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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - December 2023 Report**
Date: January 11, 2024

General Update - Events and Actions of December 2023:

- Volunteered at the Visit Gahanna Santa Race 5K and Little Reindeer Dash on December 2.
- Hosted a Constituent Hour on Friday, December 8 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget at Creekside Cafe.
- Presented on victim advocacy with case study panel at Central Ohio Sexual Assault Response Team December 12 meeting to local members of sexual trauma response team, addressed need of trauma informed care.
- Presented proposed amendments to the Council Rule of Procedure.
- Followed state legislation impacting home rule and local budgets.
- Finalized and presented a Resolution recognizing the Farmers Market Team of Make Gahanna Yours on December 18.
- Promoted Ohio Municipal League webinar on the All Ohio Future Fund to colleagues.
- Attended Gahanna CIC Meeting on December 19.

Constituent Hours

Held the 2nd Annual **Budget n' Breakfast Constituent Hour** on **December 8, 2023**.

January Constituent Hour will be **Tuesday, January 23 at 12:30 p.m. in Study Room A at the Gahanna Library**.

For updates on constituent hours and for periodic email updates from Councilwoman Bowers sign up here: <https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

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

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

1. Roadway Safety - Distracted Driving Ordinances and Motorized Vehicles
Received correspondence from residents regarding distracted driving ordinances and motorized vehicles (e.g. ebikes); followed up with residents; in progress.
2. Opposing Sheetz on Granville Street
Received email from resident expressing opposition to a Sheetz on Granville Street; responded with ways to communicate with decision-makers and follow proposal.

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3. Proposed 2023 Budget
Received correspondence from residents regarding proposed staffing additions for Parks and Recreation Department. Considered and remarked at December 18 meeting.
4. Foreign affairs
Received form correspondence regarding foreign affairs; responded.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Merisa K. Bowers
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Gahanna City Councilmember, At Large
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