



1. **Summer Fountain Square Stormwater construction + New Stormwater Utility fee goes into effect January 1** – E Main and Park Row sides of the Square will be impacted with street closures for days at a time in order to upgrade the Stormwater drain systems nearest the intersections of College/E Main and College/Park Row – beginning mid-August and hopefully lasting no more than 4-5 days on both Park Row and E Main sides of the Square. Telia will be handling the City social media communications for this as well, working with Public Works on messaging and timing. Starting January 1, the City is launching a Stormwater fee to generate funds to cover maintenance and more mapping of our overloaded underground system. The City Public Works team shared more details about this, answering questions about what mapping looks like and why the new fee is needed (it matches the Warren County Stormwater fee reflected in all Warren County Water District bills at \$4/month). If all of the underground updates across the City were constructed at this moment, an estimated \$500 million to \$1 billion would be the cost, check out the free GIS map that shows all the known Stormwater locations mapped to date on the City site. Contacts: Matt Powell, Environmental Compliance Manager, matt.powell@bgky.org; Dara Price, Construction Coordinator, dara.price@bgky.org.
2. **NEW Downtown Improvement Grant (DIG) matching funds program** – Shared what the application looks like and the process to apply for this new funding opportunity to help supplement costs of projects at your Downtown property or business. The application and website will officially go live August 15 – September 15 on bgky.org/downtown/grant; we pushed the date to allow the Grants admin team to process the Strategic Neighborhood Grants from July 1- August 1. That website is not 100% accurate at this time, it's still subject to edits with the correct timeline, funding amounts, and updated application.
3. **Duncan Hines Days debrief and feedback** – what did you think of moving the Kickoff to Sunday? Since most businesses are closed on Sundays, the road closure did not impact a regular weekday of retail or restaurant sales. Thanks to the dozen businesses who participated in the Candy Land Scavenger Hunt game. The Recreation Committee will keep the Downtown Kickoff scheduled for the Sunday leading into DHD week in 2027.
4. **BG America 250 events & Challenge Coin** – BG site for America 250 celebrations is bgky.org/america250 and we're selling limited edition challenge coins for a Better BGKY fundraiser to support free Downtown events. NEW Warren County celebrates America 250 event at Circus Square Park on Saturday, July 4, 10am-2pm with free music, patriotic games, food trucks, and kids activities. Local pickup for coins is \$10, shipped coins are \$15 each. [Here's the link to buy now thru July 13.](#)
5. **WKU Society of Lifelong Learning** – Who is interested in hosting a class again? I have to submit the options by Friday, June 10. Barbara Stewarts, Lucky Dog Yoga, and the Food School are interested again. Telia will build a group chat with all in it to determine the schedule for the Fall semester.
6. **McKenna Tabor – Codes Enforcement Officer Downtown:** mckenna.tabor@bgky.org.

7. **BG Trolley planning to do more Friday night loops** for Concert in the Park– more like an amenity service to provide easy access to Circus Square and Fountain Square for Downtown eventgoers. Downtown is sponsoring the Trolley with an annual \$1,200 sponsorship to get the Downtown logo on the screen all the time.
8. **All-America City conference** – Telia attended this National Civic League event 2 weekends ago in Denver. BG did not make the Top 10 cities, but we learned a lot along the way from the other Top 19 cities who qualified.
9. **Save the Date for these events** (either hosted Downtown or in other BG spots where Downtown is being promoted/attending an event in support of Downtown):

July

- Jul 2: Star Spangled Spectacular at SKYPAC, free to attend, tickets online required
- Jul 3: Thunderfest at Ephram White Park, admission required
- Jul 4: America 250 Celebration & Aviator Gallery Openings at Aviation Heritage Park
- Jul 4: Warren County Celebrates America 250 at Circus Square, free, Patriotic activities
- Jul 4: July 4 concert at BG Ballpark with the Spazmatics, admission required
- Jul 8-10: City of BG's Junior Police Academy
- Jul 10 & onward – Concerts in the Park at Circus Square, free, thru September 4
- Jul 11: BG Wine Fest at Historic RailPark & Train Museum
- Jul 13: Robot Camp at Aviation Heritage Park
- Jul 17-19: BG Hot Rods vs Winston Salem
- Jul 21-26: BG Hot Rods vs Asheville
- Jul 31: BG Chamber Pearls of Wisdom at 331 Venue
- Jul 31: Cocktails & Trails at Lost River Cave

August

- Aug 4-9: BG Hot Rods vs Hub City
- Aug 7–8: Bigfoot Mini Con at The Capitol Theatre & SoKY Center
- Aug 14 – Oct 2: Fountain Row Friday Live Music (Extended Season) at Fountain Square Park, free
- Aug 18-23: BG Hot Rods vs Greensboro
- Aug 20: Cultured Awareness Corvette Weekend at National Corvette Museum
- Aug 26: Welcome Back WKU at WKU South Lawn
- Aug 29: Blockbusters at the Ballpark at Bowling Green Ballpark

New business:

-Heritage Row Photography – on E Main Ave side of the Square, owned by Lisa Kahler
-Javier's Cuisine and SKYPAC joined Fountain Row, and a new EDC map is active on the City and Downtown site

The next Downtown Meet Up will be Wednesday, August 12 at 3pm. Thank you to 331 venue for hosting.