



Message from the Mayor



The voters have spoken on the current tax reform proposal, and with much disappointment, I accept their decision.

Much analysis of this vote will surely follow, by all sides of this debate. I believe there are many and widely varied reasons for the rejection of this specific proposal. In the coming days, we will continue to engage many different

voices and opinions, and seek a positive path forward for our beloved community.

I am committed, as always, to working closely with city council, as together we have many difficult decisions to make.

I'd like to continue the conversation we have had all this year with our community. I'd like to start by inviting citizens to submit constructive, specific and helpful written suggestions to my office and to city council, for our careful consideration. Written comments are preferred so that your ideas and suggestions can be circulated among council members and senior staff for everyone's thoughtful

November 8, 2013

Upcoming Events

November 9, 2013

YMCA RideSTRONG
8 am - 2 pm

Gahanna Mural Fundraiser
7 pm - 11 pm

November 11, 2013

Veterans Appreciation Day
11 am

November 16, 2013

Winter Wonderland & Tree Lighting
6 pm - 8 pm

November 29, 2013

Healthy Holiday 5K Fun
Registration 9:30 am
5K Run start 10:30 am

Holiday Lights Parade
6 pm

consideration. Please include your contact information so we can follow up if we have questions. We will be looking for suggestions on further budgets cuts, and/or new future revenue sources, as we continue to search for the way forward.

Please email your written correspondence to mayor@gahanna.gov, or through U.S. mail to Mayor's Office, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, OH 43230, or drop your letter off at city hall anytime during business hours, 8 a.m. -5 p.m. If you'd like to chat in person, please call my office for a time to meet or visit by phone - 614.342.4045. In the coming weeks, we will schedule coffees and other times for citizen feedback as well.

As Gahanna's public servants, my staff and I will strive, as we always have, to give our citizens the highest level of service we possibly can with the resources we have available.

In service,

Becky Stinchcomb
Mayor

Gahanna in the News

'Appreciation' is Theme of Veterans Day Service

Original Story Featured in [This Week News](#)



Gahanna-area residents may honor those who served during "Veterans Appreciation Day," the theme of the Gahanna Veterans Memorial Committee program, on Monday, Nov. 11.

The service will be held beginning at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, 73 W. Johnstown Road.

The main speaker will be state Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-

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Fundraiser to Benefit Gahanna History Mural

Original story featured in [This Week News](#)



Artist Joss Parker works on the first of 15 images on the mural.

A mural depicting Gahanna's history is taking shape on an outside wall at Signatures, thanks to the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation.

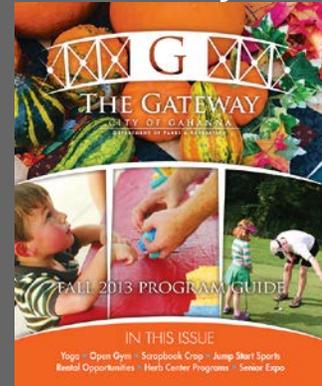
Lee Tucker, foundation chairman, said the history mural is the fifth piece of art the foundation has helped bring to the city.

"The foundation is paying for it," he said. "One goal is art and art awareness in Gahanna."

A mural fundraiser kickoff is being held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Signatures to help pay for the \$10,000 project. Auction items will be available for bid, including Columbus Blue Jackets tickets.

To read the full story, click [here](#). To purchase tickets to the Gahanna Mural Fundraiser log on to www.gahannapr.org

2013 Fall Gateway



Missed some City of Gahanna Update editions?

Check out previous editions [here](#)

Gahanna Resident Named Sunny 95's Hometown Hero

Original story featured on sunny95.com



For over 25 years, Lee Tucker and his family have called Gahanna their hometown. In 2007, Lee chaired the Gahanna Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee and in 2009 was asked to be a member of the

newly formed Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation. Lee has also volunteered with the Charity Newsies for over 16 years and has been their Public Relations Chair for 13 years.

In his spare time, Lee owns Funtrail Vehicle Accessories in Clintonville. Lee Tucker's commitment and dedication to the community of Gahanna and the rest of Columbus truly makes him a hometown hero!

City to Receive "Best Hometown" Award at Holiday Tree Lighting Event

Gahanna has been chosen as one of Ohio's "Best Hometowns" for 2013-2014 by [Ohio Magazine](http://OhioMagazine.com). In honor of this recognition, Lute Harmon, publisher of Ohio Magazine, will make a special presentation at this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony on **Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 6 pm.**



The lighting ceremony and presentation will take place at the Rotary Stage in Creekside Park. Mayor Becky Stinchcomb and members of City Council will accept the award on behalf of the City.

For more details about the Tree Lighting Ceremony, click

[here.](#)

Community News & Events

RideSTRONG for Cancer Survivors

November 9, 2013



The Gahanna/John E. Bickley YMCA invite you to join hundreds of cyclists for the largest cyclist event in central Ohio -- 2013 RideSTRONG on **Saturday, Nov. 9th, from 8 am - 2 pm.**

The event will take place at the [North YMCA](#) and will feature 100 indoor cycles, celebrity instructors, cool swag and much more.

The revenue generated from this event will go toward supporting [LiveSTRONG at the YMCA](#) -- a free program dedicated to supporting cancer survivors in their healing journey at various Y's throughout central Ohio, including the Gahanna/John E. Bickley YMCA.

For more information about this event, contact the Gahanna/John E. Bickley YMCA at 614.416.9622 or click [here.](#)

Winter Wonderland & Tree Lighting by AEP Ohio
Saturday, November 16, 2013



Bring your family to the annual Holiday Tree and Winter Wonderland lighting (presented by AEP Ohio) at 6pm on the Rotary Stage at Creekside Plaza, 117 Mill St.

The winner of the Flip the Switch Coloring Contest will illuminate the holiday displays. Celebrate the city being named an Ohio Magazine BEST Hometown for 2013-2014.

Throughout the years, Winter Wonderland has grown from a simple light display on Creekside Island to a park full of lights, decorations and holiday houses. 150,000 light bulbs will illuminate the Creekside area. Winter Wonderland stays illuminated through January 5, 2013. Holiday activities, entertainment and fun continue throughout thanks to the Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau, shops, restaurant and business owners in Olde Gahanna.

For more information about this event, click [here](#).