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2026

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



Caretaker REPORT

68

Professionals



Admin
2

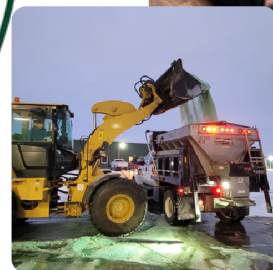
Planning &
Design
10

Environmental
Compliance
5 + 1 Intern

Facilities
3 (-1)

Operations
35

Fleet
13



A Small Investment. A Big Impact.

Public Works receives just 14 cents of every local tax dollar. That investment supports the maintenance of streets, sidewalks, stormwater systems, city buildings, traffic infrastructure, fleet services, engineering, and countless other services residents depend on every day. As we begin a new fiscal year, we're committed to making every penny count.

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Operations

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Street Maintenance * Sidewalks * Signals * Signs * Plowing * Road Closures
Leaf Pick-up * Dead Animal Removal * Curb Painting * ROW Trimming * Storm Drains

Summary: Operations completed **100 work orders** in July. Operations repaired/installed **0** traffic signals and 679 signs. **1** injection well was drilled. There were **.6 miles** of added maintenance from subdivision acceptance this year (1.96 miles in 2025, 6.53 miles in 2024). **Curb painting continued this month. Curbs are painted every 3-years.**

July 2026



Potholes
Repaired

3



Street
Sweeping
Hours/Miles

93/117.5



L/ft
Sidewalks
Repaired

51



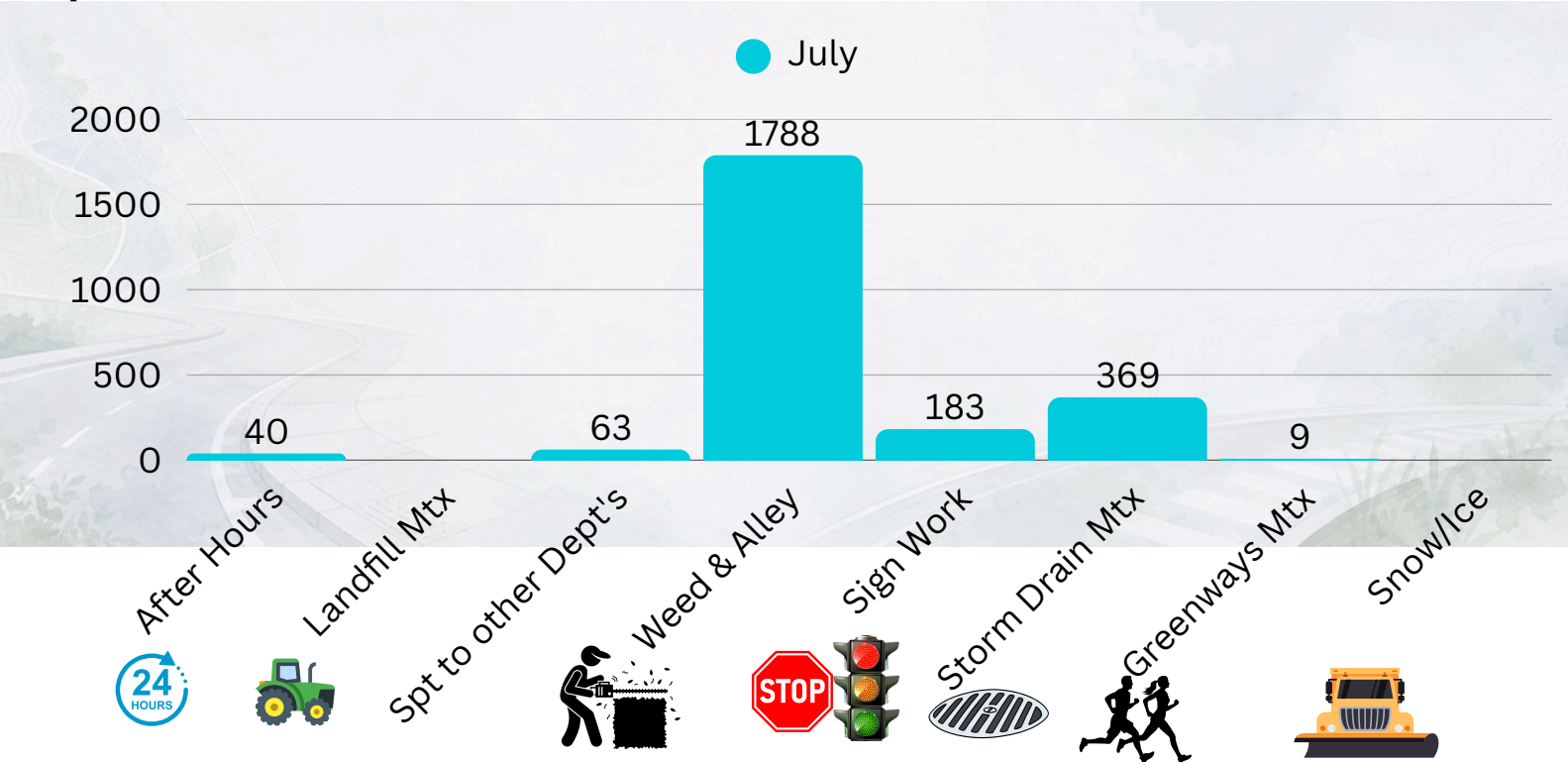
Tons of
Asphalt Used

3.72



The Operations drainage crew responds to a newly formed sinkhole on **Woodway Street**, excavating the area to assess and complete permanent repairs. (7-9 July 2026)

Operations Hours



Operations Maintenance Technician III Tommy Buris sweeps **Chestnut Street** during an early morning shift on July 10. Public Works uses its two street sweepers to remove debris from city streets, helping improve appearance and protect stormwater quality. To minimize traffic disruptions, the downtown route is completed overnight on Thursday nights into Friday mornings.

Erosion Control



Before and after: Operations crews corrected erosion and rutting near [Chippendale Drive](#) and [Newberry Street](#) by installing new concrete curb and gutter. The improvements help stabilize the roadway, improve drainage, and reduce future maintenance needs. (2-7 July)

Overlay and Erosion Control



Street resurfacing doesn't end when the **asphalt** is rolled. Public Works also restores the area **behind the curb** by backfilling with topsoil, helping prevent erosion, improve drainage, and leave neighborhoods looking as good as the new pavement performs. [Hillgreen Street](#) is shown before and after completion.

Drilling for Flood Protection

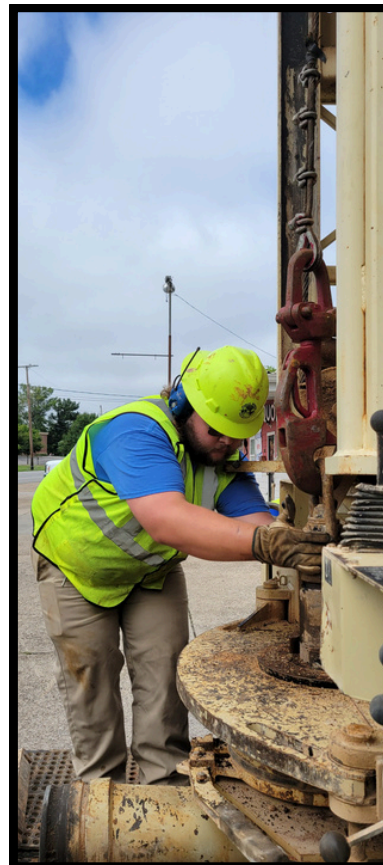


This isn't an oil well—it's a Class V stormwater injection well.

Bowling Green is one of the few communities in the nation with an EPA permit to use these wells, allowing stormwater to safely return underground and helping reduce localized flooding. These photos show our Public Works Drainage Crew installing another piece of this unique infrastructure near **East 14th Ave and Adams St.** You can help too by keeping drainage ditches, curb inlets, and injection wells free of leaves and debris. (14-15 July)



Injection Well Types: <https://www.epa.gov/uic/fact-sheets-class-v-well-types>



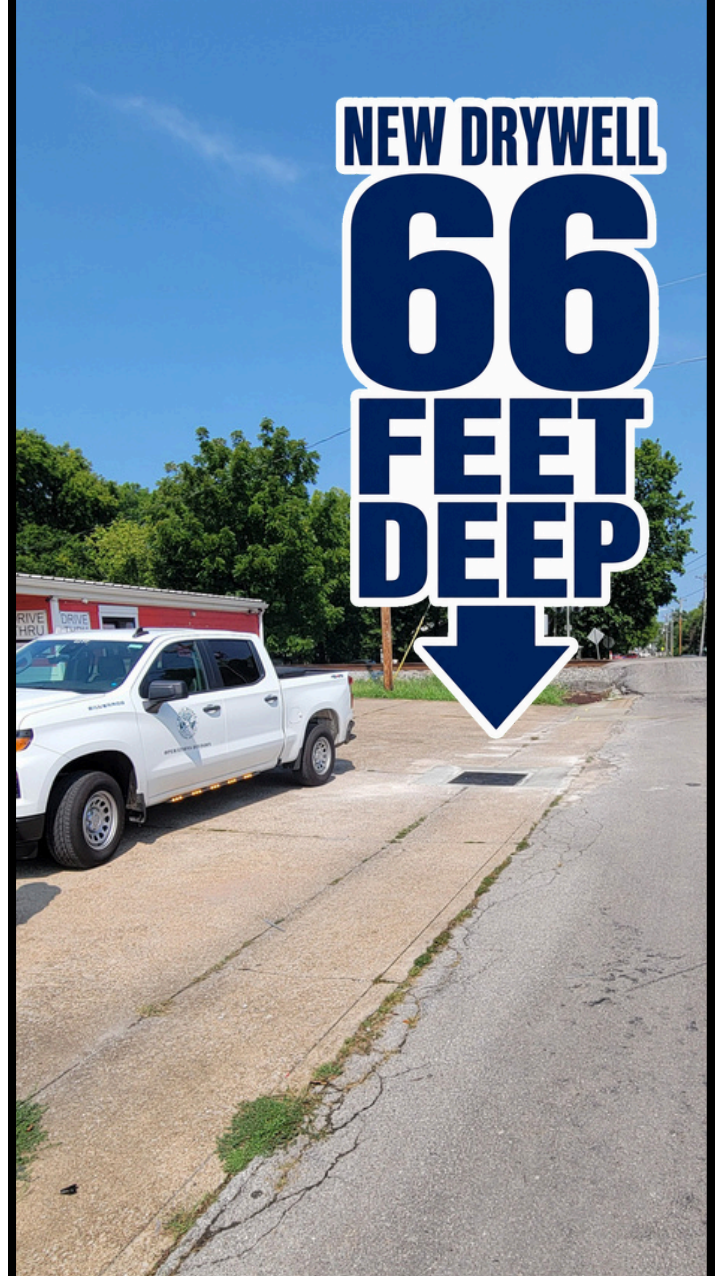
Drilling for Flood Protection

BEFORE



East 14th Ave and Adams St

AFTER

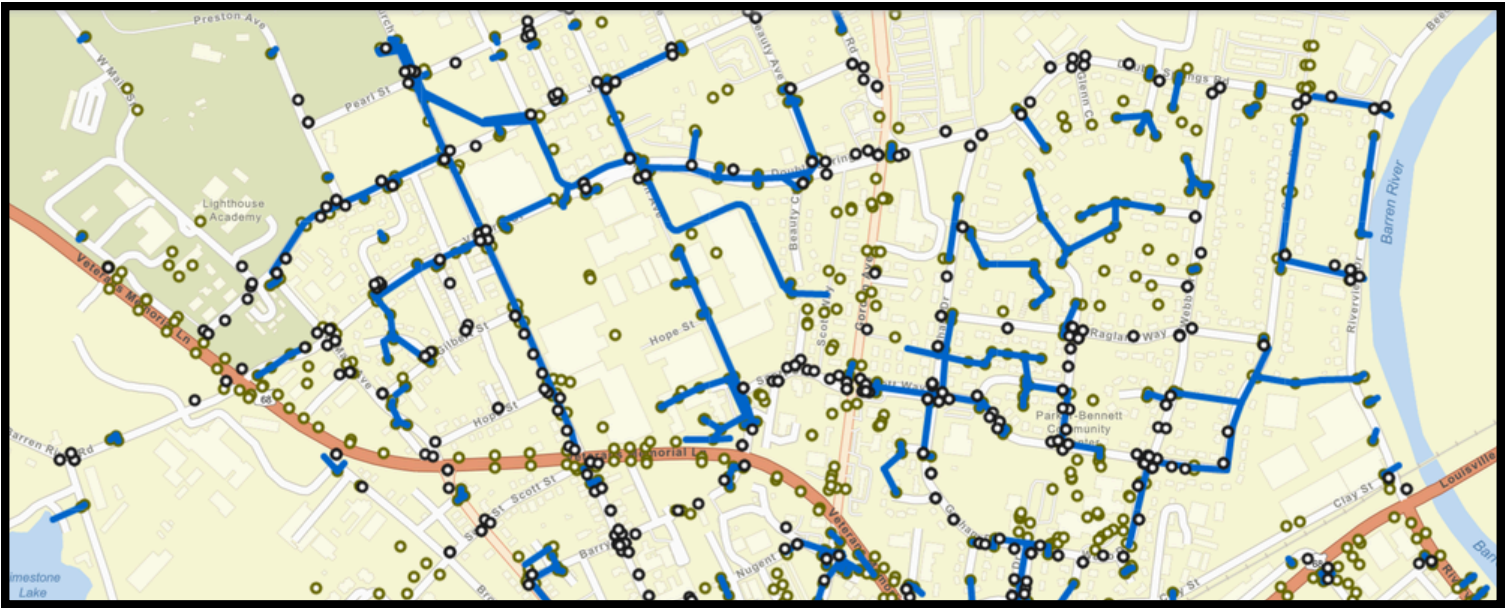


**NEW DRYWELL
66
FEET
DEEP**

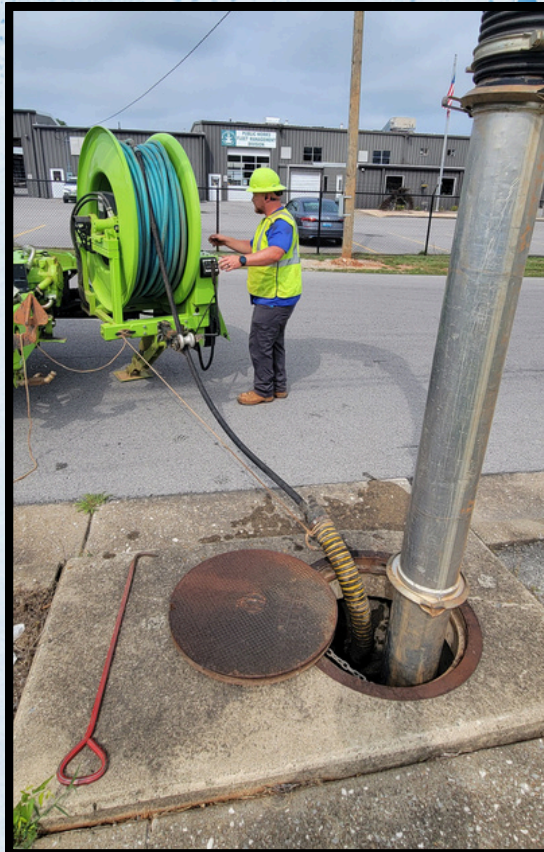


City Geologist Nick Lawhon placed a camera down the new hole and verified its integrity and function.

Maintaining Storm Infrastructure



Operations Maintenance Technician II David Adams uses a high-pressure jet rod to clean a storm drain near the Public Works Fleet Division on [Raven Avenue](#). Routine maintenance removes sediment and debris before they become blockages, helping stormwater flow efficiently during heavy rain events. The map above illustrates a small portion of Bowling Green's extensive stormwater network on the city's west side. (8 July)



EMPLOYEE

Spotlight

David Wilbert is an Operations Maintenance Technician III, assigned to the Concrete Crew.

Get to Know Me:

- **Favorite Movie:** Tombstone
- **Favorite Food:** Loaded Pizza
- **Joined the City:** July 2002
- **Retiring:** July 2026

Advice to the Team:

"Listen to the old fellers, follow directions, and work hard."

One Fun Fact About Me: "I'm moving on to my auctioneering job."

Personal Message to our team from David:

"I may not always show love for everyone, but I appreciate each of you, and everyone is important. I wish for peace on Earth."

24
Years



DAVID WILBERT



Planning & Design

Melissa Cansler, City Engineer
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Plat Reviews * CDR Reviews * Surveyor
Subdivision Inspections * Traffic Planning
Capitol Improvement Programs

			
Plats Reviewed	Site Inspections	ROW Permits	CDR Reviews
6	65 Initial 309 Re-inspections	17	10

ROW - Right of Way work. <https://www.bgky.org/publicworks/right-of-way>

CDR - Comprehensive Development Review. <https://www.warrenpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CDR-QA.pdf>

Citywide Lumos Fiber Installation

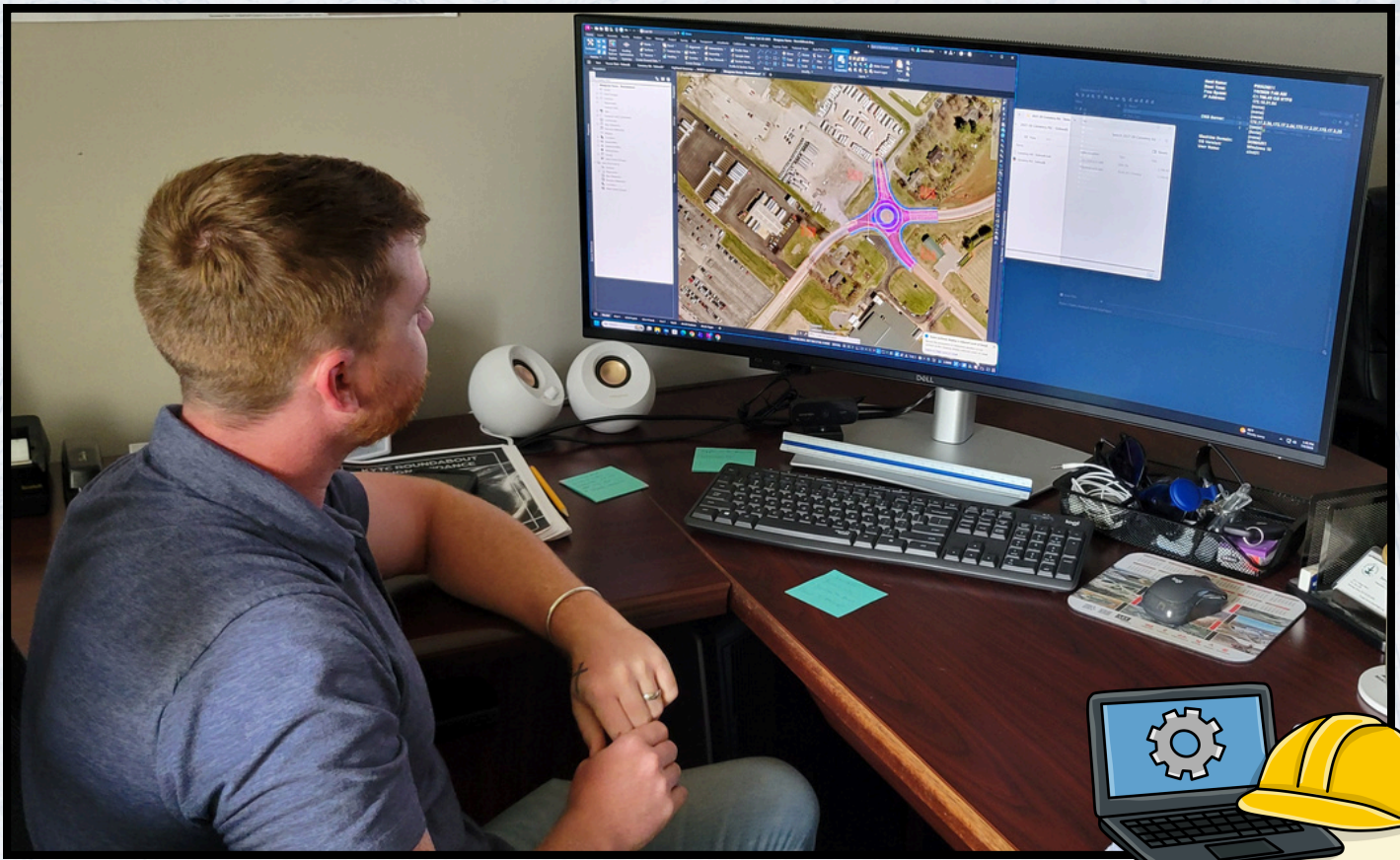
Lumos Fiber is expanding high-speed fiber internet service (for T-Mobile) throughout Bowling Green after being granted a non-exclusive franchise agreement by the City in 2025. This allows the company to install and maintain fiber optic infrastructure within the public right-of-way, giving residents and businesses another choice for internet service.

Like other utility providers operating in Bowling Green, including Stupp Fiber and Spectrum, Lumos must follow all City ordinances, regulations, and permitting requirements. Every project is reviewed, permitted, and inspected by the Public Works Department to help ensure the work is completed safely and properly.

Construction will generally take place within the public right-of-way or existing utility easements. Residents who may be directly affected by construction will receive advance notification from Lumos or its contractor. Any areas disturbed during construction are required to be restored once the work is complete. To date, crews have installed over 200,000 linear feet of fiber infrastructure with more than 3 million linear feet still to be installed. Project will continue through late 2029/early 2030.

Should you have questions or concerns please contact Melanie Shy, Construction Coordinator II at 270-393-4169 or directly reach out to Lumos Fiber call center at 800-905-9017.





Planning Today for Tomorrow's Bowling Green

The work of our Planning & Design team begins long before construction crews ever arrive on site. In the **top photo**, Civil Engineer Trevor Cline develops the preliminary design for a proposed roundabout near **Bluegrass Farms Boulevard**, evaluating traffic flow, safety, and long-term transportation needs. In the **bottom photo**, Surveyor I Tyler Phelps reviews more than 900 field survey points collected for a proposed sidewalk along **Pascoe Boulevard**. Accurate survey data provides the foundation for sound engineering decisions, ensuring future projects are safe, efficient, and built to serve Bowling Green for decades to come. (6 July 2026)





Riverfront Phase 1 Update

(Top) Phase 1 of the Riverfront Park is approaching completion, with the planting of trees and vegetation underway. Sidewalks have been installed, and lighting fixtures are currently undergoing testing.

(Below) Public Works Planner Daniel Colter and City Engineer Melissa Cansler provide a project update to visiting Bowling Green, Virginia Mayor Tina Gambill and Bowling Green, Kentucky Mayor Todd Alcott. (22 July 2026)





Environmental Compliance

Geologist * Sinkholes * Spills * Education * Water Sampling

Matt Powell, Manager

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IDDE Investigations

5



Education & Outreach

5



Drainage Concerns

16



Permit Reviews

24



SWU Inquiries

9



Environmental Coordinator Courtenay Howell and Construction Coordinator Journee Waggener talk with residents about the City's Stormwater Utility Program and ways to prevent stormwater runoff pollution during the United Way Day of Caring "Down at the Creek" community block party at Jennings Creek Nature Park & Play Escape. (22 July)

Submit a stormwater request online!

Something strange in the storm drain? Sinkhole? Drainage concerns?



JULY 2026 SINKHOLES

Investigated **18**



Sinkhole Repairs

Completed



2

Ongoing



3

Pending



10

SEE A SINKHOLE? REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY

☎ Operations: 270-393-3363 🌐 Geologist: 270-393-3671



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Environmental Coordinator Courtenay Howell presented to stormwater professionals at the Kentucky Stormwater Association's Annual Conference in Louisville, showcasing Bowling Green's Glen Lily Permanent Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Field Day training site (top 3 photos). Her presentation was both informative and well received. (9 July)

Cave Clean Up



Protecting Our Underground Environment

Volunteers from across multiple Public Works divisions recently joined forces to inspect and clean one of Bowling Green's many caves. Removing litter and evidence of illegal campfires helps protect our natural drainage system, preserve water quality, and safeguard the unique wildlife that calls these underground habitats home. While most people never see this work, it's an important part of maintaining the health of our community's karst environment. (13 July)



Quarterly Water Testing



John Lyons (top) Operations Maintenance Technician II, joined the Environmental Compliance Division for its quarterly ambient water-quality sampling. This testing helps the City monitor local waterways, identify potential changes or concerns, and meet MS4 program requirements. The cross-divisional experience also gives staff valuable insight into other Public Works programs while promoting knowledge sharing and collaboration across divisions. (27 July)





Water Leak



Built between the 1850s and 1872, Riverview at Hobson Grove is a nationally recognized example of Italianate architecture and an important part of Bowling Green's Civil War and Victorian history. As one of 21 City buildings maintained by Public Works Facilities, the historic home requires careful, specialized attention. When an HVAC backup recently caused water to damage the plaster ceiling, Facilities responded to address the immediate problem while helping protect this irreplaceable City landmark. (28 July)





WORK ORDERS

99



WORK HOURS

247



FACILITIES

WORK ORDER REPORT

SAFE FACILITIES. EFFICIENT OPERATIONS. STRONG COMMUNITY.


PLUMBING


HVAC


ELECTRICAL


CARPENTRY


CLEANING


OTHER

1945	PW Admin			3		3	
1992	PW Ops	4	2		1	1	Bathroom Remodel
1992	PW Fleet	3	3	3			
1907	City Hall	1	2	2			
1946	CH Annex	2			3	1	
1974	NCS		3	1		1	
1997	BGPD		7	1		2	
2009	Fire HQ					1	
1980	Fire #1		2			2	
1980	Fire #2		3	1			
2001	Fire #3		5				



PLUMBING



HVAC



ELECTRICAL



CARPENTRY



CLEANING



OTHER

2001	Fire #4	1			1		
2025	Fire #5	2	2	1	3	2	
2008	Fire #6		2				
2020	Fire #7			1	1	2	
2024	Fire #8				1	4	
1995	Convention Ctr		3				
1872	Hobson House		2	1		3	Water Leak
1930	White House		1				
1987	Transit Bldg						
1987	US Bank Bldg		2			2	
	BGPD Tower Spt						

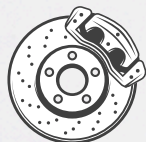
Fleet

Denise Gilland, Manager
(270) 393-3201

Heavy Duty Truck * Light Duty Trucks & Cars * Police
Fire * ASE Certified Mechanics * Enterprise Fleet Management

- A 2016 Dodge Charger Pursuit model with BGPD was approved for surplus disposition, via sale at auction (Method #2), on 13 July 2026. Asset #17719, Unit 3229.
- A purchase order for repair of the fender, door and pillars for a 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit model with BGPD in the amount of \$6,324.40 was approved on 16 July 2026.

July 2026



Filled
Parts Requests
173



Preventative
Work Orders
60



Repair
Work Orders
111



Master Medium/Heavy Truck Technician Nich Updegraff applies grease to the City's Vactor truck as part of its scheduled preventive maintenance. Regular servicing helps reduce wear, prevent costly repairs, and keep this specialized equipment operating safely and reliably for the residents of Bowling Green. (8 July)

Beating the Heat!



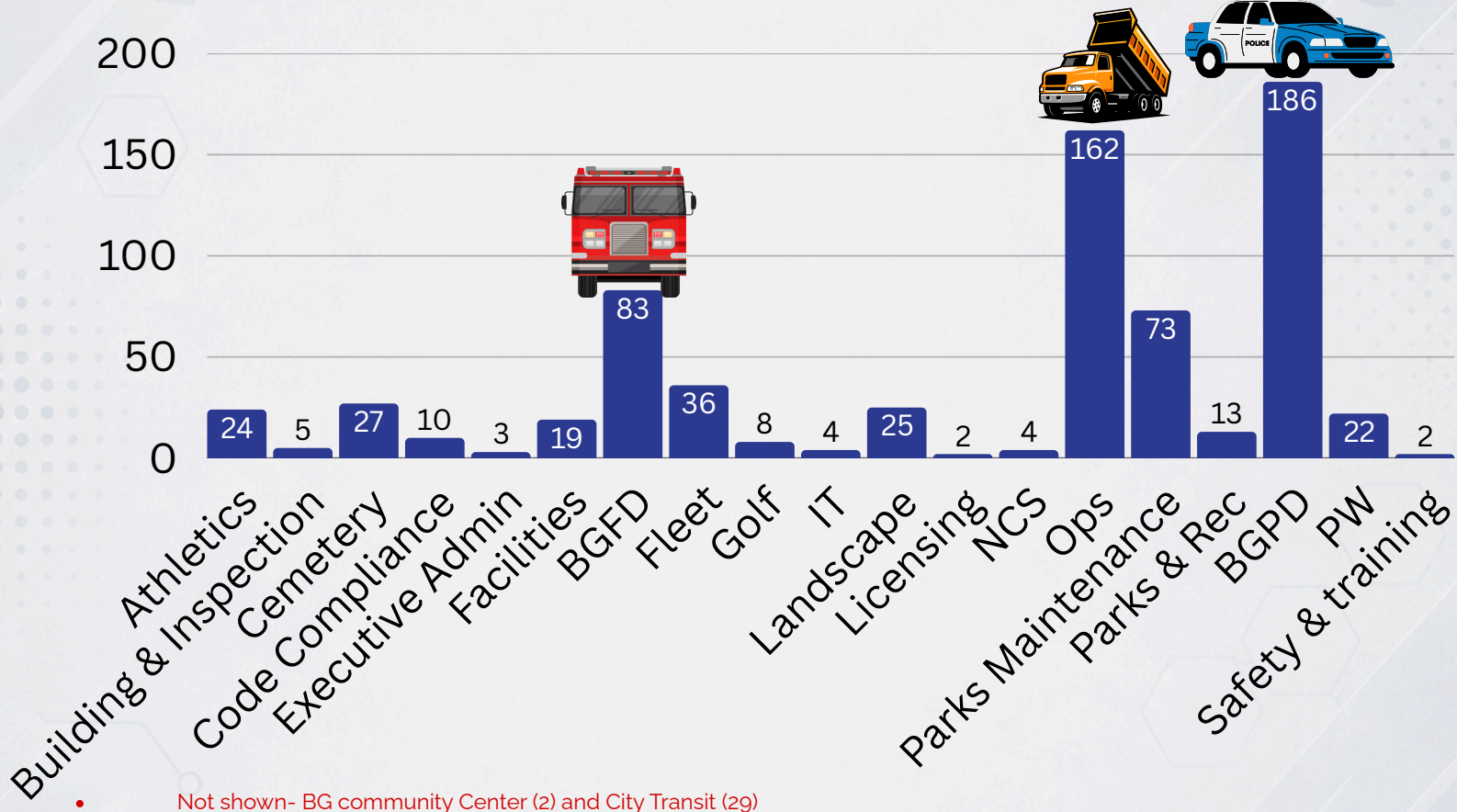
Emergency Vehicle Technician Josh Johnson uses the shade of the Fleet work bay to perform critical operational checks on a fire aerial apparatus—work traditionally completed outside. Raising and testing the aerial helps ensure our firefighters remain safe while working 70 to 100 feet above the ground. (27 July)

Fleet

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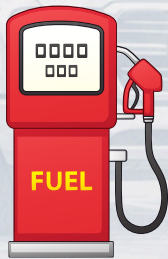
● Vehicles/Equipment *



CITY FLEET USAGE

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JUNE 2026
Last Month



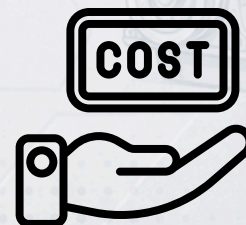
18.9K
Gallons



4.7K
Gallons



790
Gallons



\$83,498



Administration

Andy Souza, Director
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Sinkhole Repair	Environmental Division	Municipal Order 2026-160. Municipal Order authorizing the submission of an application to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway Contingency Fund in the amount of \$140,000 for sinkhole repairs at Kiwanis Drive and Shawnee Way on 21 July 2026 .
Grant Submission	Environmental Division	Municipal Order 2026-161. Municipal Order authorizing the submission of an application to the Kentucky Division of Water Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant Program in the amount of \$360,000, and further approving City Fee in Lieu of Construction funds for the construction of a stormwater basin
RoW Closure	Planning & Design Division	Ordinance No. BG2026-13. ORDINANCE CLOSING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY Ordinance approving the closing of unimproved right-of-way located on Long Avenue between 687 and 701 Covington Street
Tire Purchase	Fleet Division	Municipal Order 2026-171. Municipal Order approving the purchase of tires with Best One Fleet Service of Bowling Green and Ziegler Tire & Supply Company in the total amount not to exceed \$80,000 through cooperative purchase under Kentucky State Pricing Contract
Bid Acceptance	Planning & Design Division	Municipal Order 2026-172. Municipal Order authorizing and accepting Bid #2026-19 for Ridgecrest Way sidewalk construction from Baker Contracting LLC in an amount not to exceed \$561,803.85
Vehicle Purchase	Fleet/Operations Divisions	Municipal Order 2026-173. Municipal Order approving contract with Terex USA, LLC dba Terex Utilities for the purchase of a Terex Hi-Ranger bucket truck in an amount not to exceed \$376,474 through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract