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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 - November 2023 Report**
Date: December 18, 2023

General Update - Events and Actions of November 2023:

- Met with Gahanna CVB Executive Director on November 19.
- Celebrated the kick-off to the 2023 holiday season at the Holiday Lights Celebration on Nov. 19.
- Attended Columbus Metropolitan Club forum on residential zoning on Nov. 29.
- Followed up regarding contractor insurance requirements on Nov. 30.
- Participated in Family Night at Lincoln Elementary on Nov. 30.
- Worked on amendments to Council Rules of Procedure with Clerk VanMeter.
- Inquire about/receive information about community-wide yard-sign recycling in partnership with SWACO.
- Reviewed HB 296 regarding proposed municipal contribution increases to Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund and communicated with staff regarding potential budget impact.
- Promoted Board and Commission openings to public via email and social media.
- Completed Sunshine Law Training program through Ohio Attorney General's Office.



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.

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Constituent Issues/Concerns:

1. On-Street Parking near Middle School South
Resident expressed concern regarding dual-side on-street parking near Middle School South; responded to resident and followed up with GPD.
2. Sidewalks
Received email from resident expressing importance of sidewalks and pedestrian safety; responded.
3. Easement Wall behind Hunters Ridge Plaza
Received contact from constituent regarding removal of brick wall behind Hunters Ridge Plaza/Landover Place. Inquired about project and followed up with resident.
4. Tobacco Retail License
Received emails in support of the proposed licensing ordinance; responded to residents.
5. Report of alleged code violations by neighbor
Responded and referred resident to code enforcement and non-emergency police phone number.
6. Resident supportive of local small business
Followed up with resident and Director of Econ. Dev. regarding her concerns in support of a local small business.
7. Foreign affairs
Received form correspondence regarding foreign affairs; reviewed information related to local impact.

Respectfully submitted,
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