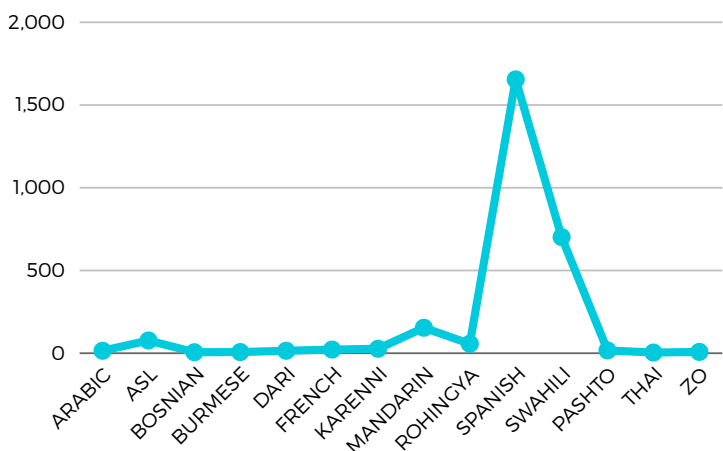


Numbers at a glance:

- Mailers sent for community engagement events: **559 postcards/ letters**
- **(4)** E-newsletters & social media reach: **2,892 subscribers w/ 659 opens & engagements/reach**
- Information, assistance and referrals cases: **63 assist cases**
- Special Events Permitted: **3**
- Road Closures/No Parking Signs: **7**
- Noise Variances Issued & Film Permits Processed: **1**
- **(0)** Training in Cultural Comp./Language Access Training with **0 employees**
- Participants in Community Engagement activities: **10,138**

Language Access Provided to Residents with Limited English Proficiency June 2026



2,766 Total Minutes of Language Interpretation Used

2,464 minutes from 911 Dispatch/BGPD VRI

153 minutes all other City Depts.

152 minutes of Video Remote Interpreting

14 different languages requested

Anniversary and more!

June is the last month of the fiscal year, which means closing out of major projects and looking forward to a busy Summer season.

The CED Team also celebrated work anniversaries for three teams members: Emily Brawner (17 yrs.), Rahel Morfin Castillo (2 yrs.), and Hannah Minton (1 yr.). This is also a reminder that while our team is hitting some great milestones, half of our team is still relatively new and learning.



DUNCAN HINES DAYS "EATS AND BEATS"

The Community Engagement team supported the Duncan Hines Days Eats & Beats Music Fest on Saturday, June 6, which drew an estimated attendance of more than 5,000 guests throughout the day and evening. The team coordinated 23 volunteers who assisted with event operations, guest engagement, and activities.

Community Engagement staff operated the volunteer check-in, EMS support, and Lost & Found area, which also served as a family-friendly activity and engagement space. Attendees were able to enjoy oversized beach balls in the fountain area during the day, along with sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, and hula hoops. As the evening progressed, glow sticks were distributed to help create a festive atmosphere. The team also distributed Duncan Hines Days stickers, lapel pins, commemorative America 250 guitar picks, and rubber ducks.

In addition, volunteers and Community Engagement staff operated a giveaway table, distributing complimentary Duncan Hines cake mixes and Ale-8-One beverages to attendees throughout the event.

The success of Eats & Beats was made possible through the tremendous support of volunteers, community partners, sponsors, and event staff, resulting in another successful Duncan Hines Days celebration for the Bowling Green community.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: LEARNING FROM THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

The City of Bowling Green Community Engagement Division recently traveled to Asheville, North Carolina, for a professional development visit with Asheville's Public Engagement and Neighborhood Services Department. The team met with Legacy Neighborhood leaders from six different neighborhoods to learn about their history and how they have built strong partnerships with the city over time.

The visit also included a tour of the YMI Cultural Center, exploration of South Asheville parks and the Edible Park, attendance at a neighborhood meeting where the Asheville City Manager engaged directly with residents, and discussions with the CAPE team about their neighborhood grant program and organizational structure.

The experience provided valuable ideas and best practices that will help strengthen community engagement efforts in Bowling Green.



LOVERS LANE BLOCK PARTY

We had a wonderful evening partnering with Bowling Green Parks and Recreation to celebrate the opening of the new playground at Lovers Lane Park and the new turf soccer fields! Neighbors enjoyed yard games, great food, and the opportunity to play and explore the park's exciting new amenities.

In the weeks leading up to the celebration, our Community Engagement team helped spread the word by delivering event mailers to nearby neighborhoods, making sure residents knew about this exciting opportunity right in their community. We are always grateful for meaningful opportunities like this to connect with neighbors and celebrate our community!



ACADEMY FOR NEW AMERICANS FINAL SESSION AND GRADUATION

The fifth and final session of the Academy for New Americans will take place on Thursday, June 18. Participants put their leadership skills into practice by volunteering with Bowling Green/Warren County Habitat for Humanity ReStore, a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center located at 813 College Street, Suite 401, Bowling Green.

The 2026 cohort included twenty-three (23) participants representing twelve (12) countries and collectively speaking fifteen (15) languages. Participants originate from Burma/Myanmar, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Lithuania, Mexico, South Korea, and Tanzania. Expanding the Academy's global reach, this year's cohort includes participants from three countries not previously represented in the program: Egypt, Lithuania, and South Korea. To successfully complete the program, participants were required to attend at least four of the five monthly sessions, which began in February and continued through June.

During the graduation ceremony, the City celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Academy for New Americans. Launched as a pilot program in February 2016 with seventeen participants, the Academy was the first program of its kind in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Since its inception, seven cohorts have completed the program, resulting in 199 graduates.



PATRICK WAY OUTREACH

Our Community Engagement Division had the unique opportunity to partner with Natcher Family Resource Center and BGPD to be a part of a neighborhood outreach on Patrick Way. It was wonderful to see students, staff, parents, and community members come together. Families received summer food boxes as well as fun summer themed giveaways. We are thankful for strong partnerships in our community and city that make being a part of events like this possible. We look forward to future opportunities to partner together to connect with neighbors!



AMIGOS RESOURCE NETWORK "EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP"

Amigos Resource Network, in partnership with the American Red Cross, hosted a free Emergency Preparedness event at Fire Station #1 to help families learn how to prepare before, during, and after emergencies.

More than 40 emergency preparedness kits, each valued at approximately \$50, were distributed to attendees, providing essential supplies to help families respond to unexpected disasters. Children enjoyed fun activities, and families were treated to Kona Ice snow cones, creating a welcoming and engaging atmosphere while promoting emergency preparedness.

The event was well attended and reflected the community's commitment to safety, resilience, and preparedness.



At-a-glance Community Engagement



Dates	Event Name	Host Organization & Lead Staff
June 4th	WCPL Summer Reading Kickoff	WCPL, Hannah Minton, Rahel Morfin Castillo
June 6th	Duncan Hines Eats and Beats Fest	All CED staff, NCS Downtown Development
June 11th	H.D. Carpenter Block Party II	BGPD, BGFD, CED staff supported prep
June 15th	Lovers Lane Soccer Complex Block Party	BGPR, Emily Brawner, Hannah Minton, Leyda Becker
June 16th	Patrick Way Outreach	Natcher Elementary FRC, BGPD, Hannah Minton, Sgt. Brad Hogue
June 17th	Stand For Childrens Day	BG Hot Rods, Community Education, Rahel Morfin Castillo, Hannah Minton
June 18 th & 19th	Academy for New Americans Final Session & Graduation	All CED staff
June 20th	World Refugee Day	International Center, Rahel Morfin Castillo
June 26th	Amigos Resource Network	American Red Cross, Rahel Morfin Castillo
June 30th	Creekwood Outreach Pop-up	BGPD, Hannah Minton