



1. Thanks to attendees and host 331 Venue: White Squirrel Brewery, Lucky Dog Yoga, Barbara Stewart Interiors, Morris Jewelry, Dispotech, Soul Fed Home, State & Main podcast/Jonathan Bryant, Mustang Club, Mill House Coffee, Copper Bar, Topper Social, & BBG Events.
2. **Duncan Hines Days** May 31 – June 6, 2026; [NEW WEBSITE IS UP! RESTAURANT WEEK HAS A NEW FORM](#) – please share with bars, food trucks, caterers, restaurants, anyone who offers food or drink. **It's free.** Everyone attending this meeting will get 11x17 posters for Downtown Kickoff, Duck Paddle, and Eats & Beats Music Fest.
3. **Ale 8 One partnership with Duncan Hines Days** – here are [Mocktails](#) and [Cocktails](#) with Ale 8 to find inspiration – for bars and restaurants who want to feature. Telia can connect you with their Marketing rep for collab ideas.
4. **WKU Society of Lifelong Learning** – 3 Downtown sessions featuring making and tasting; April 10 and 27 are the final 2 dates. It was suggested to reach out to other orgs like this? TOPS orientation on WKU campus could be a good example, as parents often have more free time during events while students are in sessions throughout the day.
5. **Downtown rack card printing this month**– bringing boxes of these to the Meet Up, please take some back to your businesses. They will be distributed more over the next few weeks.
6. **All-America City designation from the National Civic League** – we made Top 20 Finalist – the final competition is in Denver the last weekend of June. 3 projects landed us in the finals: Downtown Ambassador Academy, BG 2050 Project, and Duncan Hines Days.
7. **McKenna Tabor – Codes Enforcement Officer Downtown:** mckenna.tabor@bgky.org.
8. **NEW EVENT: National Hot Rod Reunion** is now being managed entirely by Beech Bend Raceway staff. They are organizing a cruise-in on Fountain Square **Thursday, June 18**, from 4-9pm (similar to cruise-in for LS Fest in September). E Main and Park Row will shut down to new parking at 1:30pm. Beech Bend staff to meet bars, restaurants, and retailers to encourage participants to explore. Working w/Capitol on marquee.
9. **Farm to Front Porch – new interactive panel coming to Capitol on April 28**, featuring local women whose business' mission relates to heritage, preservation, and traditions. Telia to emcee, with guests Brie Golliher, Laura Gilbert, and Leticia Cline.
10. **BG Trolley planning to do more Friday night loops** starting in May when Fountain Row Friday and June with Concerts in the Park in full swing – 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.
11. 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):

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April 8, 2026 at 331 Venue, 3pm
Downtown Meet Up Minutes

April

- Apr 7-12: BG Hot Rods vs. Rome at BG Ballpark
- Apr 11: LifeSkills Run for Autism at Bowling Green Ballpark
- Apr 14: STEM-a-THON (K-6) at GRREC Technology Way
- Apr 16: STEM-a-THON (6-8) at GRREC Technology Way
- Apr 18: Conquer the Hill Fountain Square Art Festival – Fountain Square Market promo?
- Apr 18: Big Local Fest at Circus Square Park
- Apr 18: Spazmatics Adult Prom at White Squirrel Brewery
- Apr 21-26: BG Hot Rods vs Jersey Shore
- Apr 23: Academy for New Americans Downtown Day - they will be Downtown 12-3pm
- Apr 23: Michelin Bash at National Corvette Museum
- Apr 25: White Squirrel Arts Fest at White Squirrel Brewery
- Apr 25: Arbor Day Community Bike Rodeo
- Apr 25: BRACAC Great Teddy Bear Run that starts in Downtown
- Apr 30: Derby Party at Riverview at Hobson Grove

May

- May 1-3: Mid-South Conference Baseball Championships at Bowling Green Ballpark
- **May 2: StreetFeast Fest at White Squirrel Brewery with food trucks – new event**
- May 5-10: BG Hot Rods vs Brooklyn
- May 7-8: WKU Commencement
- May 8 – Jun 26 (every week): Fountain Row Friday Free Live Music at Fountain Square Park
- **May 11-16: NEW BG Burger Week – hosted by Atomic Kitchen – no cost to restaurants to participate, contact Eric Leach, 270-846-9393, atomickitchenbg@gmail.com**
- May 11: SKYHA Hospitality Olympics at Sloan Convention Center
- May 11-17: Bike to Work Week at Downtown Bowling Green (BikeWalk BG)
- May 12: BG Chamber Excellence Awards at Sloan Convention Center
- May 15: Bike Movie Night at The Capitol Theatre (BikeWalk BG)
- May 15: Bike to Work Day at Downtown Bowling Green (BikeWalk BG)
- May 16: Big Brown Bash at White Squirrel Brewery
- May 16: Willa Brown Foundation Launch at Aviation Heritage Park
- May 19-24: BG Hot Rods vs Asheville
- **May 21: NEW Fountain Row Night at BG Hot Rods –all Downtown biz participate w/ free table and chairs to promote your biz on the Concourse; tickets/meal to first 100 biz reps who fill out a survey coming soon**
- May 21-24: Memorial Day Weekend Racing at Beech Bend Raceway
- May 31 – Jun 6: Duncan Hines Days (Multiple BG/WC Locations)

New business:

-**Dispotech** – located next to 331 Venue, owned by Chris Blanz, 270-216-0962, chris@dispo.tech, electronics recycling and some reselling, will arrange pick ups if needed, open Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm

-**Soul Fed Home** – located next to 331 Venue, owned by Sydney Hale, imported antique French and Belgian furniture store

-440 Main building goes to auction May 7

The next Downtown Meet Up will be Wednesday, May 13, 3pm at Mill House Café.

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