



1. **November 18 - Downtown Ambassador Academy Session #2** – Community, Nonprofits, and Arts Day. Featuring roundtables with 6 nonprofits at SoKY Center, lunch at Vistro, public art guided tour, artist panel of 4 ppl at Donna's.
2. **November 24 - Downtown Duck Drop-** at noon at The Fringe. Thanks to the 17 businesses who have donated so far, giving over \$700 worth in prizes. Please share the graphic [and this link to buy an entry duck on Eventbrite](#). Drop will be posted live on Facebook and Instagram again, you do not have to be present to win.
3. **December 5 - Downtown BGKY Lights Up** – 5-8pm. E Main side of Fountain Square closing 12-9pm. College between 6th and 7th closing 12-9pm. 7th between College and State closing 3-9pm. Light Fountain Square at 5:30pm. Light Circus Square and SKYPAC tree at 6pm. Fountain Square activities: window decorating contest and voting, live band on stage at State St. end, concession style food trucks on the park side of E Main, Ugly Sweater Crawl, photo booth. Circus Square has Santa's Village with post office, cookie decorating, visit with Santa, caroling flash mob, storytime at the splashpad, food trucks, DSSKY hot chocolate truck. SKYPAC open for giveaway items, gingerbread kits. SoKY Ice Rink open. Mistletoe Market returns, but to White Squirrel, with a vintage Christmas market. Trolley loop runs from Fountain Square to Circus Square to White Squirrel and SoKY Ice Rink. *Attendees requested changing E Main closure time to 3pm to mirror 7th Ave closure time, Telia approved with Public Works.*
4. **Duncan Hines Days planning in full swing – May 31 – June 6, 2026.** Stage and Production RFP coming before the end of the calendar year for the 2026 event's entertainment.
5. Save the date reminders for major events, *new events added in italics*:
 - Light Up BGKY week** – Dec 1-7 – start of the holiday window decorating contest – visit the lightupbgky.org website for interactive lights map of where to drive or walk thru holiday lights
 - Downtown Lights Up – Dec 5; voting ends for holiday window decorating contest
 - BG/WC Jaycees Christmas Parade – Dec 6
 - Landmark Holiday Tour of Homes – Dec 6
 - White Squirrel Holiday Market – Dec 14
6. **WKU Society of Lifelong Learning** – Telia Butler and Leyda Becker finished the semester for this group, sharing Downtown news and Community Engagement division updates. Community Engagement division hired Emily Gentry as Office Associate for the receptionist window. *Attendees suggested a series of "Backstage Access" or "Store Stories" featuring a rotation of smaller groups with maybe 3-4 businesses featured in each class; where more info about the process of each retailer is shared – frame shop at Barbara Stewarts, Morris working on jewelry, pouring a candle at Candle Makers, ceramics work at Pots Place, bug pinning at Amothecary, mini yoga class at Lucky Dog, etc. Telia will ask Brenda Bush at SLL about next semester.*
7. *Attendees requested a Springtime event on the Square – Amothecary is working on an April art market, and Cliffs and Donna's are interested in partnering with them! They will talk!*