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To: Residents of Gahanna;
Members of Council;
Mayor Jadwin;
City Attorney Ray Mularski
CC: Chief of Police Jeffrey Spence;
Council Clerk April Beggerow
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - October Report**
Date: 11/02/2020

General Update:

Constituent Hours

No designated Constituent Hours were held in October.

Constituent Hours will be held on Monday, November 2 and Monday, November 16 via Zoom.

October Recap

- October 9: Met GPD Lt. Moffitt for Ride-Along
- October 15 - 16: Attended as able the MORPC Summit on Sustainability
- October 17: Co-organized and supported litter clean-up on West Side (Royal Manor/Brentwood neighborhoods) and Community Safety Briefing presented by Chief Spence
- October 22: Attended the Gahanna Parks & Rec Dept's inaugural Great Gahanna Goblin Trail

GPD Ride Along



Friday, October 9, 2020, Lt. Ethan Moffitt welcomed me to participate in a ride-along during his shift. This experience provided further insight into how the core values of the Division and the community policing model are implemented in Gahanna. Gahanna is well served by the Division's on-going commitment to building on the six pillars of 21st Century Policing, which are exemplified by Lt. Moffitt's efforts to build relationships with some of the most vulnerable residents of Gahanna. If you'd like to know more about my experience during the ride-along, please don't hesitate to ask!

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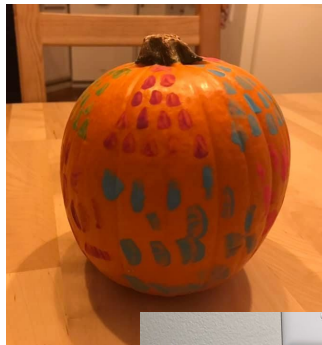
West Side Pride!

Saturday, October 17, 2020, Councilman Stephen Renner (Ward 1) and I coordinated a community event to help continue to foster neighborhood pride in Ward 1. The event was supported by community members Jason and Colleen Ruark and financially sponsored by The Gahanna Foundation.



Mayor Jadwin and her husband Jay joined with approximately 15 other households to participate in a litter clean-up in the areas of Royal Manor and Brentwood.

After the litter clean-up, we gathered virtually for a community safety briefing with Chief Spence. The presentation by Chief Spence included a discussion on “Broken Windows Theory” - connecting why things like litter, street lighting, and landscaping all make a difference in the safety of our neighborhoods.



All volunteers received pumpkins and paint!



The Zoom meeting can be viewed here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/j-AonNry-6fLgXG71o3lo96jUrCBTfbTiV6xdBd5DQwCt37lfphhjXqwitV_hsrB8j9dPUXgJ557x1yq.PKqnhkQqWzvvLC4i?continueMode=true& x_zm_rtaid=npCSpnxrTvCwATeWt8Cn oA.1604349661797.1d411359954cce158ffb849de3543d6a& x_zm_rhtaid=2 (Presentation Starts at 20:30)

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You may sign up for my email updates here: <https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1: AEP “It’s Your Power” App

Constituent reviewed last Report and noted question about AEP App and program, provided background and information.

Action:

Responded to Constituent, thanking him for information.

Response:

No further action needed.

#2: GJEA Strike

Received various communication from residents regarding the GJEA strike and related issues.

Action:

Listened to community responses, met with teachers, spoke with parents and stakeholders. Issued joint statement with Councilman Renner.

Response:

Responded to constituent questions regarding councilmembers’ roles and joint statement.

#3 Litter/”The Bag”

On-going discussion with resident regarding litter/proposed ordinance.

Action:

Continued discussion with resident.

Response:

Working on proposed legislation.

#4 Buckles area development

Received correspondence from resident regarding residential use of Buckles land.

Action:

Responded to constituent.

Response:

Pending.

#5 Gahanna participation/representation in Health District Governance

Received email from constituent urging changes to Gahanna’s current contract agreement with Franklin County Public Health to provide for greater participation/representation on the District Advisory Council.

Action:

Responded to constituent; suggested possible action on pending State Senate bill.

Response:

Will follow up with administration.

#6 Johnstown Road Proposed Zoning Changes

Received letter from constituent regarding questions and concerns regarding Johnstown Road multifamily development project.

Action:

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Acknowledged receipt to constituent.

Response:

Continue to gather information on the project, including school impact analysis, economic impact, etc.

#7 Human Rights/Protect Elections

Received multiple emails expressing concerns about violence around upcoming election and urging the protection of peaceful protestors and people participating in democratic process.

Action:

Review emails.

Response:

Seek information regarding potential threats/risks to Gahanna around election day and weeks following.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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