



2014 Tax Budget Presented to City Council

This past Monday, Mayor Becky Stinchcomb and the Administration presented the proposed 2014 Tax Budget to City Council. There is a \$12.8 million gap between the projected revenue in 2014 and what is needed to fund the City's ongoing operations and needed capital improvements. The Administration has identified, and plans to fund, its most essential services (these definitions can be found online [here](#)). Non-core services and improvement projects have been outlined that will not happen in 2013 and 2014, in order to reduce costs and save for higher priority expenses in the future. Cuts to the 2013 and 2014 budgets include: funding for street paving and maintenance, community signs, community events, and replacing the 50 year-old front pool at the Gahanna Swim Club and aging police equipment replacements.

The Administration went a step further with its financial planning and outlined an additional \$1.2 million in further reductions that will be needed in order for the City to remain sustainable in 2015 and beyond. These reductions are service based and will have an impact on the quality of life that Gahanna citizens have come to expect should this scenario come to pass. Some of the many City services that have been identified for reduction or elimination in 2015, barring no additional revenue, include: closing the swimming pools, closing the Ohio Herb Education Center, closing the Senior Center, eliminating economic development outreach to businesses, reducing parks and athletic field maintenance and a reduction of two more police officer positions. This plan would eliminate 6 full-time positions, convert 4 full-time positions to part-time, as well as eliminate 9 part-time and approximately 87 seasonal employees.

You can find the presentation to council from June 24, the memo with proposed reductions, 2014 Tax Budget, revised Capital Needs Summary and all other financial publications online, [here](#).

Co-Op Market Delivers Fresh Produce to Gahanna

The Fresh Bag program, run by the Near East Side Cooperative Market, has added Gahanna's City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, as a delivery location.

Each fresh bag comes with approximately 12 pounds (\$15) and 22 pounds (\$25) of produce, a newsletter, a recipe and health facts. The produce is locally sourced and organic whenever possible. The Near East Side Cooperative accepts cash, credit, check and the EBT/SNAP card. For more information about the Fresh Bag program, check them out online [here](#).

Delivery is every Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. All orders must be called or emailed in by Thursday at 6 p.m. for pick-up the following week. This program is open to the public. Please call 614-636-3726 or email info@neareastsidecoop.org to place an order.

"Great Scott!" Back to the Future on the Big Screen at Creekside

Join Gahanna Parks & Recreation Saturday, June 29 at approximately 9:15 pm on the Rotary Stage at Creekside Plaza for Back to the Future, rated PG.

The outdoor movie series will feature a variety of movies throughout the summer at Creekside Park, 117 Mill St. See a complete list of movies, including Dive In Movies, [here](#).



Springsteen Tribute Band, Jersey, Takes the Creekside Live @ 5 Stage!

Bring back the "Glory Days" Friday, July 5 on the Rotary Stage at Creekside Plaza with [Jersey](#), the Bruce Springsteen tribute band, as Creekside Live @ 5 continues.



Fans will enjoy local food, drink and music in a park atmosphere. DJ Brad Hudson kicks off the fun from 5-7 p.m. followed by live music from 7-9 p.m. [Click here](#) for a full list of bands.

This is a new summer concert series benefiting the Gahanna Parks and Recreation Foundation this summer. It will take place the first and third Fridays, June through September, on the Rotary Stage at Creekside Plaza. Popular regional bands, including The Reaganomics, which was just voted 614 Magazine's "Best Cover Band", will support the Foundation's mission of improving the quality of Gahanna Parks & Recreation services for a healthier community.

Live @ 5 is sponsored by Yuengling, Donatos, Strathmore Development and CD 102.5.

Upcoming Musicians at Music in the Park

All Music in the Park concerts begin at 7 p.m. at Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave. A complete line-up and links to websites is available [here](#).

June 28

The Incredible Awesome Brothers, Party Variety

July 5

Shaw Brothers, Acoustic Folk

July 12

Soul Kitchn', Soul

July 19

Death by Banjo, Blue Grass

July 26

Back Porch Swing Band, Country Swing

Adult Swim at Hunters Ridge Pool

No kids allowed! Adult swim night, Sunday, June 30 from 6-9 p.m., will give those 18 years of age and older a chance to take to the water and really relax. Discounted \$5 admission begins at 4 p.m. Free for members. Please bring your ID as patrons will be carded upon entering. No alcohol is permitted at this event

June 28, 2013

Upcoming Events

June 29, 2013

Cinema Under the Stars

July 5, 2013

Creekside Live @ 5

Music in the Park

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Music in the Park

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

