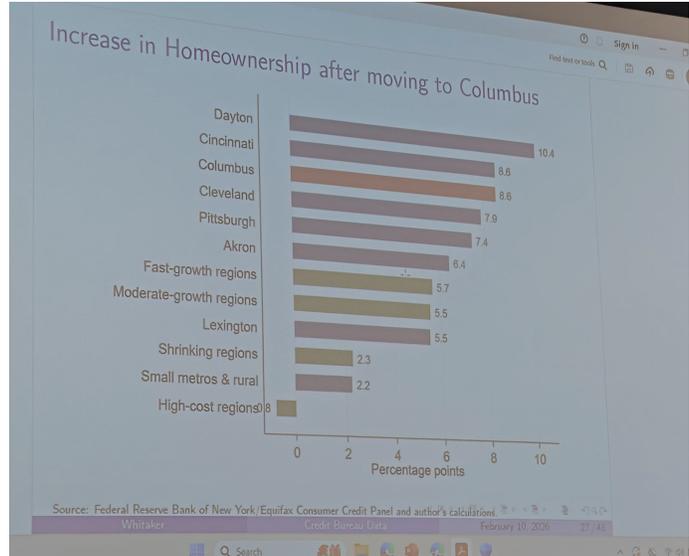
- **Joined Councilman Renner on a [letter to PUCO regarding Net Metering](#)** in support of PUCO Staff Recommendations to maintain net metering framework.
- Interviewed applicants for **[Charter Review Commission](#)** through November - December.
- Enjoyed local crafts and treats at the **Gahanna Holiday Market** at The Peak at Edison on December 13.
- Attended **[Gahanna Community Improvement Corporation](#)** meeting on December 16.
- Co-hosted neighborhood carriage rides for Rathburn Woods community on December 21.
- Attended retirement ceremony for **GPD Lieutenant Matt Kissel** on December 26.
- Virtually attended the Columbus Metropolitan Club's **[Annual Blue Chip Economic Forecast](#)** on January 7.
- Attended **GJPS School Board organizational meeting** on January 8.
- Celebrated the **GLHS Ribbon Cutting** and toured the new high school facilities on January 10.
- Joined Board Member and Planning Commissioner Sarah Pollyea at the **Annual Meeting for the Gahanna Area Chamber** of Commerce on January 15.
- **Hosted** virtual constituent hour on January 16.
- Honored **Judge James Green** for his retirement from Franklin County Municipal Court on January 20.
- **Caffeinated with community** at the SGT COFFEE ribbon cutting on January 22.
- Attended GLHS theater students' production of **12 Angry Jurors** staged in Council Chambers on January 30.
- In collaboration with Council Office staff, researched and developed discussion points and proposals on **procurement policy approval thresholds** for committee discussions throughout February.



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- Joined arms with community members **in solidarity for immigration justice and empathy** on February 1 along Granville Street.
- Met with ad hoc Council Rules committee on Feb. 4 and Feb. 12 to bring forward **proposed amendments to Council Rules of Procedure**.
- Learned about **transportation planning, tech integration, and population trends** from regional experts at [MORPC's Data Day](#) on Feb. 10.



Photos from top: *Gahanna residents shopping at Gahanna Holiday Market at the Peak at Edison; Honoring Lt. Kissel's retirement with Councilwoman Jones; attending the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting with fellow Councilmembers Padova, Weaver, and McGregor; students performing during the GLHS Ribbon Cutting and Open House; slide from MOPRC Data Day session on regional consumer trends.*

## **Special Note: Gahanna Charter Review Underway**

**Residents are encouraged to attend and engage with the Charter Review Commission!**

The Charter Review Commission meets every 5 years to review the City's principal governing document, the Charter, and evaluate requests and proposals for amendments. If the Commission votes to advance a proposed amendment, the amendment would be put before the City's voters on the November 2026 ballot.

**The Charter Review Commission [meets two Thursdays per month](#)** now through late Spring in person at 6:30 p.m. Meeting notices, agendas, and minutes can be located on the [City's Legistar](#) page by searching "This Year" and "Charter Review" in the respective drop-down menus.

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 Community Meet-Ups**

### **Community Meet-Up**

**Saturday, March 28, 9:30a - 10:30a, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Gahanna Branch**

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!

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*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 December, January, and February, residents voiced concerns and opinions or requested assistance in the following areas:

- Parking camper/trailer in driveway
- Holiday decorations
- Request for family meeting with councilmembers
- Creekside redevelopment, including terms of development agreement, demolition process, impact to businesses, impact to special events, scope of project.
- PUCO Net metering
- Leaf pick up and yard waste
- Concerns regarding harmful rhetoric against ethnic groups
- Resolution 0060-2025
- Concerns regarding housing costs
- Plastic bag recycling in Local Waste recycling bins
- E-bike and scooter safety
- Tech Center Drive development
- Use of Flock Cameras
- Immigration/ICE activity
- Building safety for new high school
- Water billing
- Snow removal
- Business activity and safety on Mill Street
- Trail and wooded area use on North Hamilton/Peace Lutheran Church property
- Creekside Event and Conference Center activity

Respectfully submitted,  
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