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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 - July 2023 Report**
Date: August 21, 2023

General Update - Events and Actions of July 2023:

- Celebrated **Independence Day** in Gahanna on July 4!
- Attended **Columbus Metropolitan Club** panel on AI technology on July 12.
- Met with stakeholders regarding **The Plant Library** relocation on July 13.
- Met with One Columbus development staff to learn more about resources for employers.
- Attended **City/School District** meeting on potential joint presentation on July 19.
- Met with new Economic Development Director Shannon Hamons to learn about his background and priorities.
- Collaborated with staff and colleagues to revise draft of Employee Handbook for Council office.
- Worked on **Share the Road** Resolution for August with Council Clerk.
- Engaged constituents regarding the **Capital Improvement Plan** through online feedback form and social media.
- Attended Ohio Municipal League **State Budget Roundup** presentation on 2023 budget allocations for public safety, public infrastructure, and public education, etc. on July 28.
- Drafted and coordinated resolution for **Beekeeping Education Day**, inviting Central Ohio Beekeepers Association to speak about resources for beekeepers and other residents interested in supporting pollinator habitats.



*Left: Central Ohio Beekeepers Association at the Franklin County Fair on Beekeeping Education Day, July 19
Right: Attending the Gahanna Farmers Market with “Sue’s Jams and Jellies” vendors Mr. & Mrs. Rupp.*

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Constituent Hours

Throughout July, maintained a presence at many community events including the Farmer's Markets, city parks, and Bryn Mawr food truck night.

Join us at [Supporting Gahanna Together Day](#) on August 26 to spend a couple hours volunteering in the community to help keep our community a healthy home for all!

Save the date for *September 30* for the Fall Litter Clean Up hosted by [Make Gahanna Yours!](#)

You may sign up for periodic email updates from Councilwoman Bowers 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. Small Business resources
Received email from small business owner inquiring about resources and support; followed up with Economic Development Department, Ohio Means Jobs Franklin County, and One Columbus points of contact; responded to constituent.
2. On-street parking in neighborhoods proximate to high school
Follow up regarding implementation of signage restricting on-street parking in neighborhoods proximate to high school.
3. Speed limit signs in Brentwood Estates
Constituent noted the lack of speed limit signs in Brentwood Estates; followed up with GPD; speed limit signs installed as of the date of this report.
4. Bryn Mawr drainage
Contacted by constituent regarding drainage concerns in Bryn Mawr; followed up with Ward 4 Councilmember Weaver; followed up with constituent; in progress.
5. Plant Library
Following meeting with stakeholders, spoke with City staff regarding potential concepts and next steps; followed back up with constituents.
6. Tobacco Retail License
Received emails from residents in support of tobacco retail license; forwarded to Council Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
[/s/ Merisa K. Bowers](#)
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