



City News

September is National Preparedness Month



Emergencies or disasters can happen at any given moment. September has been designated as National Preparedness Month. During the month, citizens are encouraged to be informed about emergencies and be prepared for when a disaster strikes. Below are a few helpful tips to make sure you and your family are prepared to take action during an emergency:

1. **Build a Kit** - Make sure you keep enough basic supplies on hand in

September 8, 2014

Upcoming Events

September 8, 2014

Council Committees
7:00 p.m.

September 11, 2014

Coffee with Council
6:30 p.m.

September 15, 2014

City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

September 20, 2015

Creekside Hops & Vines
Fest
6:30 p.m.

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order to survive during an emergency. Click [here](#) to view a list of recommended items to include in a basic emergency supply kit.

2. **Make a Plan** - Discuss and develop an emergency [plan](#) with your household.
3. **Be Informed** - Learn about what protective measure you can take before, during and after an emergency.

Click [here](#) to download and print a copy of Ohio's Family Disaster Prepares Guide. Visit [Ready Ohio](#) to learn more about how you and your family can be prepared for emergencies.

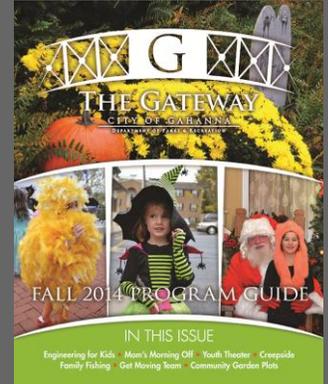
Gahanna Turns the City Teal



In 2006, Gahanna resident Kat Graham unexpectedly lost her mother to ovarian cancer. In an effort to increase her level of understanding of the disease, Kat began volunteering with the Ovarian Cancer Alliance (OCA). Through her involvement, Kat learned that knowing the symptoms of ovarian cancer could save a woman's life.

Through Facebook, Kat became aware of ["Turn the Towns Teal,"](#) - a national campaign developed to bring awareness about ovarian cancer. Determined to increase awareness about this disease in her own

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"Get to Know Gahanna"

community, Kat decided to bring the campaign to Gahanna.

"I am so proud to be a resident of Gahanna and I know that my mom is proud of my efforts to help raise awareness about this silent killer in our community," said Kat Graham. "Although I am only operating on a small scale for my initial efforts, my hope is that we can increase participation and make this an annual awareness event for our community. I am thankful to Mayor Stinchcomb, the City and the citizens for their support in this year's campaign."

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), Ovarian Cancer is the eighth most common cancer and the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Currently, there is no early detection for ovarian cancer. The key to early diagnosis is recognizing the symptoms. Through her efforts, Kat hopes to not only raise awareness about the subtle symptoms of this disease, but to inspire women to take early action through testing to live longer lives.

"We are very appreciative of Kat Graham's efforts to bring a greater awareness of ovarian cancer to our community," said Mayor Becky Stinchcomb, City of Gahanna. "As a result of Kat's efforts, my office has received emails from Gahanna residents sharing stories of family members, who have been impacted by this deadly disease. We hope others will join Kat in getting involved in this public education campaign and most importantly we hope more women will get tested in order to reduce their risk for ovarian cancer."

To learn more about ovarian cancer, click [here](#).



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Community News & Events

Cole's Warriors Drug Awareness Presentation

September 9, 2014



Throughout central Ohio, heroin and prescription drug use and abuse is on the rise. Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools is committed to empowering its students to make positive decisions regarding their lifestyle and provide parents with information to recognize signs of drug use.

On Tuesday, September 9, Gahanna-Jefferson will welcome Ms. Danielle Smoot, who will share her story of losing a child to prescription drug use. This informative presentation will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of

Gahanna Middle School West, located at 350 Stygler Rd.

Mrs. Smoot is the founder of [Cole's Warriors](#), an organization committed to helping parents and students understand the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Her mission is to let people know that it only takes "*one pill, one time*" from family members or friends to take a life.

The event is free and open to all Gahanna-Jefferson Public School parents and members of the community.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Coffee with Council
September 11, 2014



City Council invites Gahanna residents to join them for "*Coffee with Council*," on September 11, 2014. This informal public meeting is designed to engage citizens about important issues impacting the city. The next meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, September 11, 2014

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Panera - Clark Hall

91 N. Hamilton Road.

For more information, contact the Council Clerk's office at 614.342.4090. To view notes from previous meetings, click [here](#).

Event to Benefit Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation
September 20, 2014



Benefitting the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Join the [Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation](#) on Saturday, September 20, 2014, from 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. for the Creekside Hops & Vines Fest.

Enjoy an evening of wine and beer tastings, music, art and much more all for a great cause! 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 & Vines Fest.