

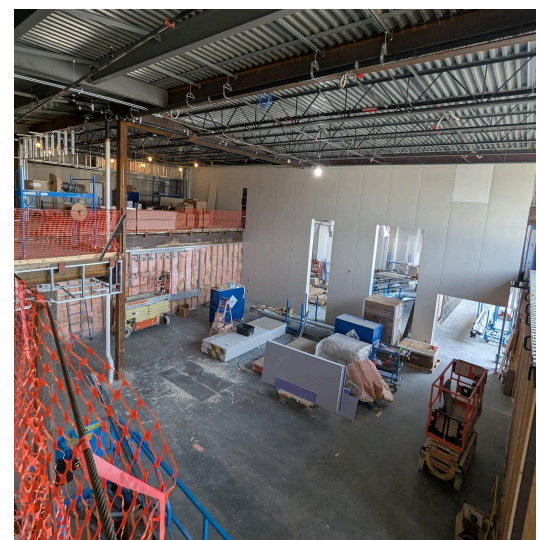
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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Council President Merisa Bowers
Re: **Community Report - June/July 2025 Report**
Date: August 18, 2025

General Update - Events and Actions of June - July 2025:

- Celebrated the Ribbon Cutting of the **Mountain Bike Trail** at Academy Park on June 6.
- Sipped Joy Local Coffee in the park with **Rathburn Woods and Farm Creek neighbors** on June 7.
- Participated in a mid-year check in meeting with Council office staff on June 11.
- Volunteered at **Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival** with Gahanna Moms Network on June 13.
- Celebrated **Juneteenth** at the inaugural Celebration hosted by Councilwoman Jamille Jones on June 14.
- Toured revitalized East Market and neighboring multifamily housing development on June 16.
- **Advocated for local control and opposed HB 309 and 335** to eliminate inside millage; coauthored [Joint Proclamation Resolution 0030-2025](#) and submitted to Ohio House and Senate leadership, adopted on June 16.
- Attended the **Strategic Plan Steering Committee** meeting on June 17.
- Learned about regional **healthcare opportunities and challenges** at the Columbus Metropolitan Club forum on June 18.
- Participated in an authentic **hula party at Hunters Ridge Pool** sponsored by the Gahanna Parks & Rec Department on June 21.
- Connected mutual aid activist with Niagara Water for heat relief supplies.
- Celebrated inclusive **Pride** in Gahanna on June 26 at Headley Park.
- Joined Visit Gahanna to celebrate CBJF volunteers on July 1 at Friendship Park.
- **Celebrated Independence** at Gahanna Fireworks & Parade on July 3-4.
- Drafted and presented a Joint Resolution and Proclamation recognizing July 2025 as **Disability Pride Month** and honoring the 35th Anniversary of the ADA.
- **Met with COTA representative** to understand grant and infrastructure project submission and approval process, municipality participation in COTA, and LinkUS plans impacting Gahanna on July 9.
- Supported and assisted with AI Use Policy for Council Office staff.
- Found a banana in Gahanna!



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- Began planning for the **Vietnam Vets Traveling Memorial** event in early October.
- Attended Columbus Chamber of Commerce webinar on the **State Budget** on July 17.
- Met with incoming Mifflin Twp. Fiscal Officer Darlene Wildes on July 30.
- Toured progress at the [**Gahanna Municipal Complex**](#) on July 30.

Photos from top: neighbors gathering at Rathburn Woods Park; happy and proud at Gahanna Community Pride Night; looking into the entrance atrium at Gahanna Municipal Complex.

Let's Connect: Upcoming Community Meet-Ups

Meet me at the Market! The Gahanna Market will be held on August 27 at Creekside Plaza. Come share your thoughts with me! I'll be at a patio table near the lower level fountain from 5 - 6pm and then helping to staff the [**Our Gahanna**](#) Roadshow Table from 6-7pm at the Market.



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Where can you most influence the day-to-day lives of your neighbors? The answer is local government! I welcome your thoughts, questions, and information about what's going on in Gahanna!

*You can join various Gahanna CivicEngage newsletter lists - **including the new bimonthly City Council Newsletter** - by creating a [“Notify Me” Sign In](#) account and selecting the desired newsletter lists.*

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

Throughout June and July, residents voiced concerns and opinions or requested assistance in the following areas:

- Running groundwater on Preservation Lane in Foxwood neighborhood
- Application for tax abatement for KBC/Velocis spec warehouse
- Crosswalk safety on Stygler at Bluestem
- Pesticide use on athletic fields
- Sidewalk and street maintenance
- Concerns about ICE activity in Gahanna
- Creekside and Old Gahanna district events and activities
- Continued discussion regarding a constituent's support for Jewish Heritage Month
- RITA communications including NonFiler letters and Administrative Subpoenas

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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