



## Get to Know Gahanna

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide information about our great City and to better communicate how our city works, we have created a video series, *Get to Know Gahanna*.

The first video in the series, takes a simple look at Income Taxes and the City's [Income Tax Reform Proposal](#).

This November, Gahanna residents will be asked to vote on reforming the City's tax code. If passed, the reform proposal would change the current tax rate in Gahanna from 1.5 percent to 2.5 percent.

Concurrently, City Council will be voting to change the credit given to taxes paid to other cities from 83.3 percent to 100 percent.

This week's video focuses on:

- What is taxable income?
- How taxes are calculated
- General tax reform information

[Click here](#) to view the video.

Stay tuned for the next videos in the series, which will outline various components of the capital improvements that will be funded by the reform.

September 5,  
2013

## Upcoming Events

**September 6, 2013**

[Creekside Live @ 5](#)  
featuring [Grassinine](#) 7pm

**September 7 & 8**

[Dog Days at Hunters](#)  
[Ridge Pool](#)

**September 13, 2013**

[Friday After Five](#) 5pm

**September 14, 2013**

[Cinema Under the Stars -](#)  
[Friendship Park](#) Brave  
(PG) 8pm

**September 20, 2013**

[Creekside Live @ 5](#)  
featuring [Capitol Sound,](#)  
[Soul/Funk](#) 7pm

## Quick Links

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## **Tax Reform Proposal | Resident Income Calculator**

The City of Gahanna has developed an online tax calculator that allows you to understand how the income tax reform proposal will impact your take home pay. As a reminder, local income tax is paid primarily to the city in which you work. The current proposal under consideration is to change the income tax rate from 1.5% to 2.5% and increase the credit given for taxes paid to another municipality from 83.3% to 100%.

[Please check out the calculator here](#)

### **Questions about the Income Tax Reform?**

We have prepared a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) to assist with answering some of the questions you may have concerning the Income Tax Reform proposal, [click here](#) for more information.

Additionally, we would like the opportunity to come out and meet with neighborhood groups, businesses, local community groups, homeowners associations, civic and church groups to further explain the plan and to answer any questions you may have.

To schedule a meeting time convenient for your group, please call the Mayor's office at 614.342.4045 or email [nancy.savage@gahanna.gov](mailto:nancy.savage@gahanna.gov)

**Foundation Public-Art Benefit  
Slated Sept. 13**

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## **Stay Connected**

You can follow the City of Gahanna, Parks & Recreation, Creekside events and the Herb Education Center online.

A complete list of social media is [online here](#).





Gahanna Lincoln High School art teacher and sculpture designer Margaret Scott (right) helps put finishing touches on the newest art piece to be revealed during the Friday After Five fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 13 from 5:30 to 9pm.

Gahanna's third piece of public art will be unveiled during the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation's third annual Friday After Five fundraiser from 5:30 to 9 p.m. **Friday, Sept.13**, at Creekside Plaza, 117 Mill St.

Contributions from the event will help the foundation sustain such programs as the Community Scholarship Program for Camp Friendship, Gahanna's youth sports program and endowments for such programs as the public art initiative.

To read the full story, click [here](#).

**September is National Preparedness Month**



September is National Preparedness Month (NPM).

It is a time to prepare yourself and those that are in your care for emergencies and disasters. As you know, emergencies can happen at any given moment so it is important to plan and prepare for incidents. Preparing can start with four key steps:

- **Be informed** about emergencies that could happen in your community.
- **Make a Plan:** Discuss, agree on, and document an emergency plan with those in your household or care.
- **Build a Kit:** Keep enough emergency supplies - water, nonperishable food, first aid supplies, prescriptions, flashlight and a battery-powered radio on hand - for you and the household.
- **Get involved:** There are many ways to get involved, especially before a disaster occurs. The whole community can participate in programs and activities to make their families, homes and places of worship safe from risks and threats.

[Click here](#) to read more about how you can be prepared for emergencies. For more information, log on to [Ready Ohio](#).

## Ash Tree Removal Process Ongoing

The Department of Parks & Recreation has contracted with the Schmidt's Tree Service to remove ash trees infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. The process began Monday, Aug.26 and is expected to take up to three weeks. Residents who will have trees removed received a letter from the department. For additional information, please [click here](#).

## Residents Encouraged to Inspect Trees for Thousand Cankers Disease, ALB

In an effort to protect the trees of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the City of Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation is encouraging citizens to check their trees for signs of the Walnut Twig Beetle and Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB). Both of these tree pests have been detected in southwest Ohio and threaten the health and viability of the state's hardwood forests. Read the entire article [here](#).

## Upcoming Parks & Rec Events:

Join Gahanna Parks & Recreation for fun and live entertainment!



**Support the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation at Creekside Live @ 5**

**Sept. 6** Grassinine takes the Rotary stage at 7 p.m. for [Creekside Live @ 5](#).

To learn more about Grassinine [click here](#)

**Sept. 20** Capitol Sound, Soul/Funk



**Dog Days at Hunter Ridge Pool**

Sept. 7 & 8

Calling all dogs! Make a splash at Hunters Ridge Pool, 341 Harrow Blvd. this Saturday and Sunday!

All dogs must have proof/tags for license and rabies.

Cost is \$5 per dog

Small dogs: Sat., Sept. 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Big dogs: Sat., Sept. 7, 1-3 p.m.

All dogs: Sun., Sept. 8, 12 noon - 4 p.m.

**Friday**  
*After*  
**Five**

The Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation will hold its annual fundraiser, Friday After Five, on Friday, Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Creekside Plaza.

Join other parks and recreation supporters with a public art dedication, live and silent auction and treats from local restaurants. The GPRF supports environmental programming, camp scholarships, community public art initiatives and park improvements. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Get your tickets now before prices increase.



**Second Saturdays - 3-6 p.m. - Creekside Park & Plaza**

**Sept. 14** Bring the whole family for entertainment on the Rotary Stage, canoeing and more for the final event of the season. For more information [click here](#).

**Cinema Under the Stars - Friendship Park**

Sept. 14 Brave (PG) 8 p.m.

**Show Your Class 5K**

Sunday, Oct. 13

Check in: 8-8:45 a.m.

Walk begins at 9 a.m.

The Gahanna Get Moving Team and the family of Bob Toopes invite you to the 3rd Annual SYC 5K Walk at Creekside Plaza. Past events have raised over \$5,500 toward a comfort station in Bob's honor on the Big Walnut Trail and Outdoor Education Opportunities for Gahanna students. Once again, the proceeds from this year's event will enhance local

opportunities. [Click here](#) for more information and the registration form.

**Put on your Costume for the Creepside Festival**

Join Gahanna Parks & Recreation at a premiere community event sponsored by Schneider Insurance (The Motorists Insurance Group), Strathmore Development Company and State Representative Anne Gonzales on **Wednesday, Oct.16, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** at Creekside Park & Plaza at 117 Mill Street.

Come to the festival in your fun, animated, silly costumes or painted faces and enjoy the festivities! Creepside is a family friendly event appropriate for all ages. [Click here](#) for more details.

