



2026 CALENDAR • 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



CITY MANAGER'S LETTER

Dear Residents of Bowling Green,

I'm excited to share the City's Annual Report and Calendar for your reference throughout 2026. Community engagement is at the heart of our decisions, and this year's report showcases the beauty of Bowling Green, highlighting the unique features that define our city and our celebration of the country's 250th year of independence.

This report reflects the many accomplishments from the past year and provides insights into the work done by City employees who serve over 75,000 residents across approximately 42 square miles. As one of the fastest growing cities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Bowling Green benefits from a vibrant local economy while preserving the charm of a small town. Our growth is fueled by our commitment to community leadership and service.

Bowling Green continues to thrive, with a focus on:

- Delivering top-quality city services at the lowest appropriate cost
- Ensuring excellent Police and Fire protection for residents and businesses
- Maintaining and investing in public infrastructure
- Competing on a global and national stage to attract jobs that benefit our community
- Upholding democratic values and the highest standards of integrity in local government
- Enhancing the quality of life for all residents

The City continues to thrive due to a steady local economy, a high quality of life, and low crime rates in most areas. Bowling Green offers successful schools, reliable utilities, well-kept roads, and accessible parks. Our lower cost of living and competitive tax rates, along with a wealth of job opportunities, make Bowling Green the best place to live. We continue to be community led, service driven and powered by growth.

I hope this report and calendar remind you of the wonderful community we call home. Enjoy!

At your service,

Jeff Meisel CPA, MPA, ICMA-CM
City Manager





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Commissioner
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Jeff Meisel



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Brent Childers



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Millie, Accelerant Detection Canine

January

VISION

The City of Bowling Green is a dynamic urban center, which is a hometown for families and home of the nationally recognized Western Kentucky University.

It has a vibrant downtown and riverfront and a strong, growing economy.

Our diverse Bowling Green residents have access to top quality education, can enjoy an active lifestyle with cultural, recreational and leisure opportunities, and live in safe neighborhoods.

We take pride in our great community.



MISSION

The City of Bowling Green is committed to strengthening our vibrant community by focusing on quality of life, service delivery, fiscal responsibility, public safety, neighborhood revitalization, visionary leadership, and economic development.



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2025: THE YEAR IN
REVIEW AND A LOOK
AHEAD

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION: BETTER WAYS
TO GET AROUND TOWN

- 1,010 Feet of sidewalk repaired
- 6,910 Linear feet of new sidewalk installed with Sidewalk Construction Program
- 135 Potholes repaired
- 3 Emergency roads established to mitigate flooding
- 180 Street cut permits issued
- 186 Loads of leaves picked up totaling 792 tons
- 10 Miles of streets repaved



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Streetcar in Fountain Square

Streetcars once rolled through Fountain Square, connecting early Bowling Green residents across town. They shared the streets with horse-drawn carriages in a time of transformation and progress.





- 4,052 Linear feet of sidewalk replaced with Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program



- 4 Houses purchased on Cave Mill Road and Brighton Avenue for stormwater mitigation
- 485 Street cut inspections completed
- 112 Sidewalk safety hazards repaired
- 74 Handicapped ramps reconstructed to meet ADA guidelines
- 714 Street signs replaced



- 969 Tons of de-icer used on roadways
- 2,177 Fleet repair work orders completed
- 132 Erosion prevention and sediment control site inspections completed
- 71 Subdivision inspections completed
- 792 Development plan reviews completed
- 319 Service requests completed
- 100+ Sinkholes investigated

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day City Offices Closed	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

- ### STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS: IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE, EMPOWERING PEOPLE
- Neighborhood Services and International Communities Liaison merged to create a brand new division renamed: Community Engagement: For Neighbors and New Americans.
 - Led the largest single-day community event in Downtown BGKY: Harvest Festival had an estimated attendance of 20,000+.
 - Largest Academy for New Americans graduating class, with 30 graduates representing 13 countries and collectively speaking 21 languages.
 - Largest attendance for the Reception for New Americans event, with 140 newly naturalized U.S. Citizens recognized at the eighth annual event.
 - Revamped neighborhood grant to streamline application and selection criteria, renamed Strategic Neighborhood Grant funds, with a new funding cycle available July 1, 2025.



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Suffragists Marching Downtown

Downtown has long been a place where voices rise for change. In this photo, suffragists march to secure the right to vote—a hard-fought victory decades in the making.



- FY25 had a record-setting number of cases and inspections for Code Compliance, surpassing 10,000 code cases for the first time.
- 98% Voluntary code compliance
- Code Officials and City staff conducted rapid damage assessments of almost 200 structures in 3 days following a major flooding disaster in the City during FY25, providing essential information to state and federal agencies on over \$6M in estimated losses.
- Animal Protection continued the free rabies vaccination and microchip program, hosting twice-annual free community clinics during FY25, vaccinating 23 pets and microchipping 285 animals.
- With the support of community partners, Animal Protection staff built and distributed 47 doghouses during Operation P.A.W.S., providing them for dogs that were living without adequate shelter.



- FY25 was a record year for affordable housing, with the announcement of 635 new tax-credit units coming to Warren County.
- 24 Grants awarded totaling \$20,172,000
- 19 Grant applications submitted and 49 grants managed across City departments

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29 Palm Sunday	30	31				

- Phase I of the West End Greenway was completed resulting in approximately 3,000 feet of multi-use paths on Veterans Memorial Boulevard and Gordon Avenue.
- The City was awarded CDBG-DR funds for Live the Dream to build six affordable rental units and Habitat for Humanity constructing four single-family homeownership units.
- \$3.85M of CDBG-DR funds were awarded to replace an aging storm sewer underneath Chestnut Street, mitigating flooding in the surrounding neighborhood.
- The Housing Division successfully provided housing assistance to 897 low-income, elderly and disabled families, ensuring permanent housing and significantly improving quality of life for thousands in our community.
- The Housing Division provided housing assistance to 31 homeless veterans, who are also receiving supportive services through the VA. In FY25, added 12 new veterans who were homeless prior to getting into the program.



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Reservoir Hill

Early residents of Bowling Green cruise in a horse-drawn carriage atop what later became known as Hospital Hill and Reservoir Hill.





April

- Additionally, in partnership with local non-profit organizations, the Housing Division helped 26 homeless families successfully transition into stable housing through targeted housing assistance.
- Housing Division earned a final HUD score of 104%, achieving the prestigious High Performer Housing Authority designation for excellence in program delivery and management.



- Inventoried accessible parking in Downtown public parking areas to improve visibility on the digital public parking map.
- Created A Better BGKY Inc., 501(c)(3) nonprofit, whose mission is to make BG a better place; focusing on fundraising for Downtown & Parks programs.
- Organized third Duncan Hines Days resulting in 13,000+ attendees from 17+ states, an estimated \$2 M in economic impact.
- 194+ Downtown event days and at least 300,000 attendees of outdoor Downtown events annually.
- Hosted public art contest to wrap 16 downtown traffic signal cabinets with vibrant art using GM Foundation Place Making grant funds.
- \$4.38M in housing assistance was distributed to local landlords—supporting both the local housing market and economy.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 April Fool's Day Passover Begins	2	3 Good Friday City Offices Closed	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19 Patriots' Day	20	21	22 Earth Day Administrative Professionals Day	23	24 Arbor Day	25
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PUBLIC SAFETY: MORE STAFF, BETTER EQUIPMENT

- BGFD entered a partnership with Help the Helpers, LLC to provide hypervigilance training to all Fire Department personnel in FY25.
- Approved the addition of a Fire Inspection Supervisor role in the BGFD Prevention Division to create greater oversight of fire code inspections, fire code compliance, and building plan reviews.
- 31 Members of the BGFD completed Rope Rescue Technician certification.
- In August of 2024, Truck 6 replaced a 2010 aerial truck and became the newest truck in the BGFD fleet. The highest reach on the bucket is 100 feet, and enhanced technology allows for better on-scene operations.
- The BGFD was awarded funding from the Community Development Block Grant from the Commonwealth of Kentucky for a live-burn facility.



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April 20, 1904 Snowfall

A rare heavy snow blanketed downtown Bowling Green on April 20, 1904. Horse-drawn carriages stood still in the quiet beauty of Fountain Square Park.





May

- In FY2025, the BGFD graduated a recruit class of 15 firefighter.
- The BGFD unveiled the Bob Sanborn Drill Tower to honor the career and decades of service of retired Captain Bob Sanborn.
- In FY25, nine members of the BGFD were promoted including three captains, five engineers, and one civilian Fire Inspection Supervisor.
- BGFD improved the safety of fire ground operations by increasing compliance with NFPA 1710 and increasing minimum staffing by 2 personnel. Total minimum staffing per day is now 40.
- Thanks to a generous donation, the BGFD opened the third Safe Haven Baby Box at Station 6 on Cherry Farm Lane. Safe Haven Baby Boxes are also located at Station 7 on Lovers Lane and Station 8 on Glasgow Road.



- Dark fiber was installed by the Information Technology Department and a backup link to complete a redundant loop for dispatch operations at the secondary disaster recovery 911 communication center.
- The BGFD Patrol Division utilized the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety grant funding to resume driver safety checkpoints within the City.

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3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
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24 Whitsunday (Pentecost)	25 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	26 Eid al-Adha	27	28	29	30
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PARKS AND RECREATION: LET'S RECREATE

- 21,826 Driving range ball baskets sold at Hobson Golf Course
- 93,770 Rounds of golf played at City golf courses
- 970 Acres of parks maintained
- 182 Trees planted
- 9,830 Plants planted
- 142 Shrubs planted
- 1,638,336 Participants in athletics programs
- 15,052 Adaptive recreation participants
- 149,751 Visits to Bowling Green community centers
- \$129,889 Received in BGPR donations
- 6,118 Facility rentals processed



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Arrival of the 20th Million Ford Model A

In 1931, the 20th million Ford Model A Town Sedan rolled into Bowling Green, drawing crowds to the local dealership. The moment captured the nation's fascination with innovation and mobility.





June







- 53,013 Visits to Russell Sims Aquatic Center
- 1,638,336 Participants in athletics

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND PUBLIC RECORDS

- 23 Board of Commissioners meetings, work sessions and special call meetings held
- 316 Municipal Orders/Resolutions considered
- 18 Ordinances considered
- 429 Requests for public records processed by the City Clerk's Office
- 847 Requests for public records processed by BGPD
- 43 Requests for public records processed by the Building Division
- 49 Requests for public records processed by the License Division
- 48 City appointees to various boards, commissions, and agencies

PUBLIC INFORMATION: BETTER WAYS TO COMMUNICATE

- Public Information Division created 19 episodes of the City's podcast TalkBGKY in FY25.
- During the April 2025 flooding, the Public Information Division issued daily video news releases, and provided timely road closure updates online, to media outlets, and to the public.
- To promote participation in Youth Basketball, the Public Information Division created hype videos.

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14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day Summer Begins	22	23	24	25	26	27
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- The Public Information Division completed a city-wide parking public service announcement to educate the public about paid parking lots, free parking and reserved lots.
- In collaboration with Neighborhood and Community Services, the Public Information Division developed and executed the Downtown Duck Drop event and preceding video which became the first fundraiser for A Better BGKY.
- Two members of the Public Information Division obtained certification in Public Information during an All-Hazards Incident through Texas A&M National Emergency Response and Recovery Training Center and FEMA.
- Public Information Division designed and created informational pages that appear monthly in SOKY Happenings.



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Police and Firefighters at City Hall

In this early image, police officers and firefighters stand outside City Hall. Their presence reflects a legacy of service that continues to safeguard the community today.






- Designed the City of the Year Challenge Coin and the 2024 City Christmas ornament.



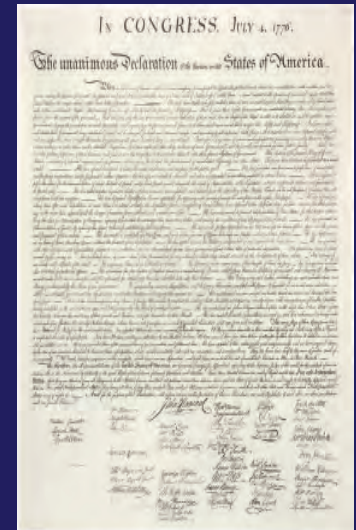
- To engage youth involvement, Public Information Division created Parks & Recreation and Public Works coloring and activity books for children.
- Public Information Division created educational videos for roundabouts, BikeWalkBG, Bowling Green Law Enforcement Academy graduations, golf tournaments, adaptive recreation, and other events.

EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE

- Bowling Green Parks & Recreation began using four autonomous mowers, one at Hobson Grove Golf Course and three at Russell Sims Aquatic Center.
- The main construction phase was completed for the Public Safety Training Center Facility with initial move-in beginning June 2025. This is a collaborative, multi-year project for the City that will meet the needs of the department through a dedicated location for in-service training, the Bowling Green Law Enforcement Academy (BGLEA) students and staff, the Communications disaster recovery site, and the BGFD training program and firefighter recruit academy.

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					Independence Day Recognition at Circus Square Park	
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- The Evidence Unit within the BGPD Logistics Division completed the annual evidence analysis during FY25 for the 2024 calendar year. This process provided helpful information to establish budget, review storage capacity, and establish disposition objectives and potential staffing needs. The FY25 analysis ended with a total inventory of 45,828 items which is a 5.57% decrease from FY24.



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Independence and Celebration

An early postcard celebrates the Fourth of July, while an engraving of the Declaration of Independence honors the nation's founding ideals. Together, they remind us how Bowling Green's story is woven into America's own.





August

- Public Information produced the annual budget video in-house, saving the cost of hiring an outside agency.



BETTER WAYS OF WORKING

- Completed numerous hardware, server and software application upgrades to take full advantage of new features and reduce the risk of security threats.
- Started conversion process of web pages and existing forms to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.
- Implemented a centralized management system for digital displays.
- Went live with ePermit a product that allows contractors to apply and pay for electrical permits online.
- Helped set up a point of sales system so the public can make credit card purchases at the GoBG Transit location.

BETTER SECURITY AND SAFETY

- The IT Department conducted phishing tests on all City email accounts and provided monthly cybersecurity tips to keep employees vigilant to possible threats.

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- The City’s IT Department started segmenting the overall network into multiple virtual local area networks (VLAN) to reduce the impact of a cybersecurity attack.
- The IT Department held several cybersecurity tabletop exercises and disaster recovery scenario testing sessions to be better prepared when disaster strikes.
- City IT staff upgraded two existing Firewalls to new hardware to better protect the public safety network and to reduce ongoing support costs.
- To reduce cybersecurity threats, the IT Department updated firewall and DNS web filtering tools with blacklists from multiple agencies on a weekly basis.



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Livestock Herded Downtown

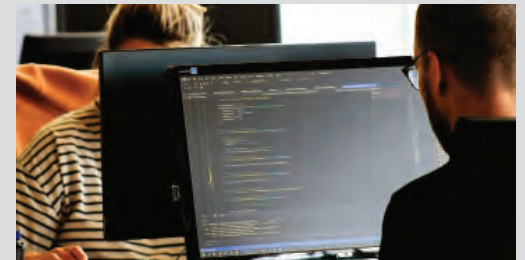
Circa 1890, downtown was the center of daily life and livestock often shared the streets with shoppers and wagons. The scene reminds us how closely town and farm once intertwined.





September

- Configured and installed 23 grant funded network switches to improve performance and enhance security.
- Started the implementation and end user training of a grant funded password management system. This solution will improve the City's overall password hygiene by providing employees with encrypted storage, compromise monitoring and a strong, unique password generator.
- Audited the user permissions of all payroll and financial related software to verify segregation of duties and reduce the risk of fraudulent actions.



AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fire Department saved a life on Media Drive; on September 3, 2024, the Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire on Media Drive. Truck 4 initiated a search of the residence and quickly located and removed one victim, saving his life.
- An IT staff member gained a security related technical certification from the Computing Technology Industry Association.
- Awarded \$165,500 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

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13	14	15	16	17 Constitution Day	18	19
20 Yom Kippur	21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25 Sukkot	26
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- Over \$2.1 million in personnel and non-personnel under spending was captured during FY2025 through disciplined fiscal management of the budget, which will be applied to future capital projects and other needs
- \$98,985.89 was collected from five online public auctions of surplus and confiscated items through GovDeals.com
- The pool of potential bidders for City projects is 1,459 subscribers to ensure competition and to achieve the best price and value for purchases greater than \$40,000. The IT Department archived inactive subscribers in FY2025 to clean up the database.



Courtesy of Special Collections Library, WKU

George Anna Hobson Duncan and Hobson Grove

Champion trapshooter George Anna Hobson Duncan carried on a local legacy tied to Hobson Grove. Once used to store Confederate munitions, the site later hosted a trapshooting range and now stands as a historic museum.





October

- At the annual Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs leadership conference, Fire Chief Justin Brooks was awarded the 2024 Chief of the Year for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- City of Bowling Green Public Works took home four awards at the 2024 American Public Works Association Kentucky State Conference. These awards included Outstanding Supervisor of the Year, Roadway Project of the Year, Environmental Project of the Year, and Streetscape Project of the Year.
- The BGPD Community Engagement Team participated in more than 385 community events during FY25, providing outreach, education, and support to schools, local organizations, and business groups.
- Awarded the Governmental Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the nineteenth consecutive year
- The FY2024 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) received the GFOA Outstanding Achievement Award for the fourteenth consecutive year
- The City's FY2025 budget document received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the thirteenth consecutive year
- The City received its sixth GFOA's Triple Crown designation for achieving Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation

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11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16 National Boss's Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

- ### KEY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
- Compared to last year’s adopted budget, revenues in FY2026 are projected to increase by 8.7% for All Funds and increase by 8.9% for General Fund.
 - The City’s FY2026 operating budget, excluding capital projects, reflects an increase of 12.3% (\$17.8M) for All Funds and 12.4% (\$11.2M) for General Fund compared to FY2025. FY2026 marks the first year that facility maintenance and repairs were removed from the CIP.
 - The General Fund operating budget includes a cost of living adjustment and merit increase for employees, adds 22 new full-time positions, a net decrease of one part-time position, and seven job reclassifications and/or upgrades impacting 35 positions.



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Carriages at the Gerard Building

Two horse-drawn carriages face each other in front of the Gerard Building, a familiar downtown landmark. The photo captures a quiet moment from Bowling Green’s bustling turn-of-the-century streets.





November

- The total adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including debt, is approximately \$31.9M, which is a 10.8% decrease compared to the FY2025 program approved with the adopted budget, and is the tenth year since FY2008 in which new capital projects represent over 50% of the total CIP budget.
- The FY2026 budget continues \$467,500 of special funding for workforce development programs through the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, South Central Kentucky Workforce Development Board, Goodwill, Hope House Ministries, WKU and Warren County to generate the creation and retention of new jobs, and continues to cover 100% of the fifth year of the Kentucky Transpark expansion bonds.
- Nearly \$4.2M of local tax dollars will be used to continue to pay the annual ballpark debt obligation and to distribute incremental growth from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to support new development in the downtown corridor.
- \$760,000 of CDBG and local tax dollars will be used for the twelfth year of the BG Reinvestment Area to make neighborhood improvements within a defined target area. Also, \$60,000 of local tax dollars is once again allocated for the neighborhood grant program.



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1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day City Offices Closed	27 City Offices Closed	28
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- Over \$6.97M in State and local funds will be used to maintain streets and sidewalks as part of the City's annual overlay and reconstruction program, build sidewalks and greenways, rehab Commerce Street, construct the Tomblinson Way roundabout, mitigate stormwater issues, and rehabilitate storm sewer infrastructure.
- Almost \$5.8M will be dedicated to enhancing public safety services with upgraded facilities, vehicles and equipment for both Police and Fire.
- Over \$9M in local tax revenues will be used to upgrade Parks and Recreation facilities and equipment, such as new playgrounds at Lovers Lane Soccer Complex and Roland Bland Park, continuing improvements at Pedigo and Lampkin parks, constructing a new Pro Shop and Cart Barn at Paul Walker Golf Course, converting two more soccer fields to turf, and investing in Phase 4 of Riverfront Park development.



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Women's Temperance Movement



Women once filled downtown streets to call for prohibition, part of a national movement to reform society. Their passion marked Bowling Green's role in a defining chapter of American civic life.



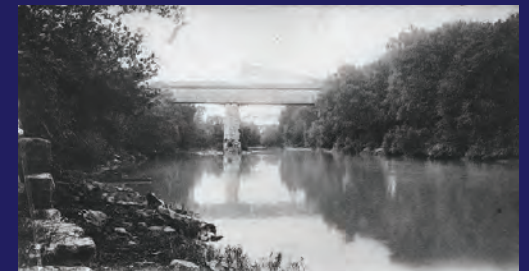


DID YOU KNOW?

- Collected approximately \$2,990,917 in additional occupational fees.
- 32,799 Facebook followers an increase of 19.5% over the previous year
- 9,984 Call volume for BGFD
 - o Fire calls 277
 - o Medical assist and rescue calls 6,959
 - o Hazardous condition 223
 - o Calls for service 277
 - o False alarms 1,065
 - o All other call types 1,183
- 100% Of homicides solved by BGPD
- 45,066 Total minutes of language line use
- 10,304 Code compliance cases created
- 2,040 Animal protection calls
- 23,845 Property tax bills distributed (CY2024)
- 2,160 Electrical inspections
- 1,118 Business registrations (CY2024)
- \$2,990,917 In delinquent City property taxes collected (CY2024)
- 93 Fire investigations completed
 - o 6 Arrests made
- 70,723 Calls to 911
- 4,472 Language line minutes all other City departments
- 26,649 Code compliance inspections
- 3,808 Building inspections

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6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	25 Christmas City Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

- 939 Electrical permits issued
- \$228,216 Value in plan review fees
- 7,835 e-News subscribers
- 132% Increase in Facebook interactions year over year
- 74 Fire prevention events held
 - 6,953 Community members reached through public fire education and prevention classes
- 1,819 Fire code inspections conducted
- 118,866 Calls for Police service
- 39,731 Minutes of language line from 911 dispatch/BGPD video remote interpreting
- 38 Different languages requested
- 1,004 Transient business registrations (CY2024)
- 190 New vendors



Courtesy of Special Collections Library, WKU

College Street Bridge

The College Street Bridge connected neighborhoods and commerce in Bowling Green's early days. It stands as a symbol of connection—linking people, ideas, and generations through time.



IMPORTANT CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE/EMS EMERGENCY ONLY: 911

Police - Information

(Weekdays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.): 270-393-4244

Police - to Report Non-Emergency Police

Incident: 270-393-4000

Police - Information:

270-393-BGPD

Fire Non-Emergency Dispatch:

270-393-4831

City Main Number/Switchboard

(Weekdays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.): 270-393-3000

Hearing Impaired - Toll Free:

1-800-648-6056

City Central (Complaints/Information about

City Services): 270-393-3444

Public Works Information Hotline:

270-393-3333

Power Outage/Problem:

BGMU 270-782-4302 WRECC 270-842-6541

Building Permits:

270-393-3615

Electrical Permits:

270-393-3676

Business Licenses:

270-393-3000

Contractors Licensing:

270-781-3530

Employment Opportunities (City):

270-393-3689

Garbage Pickup (Scott Waste):

270-783-4016

Neighborhood Services:

270-393-3674

Parks and Recreation Main Office:

270-393-3249

Planning Commission (City/County):

270-842-1953

Live Monthly Meetings Schedule on Bowling Green Government Access Channel 4

City Board of Commissioners Meeting: 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

BGMU Board Meeting: 2nd Monday at 4:30 p.m.

City Code Enforcement and Nuisance Board Meeting: 4th Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

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