



City News

City Releases its First Comprehensive Annual Financial Report



CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

**For the Year Ended
December 31, 2013**



The City of Gahanna has released its first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). By state law, the City of Gahanna is required to issue audited annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In the past, the City has presented basic financial statements, which is the minimum reporting required to be in compliance

August 8, 2014

Upcoming Events

August 8, 2014

Creekside Live
Cody (Acoustic Covers)
6:00 p.m.

SWAGG (Party Variety)
8:00 p.m.

August 11, 2014

Council Committees
7:00 p.m.

August 18, 2014

City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

August 20, 2014

"Get Going Gahanna"
Health & Fitness Expo
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Coffee with Council
6:30 p.m.

with state law. For 2013 the City made the decision to go beyond the minimum reporting requirements to expand its transparency and full disclosure in financial reporting. This action required the addition of an introductory section, combining financial statements, budgetary schedules and a statistical section.

The 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. To receive the certification the City's report will be reviewed by selected members of the GFOA's professional staff and a special review committee to determine if the report meets the association's standards for excellence in financial reporting.

The CAFR is now available online. Click [here](#) to view a copy of the full report.

Leaders Hope to Make Zulily More Permanent

Original story by Marla K. Kuhlman, [ThisWeek Community News](#)



Zulily, one of the fastest-growing e-commerce companies, is hiring for jobs that are expected to be temporarily located at 775 Taylor Road in Gahanna.

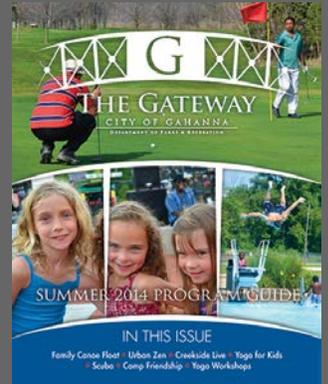
The online retailer is planning to add about 900 jobs in central Ohio over three years as part of a new tax-credit deal from the state, according to the Ohio Development Services Agency.

As part of a tax agreement, the company would receive a 75-percent, 12-year tax credit in exchange for operating in Ohio for at least 15 years.

Zulily spokeswoman Laura Jones said the 900 positions committed in the agreement are for the call center. The move is expected to generate \$28 million by 2017. Zulily has fulfillment centers in Obetz and Reno.

"It's one of the fastest-growing e-commerce companies ever," Jones said.

Spring/Summer 2014 Gateway Program Guide



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The company was founded in 2009 and launched in 2010 by Darrell Cavens and Mark Vadon to provide mothers with a different way to shop. It's headquartered in Seattle, with offices in Columbus and the United Kingdom.

Jones told ThisWeek Gahanna would be the temporary location for the call center while a permanent location is determined.

"Our commitment is to bring 900 new jobs via the call center to the area over three years," she said.

Anthony Jones, Gahanna's planning and development director, said the city is in the process of finalizing permits for Zulily to move into the Taylor Road location.

"The city of Gahanna is happy to welcome Zulily to our community," he said. "Although this is a temporary location, we are hopeful that we can make Gahanna a viable long-term option for Zulily. To that end, we will do whatever we can to ensure that Gahanna has the most competitive offer on the table to keep Zulily apart of our community."

Click [here](#) to read the full story in *ThisWeek Community News*.

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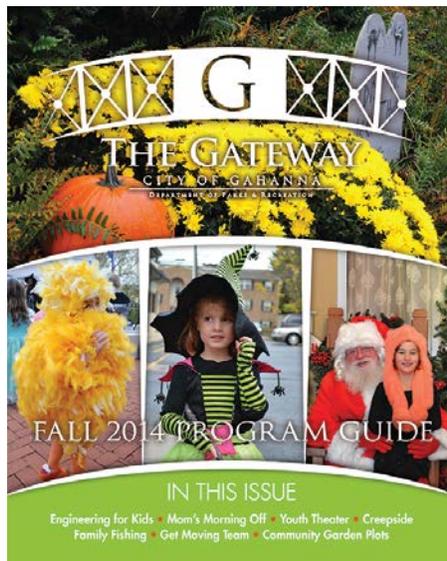
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New Programs Highlight New Fall Gateway



Gahanna Parks & Recreation is getting excited for Fall programming to begin in September. New programming will be featured in the Fall Gateway Program Guide, which will be released the week of August 18th. This Fall we will be featuring theater acting classes for children beginning at age 4. These classes will be taught by Jordan Louks, a theater performer turned teacher.

We will also launch another new program, *Engineering for Kids*. This program is a great opportunity for parents to expose their children to engineering principles in a fun atmosphere.

Additionally, the Parks & Recreation department will announce exciting changes to its rental facility policies. Look for new permit opportunities in the new Gateway catalog.

Distribution of the Fall Gateway Program Guide will occur the week of August 18 to elementary students in the Gahanna Jefferson School District. The community is invited to pick up copies at select businesses and city locations beginning the same week. Some locations include City Hall, the Ohio Herb Education Center and the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course. The Gateway will be available online at the Parks & Recreation [web page](#) beginning Monday, August 18, so be sure to log on to view or download your copy.

For more information about programming, contact the City of Gahanna Parks & Recreation Department at 614.342.4250.

Community News & Events

Creekside Live Returns with A Rising Star and SWAGG

August 8, 2014



It's a concert you won't want to miss this Friday, August 8 at Creekside Plaza (117 Mill St). Don't miss Cliff Cody, a contestant on ABC's Rising Star, beginning at 6pm. Back from his appearance on the show, Cody's popularity is growing quick. Be sure to catch him now so you can say, "I saw him play back when...."

SWAGG has been a Gahanna favorite for several years now. Since May of 2006, SWAGG has been rocking out all over Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Chicago, Key West, San Francisco, and Lake Tahoe. A band of professional musicians, members have opened for acts such as The Black Keys, Digital Underground, Sublime, Ash, Smash Mouth, and Charlie Daniels.

The Creekside Live concert series is made possible through partnerships with the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation (GPRF), Strathmore Development Co. and Yuengling. New partners this year include Gahanna Rotary, Funtrail Vehicle Accessories and Lew Griffin Insurance.

Click [here](#) for the full schedule.

New Tasting Event Benefits Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation
September 20, 2014



Benefitting the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Join the [Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation](#) Saturday, September 20, 2014, from 6:30-10 p.m. for the Creekside Hops & Vines Fest. Enjoy Gahanna's Creekside Park, local craft beers, great wine and gourmet tacos from Local Cantina. The evening will feature many highlights including:

- The unveiling of new art piece. The piece will be on display at Creekside for all to enjoy.
- 2014 "Fund the Need" drive; in 2013 "Fund the Need" raised over \$6000 that was dedicated directly to Foundation programs!
- Contributions will help sustain programs such as the Community Scholarship Program for Camp Friendship & Gahanna's youth sports program, as well as endowments for programs such as our Gahanna public art initiative.
- Event program to include: 15 wine or beer tastings per ticket, gourmet taco bar, live music, live auction, and raffles.

Proceeds from this event will help support programming for Gahanna Parks & Recreation. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets or to obtain more information about the Creekside Hops & Vine Fest.

"Get Going Gahanna"
Family Health & Fitness Expo
August 20, 2014



The Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce will host its first Family Health & Fitness Expo in partnership with the Wellness Collective, Gahanna/John E. Bickley YMCA and City of Gahanna Parks & Recreation Department. The expo will take place on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Gahanna/John E. Bickley YMCA, located at 555 YMCA Place, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

The event is designed to provide access to senior information and resources, health screenings, nutrition and wellness education for all ages. This event is made possible by The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

The expo is free and open to the community.

Limited number of spaces are available to members in the Health & Fitness industry, so reserve your spot today! For sponsorship and exhibitor details, call 614.471.0451.