



A legislative update from
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HOUSE DISTRICT 44



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From the desk of Rep. Rogers


Dear Neighbor,

Happy first full month of summer! This July, we celebrate our nation’s birthday on Independence Day with loved ones. Our country was founded on freedom, dignity, and opportunity—values we should cherish. While enjoying cookouts and pool parties, let’s remember the sacrifices made in our journey toward equality. Hope you had fun with family and friends and stayed safe!

Last month, the House passed House Bill 2, the state’s biennial state capital budget. The record-setting \$6.2B investment makes appropriations for state-owned infrastructure, colleges, universities, and school districts as well as other community projects. I am pleased to announce \$31.1M in historic funding for Toledo, which included \$950,000 for Ottawa/Jermaine Park renovations, making it more accessible for all. Please visit The Ohio Legislature website about House Bill 2 for the list of all projects.

With all of the exciting announcements regarding the passage of HB 2 and its historic funding going to all parts of District 44 (Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa counties), I must say thank you to my colleagues and collaborators for their assistance. I have made many visits to every section of the district talking with residents, administrators, and interested parties on what would help improve the quality of life for their communities. I want to thank each of you who participated, followed the various processes and believed in our plan as I advocated and petitioned to secure funding and resources back to our region. I am grateful for the encouragement and support. I would also, like to thank my staff Ciara and Nate for their help throughout this process to ensure that our district needs are known and supported.

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Rep. Rogers at the Harvard Kennedy School





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Additionally, I am pleased to share with you that I was accepted into and have completed Harvard University's Kennedy (HKS) School of Government Executive Education this summer. The Executive Education program brought together world leaders in government who specialize in problem solving and improving the lives of others.

This intensive and rigorous program was housed on the campus of Harvard University. There were lectures from Harvard faculty and staff, seminars, and consisted of a group project that focused in on networking, crisis management, negotiations, problem solving, as well as leadership development. It was a remarkable experience to share, build and learn alongside other leaders from various sectors of government. This was an enriching experience filled with the hope that the future is much brighter with good leadership. Also, this experience reminded me that with planning, patience, and adequate resources we can achieve the goals that we set in our communities. I have successfully completed the program's requirements and am an official graduate of HKS of Government Executive Education program. I am grateful for the experience and I thank each of you for your support. This role as a State Legislator is not something that I could do all on my own, so I say thank you to each of you!

Please encourage your neighbors to sign-up for our newsletters at <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/elgin-rogers-jr/newsletter-sign-up>. If you have any trouble, please contact my office at rep44@ohiohouse.gov or call (614) 466-1401 and they will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Elgin Rogers, Jr.

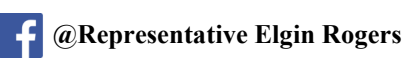
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World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
July 30, 2024

Ohio ranks fifth for human trafficking incidents in the United States. We want to ensure Ohioans are equipped with the resources necessary to combat this trend.

National Human Trafficking Hotline:
888-373-7888
Text: Info or Help to BEFREE (233733)





July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to the importance of mental health access for Black and brown Ohioans. There are often barriers and stigmas that accompany minority mental health, and we must work to dismantle these and make healthcare more accessible for all.

Visit the [Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services](#) to learn more.



On July 2, 1964 the Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, outlawing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin in the United States. With support of activists, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the Civil Rights Act was a crucial step forward in America's continued journey towards equality and justice for all. House Democrats are committed to continuing this work by fighting for an Ohio where we all have the freedom, dignity, and opportunity to thrive



As we celebrate the Fourth of July, I urge you to remember the guiding principles that our American democracy was built upon, including the freedom to vote. The U.S. is the oldest continuous democracy in the world, and that is thanks to the efforts of engaged citizens who turn out every year to vote in our elections, making their voices heard and holding their elected officials accountable so all of us can have the freedom, dignity, and opportunity to thrive.

Check your voter registration and make sure it is up to date for the November 5th election at [voteohio.gov](#).



Here are some events that we are looking forward to over the coming month:

Representative Rogers Community Meetings:

Tuesday, August 13th 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Point Place Branch Library

(2727 117th Street, Toledo, Ohio 43611)

Wednesday, August 14th 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Mott Branch Library

(1010 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio 43607)

Thursday, August 15th 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Oregon Branch Library

(3340 Dustin Road, Oregon, OH 43616)

Lucas County Fair:

Monday, July 8th - Sunday, July 14th

(1406 Key St., Maumee, OH 43537)

Ottawa County Fair:

Monday, July 15th - Sunday, July 21st

(7870 W, State Rte. 163, Oak Harbor, OH 43449)

Wood County Fair

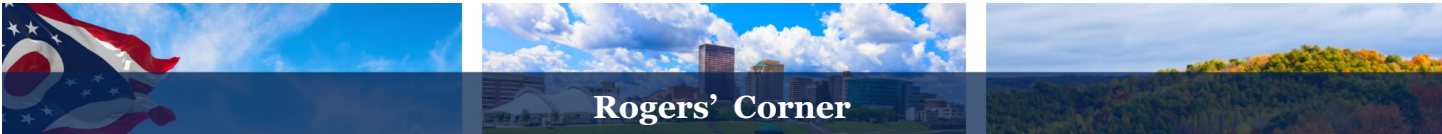
Sunday, July 28th - Monday, August 5th

(13800 W Poe Rd. Bowling Green, OH 43402)

Black Men's Wellness Day

Saturday, August 17th 7:00am at Jesup W. Scott High School

(2400 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH 43620)



Rogers' Corner

This month for Rogers' Corner, we would like to take some time to recognize a small business that is doing good for our community. Rogers Corner is proud to spotlight **Christy's Corner Café**, located in Elmore, OH. Christy's Corner Café is a non-profit establishment making a significant impact on our community. Known for its excellent coffee, delicious food, and inviting atmosphere, the café is more than just a great place to eat and relax. As part of the Engaging Opportunities Foundation, Christy's Corner Café provides meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with special needs.

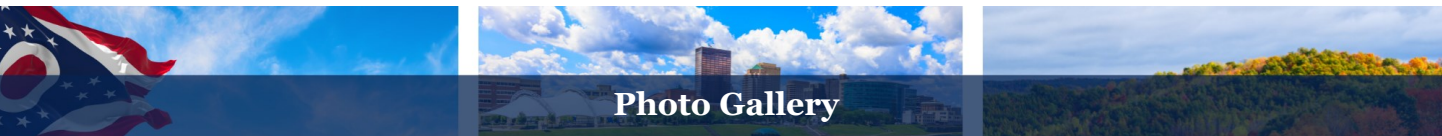


Photo Gallery



Honoring our nation's veterans at the Jack Coy Memorial Dedication. Thank you for all the women and men fighting for our freedom and uplifting our nation's democracy.

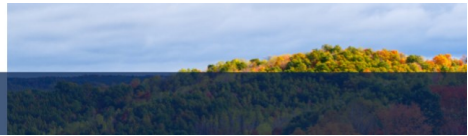
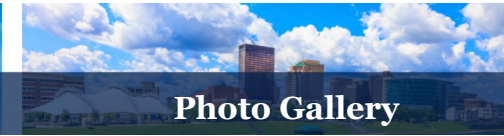


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Thank you Mayor Ed Kolanko of the Village of Walbridge for trusting the process and working with me in securing \$300,000 for Walbridge Railway Park Improvements.



Congratulations to the children and residents of the Village of Walbridge.



Rep. Rogers and Mr. Harris at the senior picnic

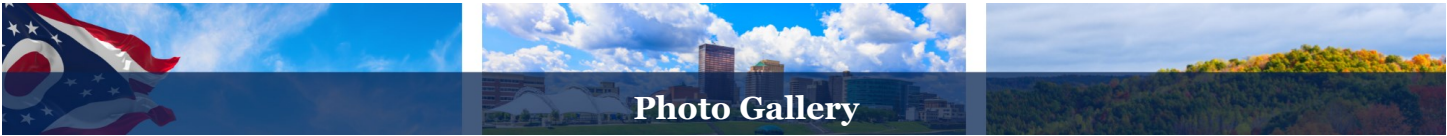


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Thank you to the Harris-Elmore Fire Department for demonstrating the work of firefighters to our youth.



Caleb and Amir with the Harris-Elmore Firefighters



Caleb and Grayson join the Summer Parades.



Rep. Rogers at the Northwood Community Center Dedication.

Rep. Rogers, City of Toledo officials, and State officials celebrate the opening of Ottawa Park’s new \$1M inclusive playground. This new playground makes it more accessible for individuals with disabilities.





Rep. Rogers addresses Lake Township Fire Department during their Evacuation Training.



Thank you Lake Township Fire Department for your service.