



# March & April 2026

Spring has brought a full schedule of meetings, advocacy work, and community moments and I'm grateful to be doing this work on your behalf. Here's a look at what I've been up to these past couple of months.



## Gahanna Juneteenth

Gahanna Juneteenth is back and this year we're bigger and better! We'll take over the Creekside Community Stage, near the former Local Cantina, for the entire evening on:

### Friday, June 19, 2026

The Game Spot & Social (spades, dominoes, bid whist & more!) opens at 5:30 p.m.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Limited free tickets are available while supplies last. Visit the [Celebrate Juneteenth at CBJE](#) for additional detail.

**Call for volunteers!**

We're looking for volunteers to help bring Gahanna's Juneteenth Celebration to life. From The Game Spot & Social to an evening of music, dance, and spoken word—there's a place for you on this team. [Sign up here](#). Be sure to use Use password: Juneteenth26.



## Getting to Work

### Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Passed a joint resolution and proclamation designating March 2026 as Women's History Month, honoring Laura M. Fisher, the first woman elected to Gahanna Village Council, in 1921.
- Presented before the Charter Review Commission and followed up with individual commissioners to clarify my proposals and answer their questions.
- Finalized plans for Gahanna Juneteenth 2026 and presented them to the Gahanna Arts Council, which serves as the fiscal agent for the celebration.
- Hosted my first constituent hour of 2026 at SGT Coffee

- Continued monthly council leadership meetings with Administration and the City Attorney to stay aligned on city priorities.
- Held several one-on-one meetings with council staff, city staff, and Mayor Jadwin focused on strengthening collaboration across city government.
- Conducted interviews with residents seeking appointments to the Gahanna New Community Authority.
- Approved updated the city's purchasing procedures.
- Renewed the School Resource Officer (SRO) contract with Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools for the 2026–2027 school year.
- Passed a joint proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Volunteer Appreciation Month, with special recognition of Eagle Scout Aiden Combs.
- Passed a joint proclamation recognizing Earth Day 2026 and affirming the city's commitment to environmental stewardship.

### Resident communication topics included:

- Advocating for monarch butterfly conservation
- Expressing concern over the closure of Tilton Automotive and the future of Creekside redevelopment
- Spacing concerns related to street tree planting
- A potential safety hazard on the Creekside Park bridge
- A request for an internal police review
- Questions around local short-term rental (Airbnb) regulations



## About Town

### Recap of community events and activities

- **4/14:** Attended the Visit Gahanna Showcase, a behind-the-scenes look at the events, partnerships, and experiences that make Gahanna a destination worth celebrating.
- **4/17:** Saw Grease, the first GLHS production in the new James Singer Auditorium.
- **4/18:** Participated in a panel on Motherhood and Civic Life hosted by the American Motherhood podcast.
- **4/18:** Attended Scouting America Troop 7456's Spaghetti Dinner honoring newly named Eagle Scouts.
- **4/23:** Attended Bags, Bingo & Breaking Barriers, a conversation celebrating women making strides in traditionally male-dominated industries, hosted by the Gahanna Chamber of Commerce

- **4/25:** Finally got to try Three Creeks restaurant, thanks to a gift certificate won at the Gahanna Gala silent auction earlier this year.
- **5/2:** Attended Herb Day.

## In the Know

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### 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.

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