



## Tax-Reform Measure Would Bring Fairness

As part of our Income Tax Reform education series this week we are featuring a column published in [This Week News](#) from our Mayor:

### Tax-reform measure would bring fairness

One of the questions I get asked most often about the tax reform issue back on the November ballot is a version of this: If the city is going to increase the income-tax credit given to those who work outside the city to 100 percent (from 83.3 percent), how can the city increase its revenue by the needed \$8 million a year?

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

### 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

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## Upcoming Events

### September 6, 2013

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

### 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

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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)

## **"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"**



According to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), nearly 10,000 people die on the road as a result of drunk driving. In an effort to save lives, the Gahanna Division of Police will join other law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio and

[Mifflin Twp. Division of Fire](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Sign Up For Code Red 2013 Summer Gateway](#)

### **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](#).



thousands nationwide participating in an intensive crackdown on drunk, drugged and other impaired driving.

Drunk or impaired driving is one of the nation's most committed and deadliest crimes. Statistics show that an alcohol driving-related fatality occurs every 53 minutes across the nation. During the holiday weekends, the number of drivers operating under the influence of alcohol substantially increases.

The Division's officers are committed to protecting the lives of Gahanna citizens and dedicated to ending this epidemic in our community. Gahanna Police will be vigilant this Labor Day weekend; cracking down on anyone found operating a vehicle while impaired. Their message is simple, operate a vehicle impaired and you will be arrested. Gahanna's officers encourage everyone to enjoy the holiday weekend and start of the Buckeye football season, but do so responsibly.

So how can you get involved?

- Make a personal pledge not to drive drunk.
- If you do plan to drink, have a plan in place to take a cab to and from your destination or have a designated driver.
- Recognize when your friends or loved ones have had one to many drinks, and take the keys.
- Remind your friends that the Gahanna's officers will be adding extra patrols to identify and apprehend impaired drivers
- If you see someone driving erratically or suspect they may be under the influence, call 911 immediately and help save a life!

For more information about the national campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," [click here](#)

**Gahanna Among Ohio's**

## "Best Hometowns" for 2013-14



**Creepside Festival 2012**

Gahanna has been selected as one of Ohio's "Best Hometowns" for 2013-2014 by Ohio Magazine. Our great city will be featured in the November issue of the publication. To read the full story, [click here](#).

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



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](#).

## 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 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

# 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.

