



1. **Spring Social and Fountain Row Market** event layout and timeline for Saturday, May 17. THANK YOU to Back Down South for organizing this!
2. **Duncan Hines Days** event maps for June 1, 5, 7 + full Road Map of the entire week. There are 9 new events the week of June 1-7 that impact some part of Downtown! Telia will also share them digitally in the GroupMe a little closer to event time. Get the full schedule at duncanhinesdays.com and follow @duncanhinesdays
3. **Fountain Row Night at BG Hot Rods is May 22!** Please let Telia know no later than tomorrow, Thursday May 15, if you'd like a FREE table on the concourse to give away items or just promote your business. Hot Rods provide the table and 2 chairs! AND Telia has 100 FREE TIX for you and your people – first come, first serve. Survey to RSVP and hold tix and table was sent in GroupMe this morning – deadline to answer is Friday, May 16! White Squirrel, Morris confirmed a table at the meeting.
4. New Downtown biz –
 - Amothecary on State St. side of the Square is opening Saturday.
 - Another retail space is coming to the Small Biz Accelerator at 348 College Street soon.
 - Atomic Kitchen is a bar and restaurant going into the former Eau Bistro location at Stadium Park Plaza, opening in June.
 - Mustang Club Wine Bar and Speakeasy is set to open at the end of June too.
 - A distillery has leased the former Derby Piano Bar at the Kentucky Grand and is planning a restaurant and entertainment space, no opening date set.
 - Dove & Olive Boutique is opening in June at the corner of Park Row and College on the Square.
5. BG 2050 Project report is now public. Find the full report at whatcouldbgbe.com. Downtown interest was in the top 8 main themes – overall they were very positive. The top 2 most-reacted Downtown comments were:
 - Riverfront's Whitewater Park will draw river/outdoor recreation enthusiasts/tourists to Downtown. This was a river town once & will be again in 2050. – with 900 agrees, 70 disagrees, and 299 passes*
 - Fountain Square will remain at the heart of the City, but Downtown will continue to grow from WKU's Hill to the Riverfront – with 746 agrees, 31 disagrees, and 245 passes*
6. GM Foundation placemaking grant update - final traffic cabinet wraps on Fountain Square are installed, parking structure pedestrian entrances have been painted in prep for the wayfinding maps to be installed on both the 7th and 8th entrances, and crosswalk art is being reviewed by Public Works

7. SOKY Marketplace is now SoKY Center, offering free yoga on Saturdays. There will be Summer Reading Farmers Markets every Saturday in June and July from 10am-2pm with vendors, kids' activities, free things to do, and food trucks
8. BikeWalk BG and Warren County Parks & Rec created the bike traffic garden and bike co-op at The Fringe that is now officially open. They aim to offer bike workshops a few days a week, Tues, Thurs, and weekends – but do not have a specific set schedule yet – stay tuned. The bike traffic garden is a way to teach kids bike safety.
9. What regional chains for dining, entertainment, or the arts would you like to see in Downtown? Telia is working on recruitment opportunities and creating assets to target potential developers that would be a good fit for the community and something we need. Keeping a list of available inventory and contacts is also part of the plan.
10. Telia passed out the list of major auto events coming to BG in 2025 and their expected attendance, so biz may expect them accordingly. Holley would once again like to use the Square for the pre-LS Fest Cruise In during September – and the Holley team would like to work directly with DT biz to partner with a driver and offer special one night only themed merch to make the Cruise In more local and impactful. Telia working on introducing Nick Swann from Holley.

Other comments:

- New Regus co-work space at 922 State St. is offering shared office space leases
- The 10-minute parking signs on the square haven't gotten any complaints. Some businesses report them being effective, others report drivers not paying attention. It was requested to ask Public Works about painting 10-min parking on the asphalt of the actual parking spots to make them more visible – Telia will ask Public Works
- Speeding around the square continues to be a concern raised. Maybe posting a weird speed limit sign would slow traffic or discourage it? Maybe speed table crosswalks? Telia will bring to City staff.
- Does anyone know what happened to the projector that used to be in the Green Amphitheater where the new SKYPAC annex is under construction? Could it be repurposed to play at The Fringe against the parking structure, if it's not too late?