



- 1. City purchases old BB&T/Potter Opera House at 903 College St.;** Brent Childers spoke about the plans to find a developer to take over the project and activate the space; one with successful historic preservation experience of commercial properties.
- 2. February 13 – Downtown Academy Economic Development & Small Business Day** plans at BG Chamber, Danny’s Italian and Houchens Small Business Accelerator, Shake Rag walking tour for Black History Month and small business memories, and White Squirrel Brewery tour followed by capstone project reviews. Students have submitted great ideas – like a cultural toolkit, mural, safe space kit, etc. City staff will be advising on these projects and confirming them.
- 3. Strategic Neighborhood Grants** being reviewed now; will be announced within the next couple weeks.
- 4. Community Impact Awards – March 24** - new Downtown Spark Award is being launched this year; Legacy Award is open to public nominations online. These awards are a rebrand of the Neighborhood Builders Awards.
- 5. Duncan Hines Days** planning in full swing – May 31 – June 6, 2026; here’s the [updated Road Map & Menu of events](#) and [Sponsorship opportunities](#) – adding a stage to the Downtown Kickoff on Fountain Square on May 31 this year; will make the bike parade, car show, and block party more like a mini concert.
- 6. WKU Society of Lifelong Learning** – 3 Downtown sessions featuring making and tasting; March dates coming soon for those who agreed to host a small tour or experience; Telia will confirm based on your availability and have class sizes confirmed closer to dates
- 7. Downtown rack card coming soon** – Telia and Caden will distribute – 1 side is for potential business owners and the other is for guests/visitors.
- 8. Leadership BG Media & Arts Day** – March 11 – spending a chunk of the day in Downtown with The Capitol, Chamber, Mellow Mushroom, WNKY tour, Shake Rag tour, and White Squirrel tour and mixology class
- 9. Copper Bar was recently renovated;** meeting here to showcase the new space
- 10. Joel Hawkins, House on the Hill Executive Director** – here to share more about the April 18 event they’re hosting at Fountain Square – Fountain Square Art Festival. Inviting local artists to participate. Same day as Big Local Fest at Circus Square and 80s Prom at White Squirrel.
- 11. McKenna Tabor – Codes Enforcement Officer for Downtown.** For any questions, email mckenna.tabor@bgky.org.
- 12. BGYP Lunch n Learn – FOMO for Downtown happenings** – BG 2050, Riverfront, Ky Science Center, Downtown news and save the dates. Feb 25 at Fiscal Court. For BGYPs at Chamber or young professionals guests under 40. Register on the Chamber site!