

Bowling Green Human Rights Commission

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"This month Fair Housing Newsletter will feature our

Fair Housing Event held

At the SOKY Marketplace on Friday, April 25, 2025"



The Bowling Green Human Rights Commission was established by the City of Bowling ordinance of 1966. The purpose of agency is to promote fair treatment and equal opportunity for all the citizens of Bowling Green and Warren County. Our agency operates by funding from the City of Bowling Green, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to promote fair housing and Warren County. The BGHRC has 2 full-time employees Alice Waddell, Executive Director and Chiquita Lightfoot, Administrative Coordinator and Fair Housing Outreach Education Coordinator. The agency has 13 board members appointed by the Mayor and City Commissioners.

Our agency investigates allegations of discrimination in the areas of Employment, Housing and public accommodation based on the membership of a protected characteristics of race, color, age over 40, disability, religion, sex, national origin, and familiar status in housing.

The Bowling Green Human Rights Commission would like to give a huge shout out to say "THANK YOU" to all of our Community partners for making our fair housing event a great success!!

"FAIR HOUSING HISTORY"

On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which was meant as the following-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The 1968 Act on previous acts and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex, (and as amended) handicap and family status. Title VI of the Act is known as the **Fair Housing Act (1968)**. The enactment of the federal Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968 came only after a long journey. However, when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 04, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson utilized this national tragedy to urge for the bill's speedy Congressional approval. Since the 1966 open housing marches in Chicago, Dr. King's name had been closely associated with the fair housing legislation. President Johnson viewed the Act as a fitting memorial to the man's work, and wished to have the Act passed prior to Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta. Another significant issue during this time period was growing casualty list from Vietnam. The deaths in Vietnam fell heaviest upon American and Hispanic the home front, these purchase or rent homes on account of



etnam. The deaths in Vietnam, poor African - infantrymen. However, on men's families could not in certain residential developments their race or national origin.



Will Meng, Sanja Dudaric Code Enforcement

Jessica Farris Animal Control



Nick Cook, Grant Coordinator

Brent Childers, Director NSC

Tom Lawrence, W.C. Magistrate



Mayor Todd Alcott

City Commissioners

***Dana Beasley-
Brown***

Melinda Hill

Sue Parrigin

W.C. Magistrate

Tom Lawrence



Commissioner Sue Parrigin

Alice G. Waddell

Mayor Todd Alcott

Chiquita Lightfoot



Mayor Todd Alcott, along with the City Commissioners Sue Parrigin, Melinda Hill, Dana Beasley-Brown, Warren County Magistrate Tom Lawrence and Carlos Bailey presenting the Fair Housing Proclamation to Alice Waddell and Chiquita Lightfoot for Fair Housing month event at SOKY Marketplace.



Nermina Handzic



The Bowling Green Human Rights Commission staff Alice G. Waddell, Executive Director and Chiquita Lightfoot Administrative Coordinator/ Fair Housing Outreach Education Coordinator, Kara Smith Adm. Specialist of KCHR and WKU Intern JaKayla Brown along with students of Day Treatment.



Laura Harper Knight & Josh Riddle



Chiquita, Alice and JaKayla



Clay Smalley, Day Treatment Students



Clay Smalley, Alice Waddell, City Commissioner Carlos Bailey , Todd Alcott , Mayor, City Commissioners Dana Beasley-Brown, Melinda Hill, Sue Parrigin, Warren County Magistrate Tom Lawrence



Angela Stuart and Shae Newby



Jordan Hayes



Rod Goodman

**Macie Wheeler and Susan
Thomison**



**Corbin Arnold and Sonya
Brown**



Lan Pham



Shelley Carter



Evelina & Amber



Elizabeth Westbrook



Katina Miner

*Charlie Scott, Dewayne Conner and Janet
Yaeger*



*Selina Ramey & Emilee
Smith*



PROTECTOR OF CIVIL RIGHTS
VOICE FOR EQUALITY
CATALYST FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



Kara Smith





Kathy Fraim

Lisa Cook and Tiffany Denton



D.C. Clement & Jordan Hayes



Courtney Ramos & Rhonda Avery



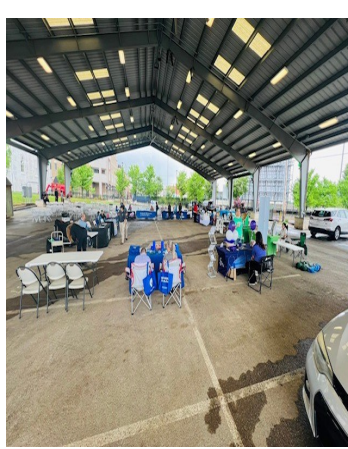
Magistrate Tom Lawrence, City Commissioner Dana Beasley-Brown, Nick Cook, Grant Coordinator and Jake Moore, Grants Coordinator



Fontayne Bryant, Chiquita Lightfoot along with Lifeskills, Inc. Selena Ramey and Emiliee Smith



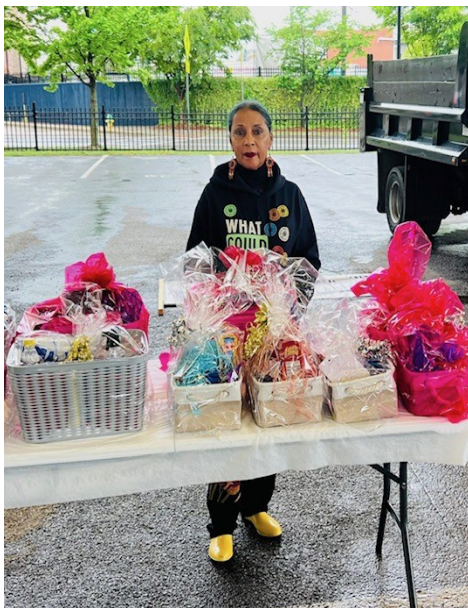
Dewayne Conner, Janet Yaeger, Rahel Morfin, Elvira Ramic, Leyda Becker, Clay Smalley, Nermina Handzic and Laura Harper-Knight



City Commission Sue Parrigin, Alice Waddell Exe. Director, Todd Alcott, Mayor, Rahel Morfin, Nermina Handzic, Lisa Cook, and Jordan Hayes



The Bowling Green Human Rights Commission would like to give a special "Thank You" to That's My Dawg for providing lunch for our Fair Housing event. If you would like to have a smash burger, pulled pork or hot dog for an event contact them on FB. The food is really good and the prices are reasonable.



If you're an agency, landlord, property manager or a tenant, you need fair housing training. You're welcome to call or email our agency at the contact information below:

Bowling Green Human Rights Commission
491 Double Springs Road
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Phone: 270.782.7900

Emails: chiquitasbghrc@gmail.com
bghumanrightscom@gmail.com

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Spring Subsidy enrollment will begin on April 15 and run through May 30, 2025.

Spring Subsidy Cooling Component is designed to help offset the cost of a household's electric cost, providing eligible households a one-time benefit depending on income levels and housing category.

Applications will be accepted during the enrollment period, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Income eligibility for the program is up to and including 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The benefits are paid directly to the household's electric vendor.

Interested households should contact their [local Community Action Agency office](#) to apply.

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at the time of application:

1. Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
2. Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.
3. Most current electric bill, statement from your landlord if electricity is included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.
4. The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and electric bill.

Spring Subsidy DOES NOT require a disconnect notice, a past due bill, or eviction notice. The Subsidy benefit can be applied as a credit on your account. Assistance received during previous LIHEAP components does not affect a household's eligibility.

Community Action Kentucky administers LIHEAP in partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



The graphic features a light gray background with stylized orange hand silhouettes. At the top left, a hand reaches out. At the top right are the LIHEAP logo (a house icon with 'LIHEAP' text and 'Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program' below it) and the Kentucky Community Action Partnerships logo (a red heart icon with 'KENTUCKY community Action PARTNERSHIPS' text). The main text reads 'Leap into relief with LIHEAP Spring Subsidy' in red and blue. Below this, it says 'April 15- May 30, 2025', 'Apply at your Community Action Agency', and 'Details at capky.org'. At the bottom center, contact information for Community Action of Southern KY is listed: '200 East 4th Ave', 'Bowling Green, KY 42101', and '270-783-4484'. At the bottom left, small text states: 'Funding provided by Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.' A stylized orange hand silhouette is also at the bottom right.

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