DEPARTMENT OF

PUBLIC WORKS

PEOPLE | INFRASTRUCTURE | A STRONGER BOWLING GREEN

October 2026

ACCREDITED AGENCY APWA

ADMINISTRATION	PLANNING & DESIGN	ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE	FACILITIES	OPERATIONS	FLEET
2	10	4 + 2 INTERNS	3	36	13

Maintaining Today for a Stronger Tomorrow



From October 14–16, Bowling Green Public Works staff traveled to Louisville for the Kentucky Chapter of the American Public Works Association's annual conference, where the department received three awards.

The conference helps staff bring back practical ideas for safer, more efficient services and supports our ongoing APWA reaccreditation efforts. For taxpayers, this means stronger accountability, better care of public infrastructure, and more effective use of public dollars.

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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 **84 work orders** in October. Operations repaired/installed **3** traffic signals and **68** signs. **No** injection wells was drilled. There were **.6 miles** of added maintenance from subdivision acceptance this year (1.96 miles in 2025, 6.53 miles in 2024). Greenway solar lighting installation concluded this month near Sandra Street and across from SKyCTC.

October 2026

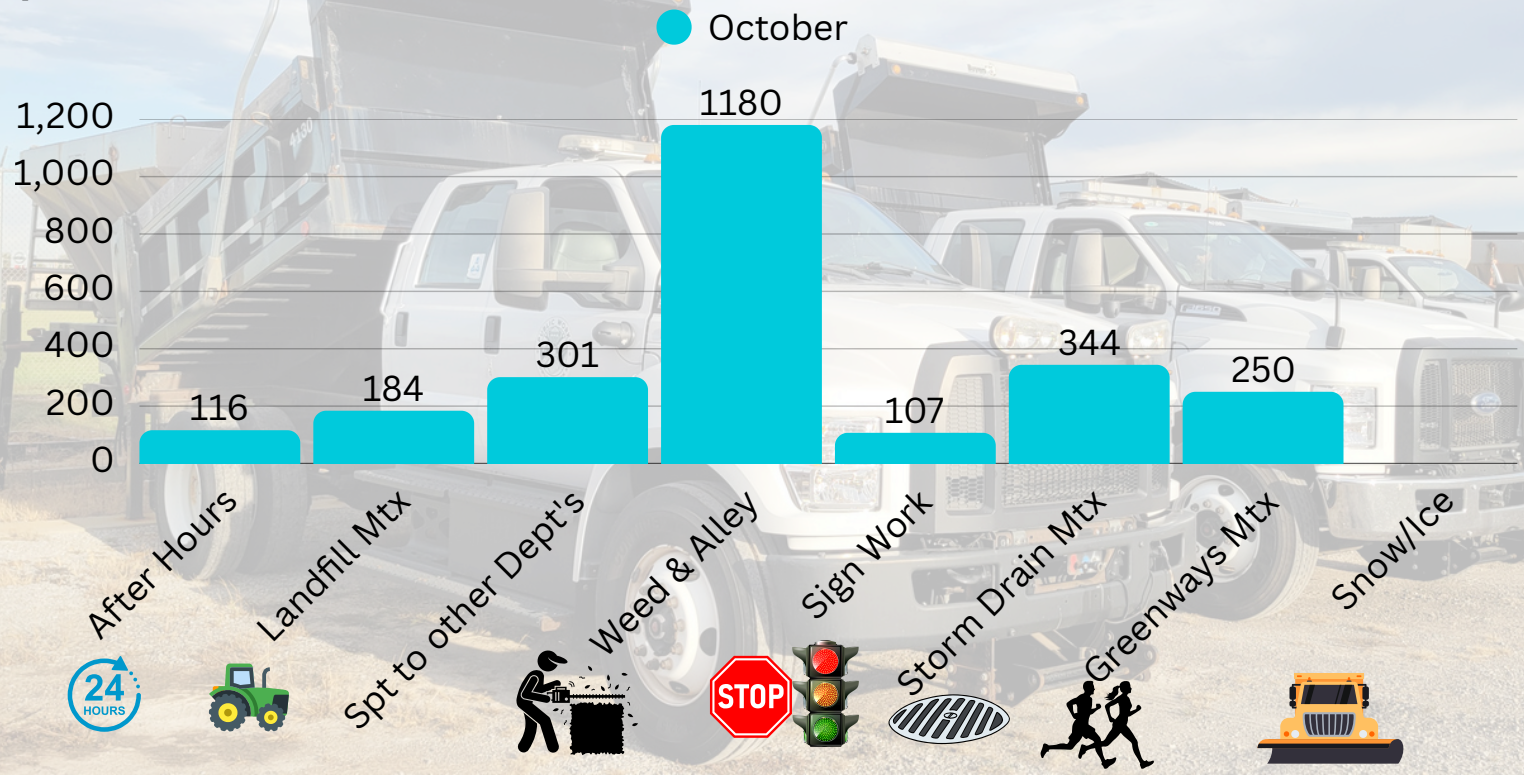
Potholes Repaired	Street Sweeping Hours/Miles	L/ft Sidewalks Repaired	Tons of Asphalt Used
18	144/136	47	3



Roadeo Skills Test

Operations Maintenance Technician III Timmy Cowles puts his skills to the test at the APWA Kentucky Chapter Annual Rodeo in Louisville on October 14. Timmy was one of four Bowling Green Public Works employees competing in Kentucky-themed challenges, including timed bourbon barrel moves and stacking boxes painted as mint julep ingredients.

Operations Hours









Ready before the first flake!

During our 2026–2027 Snow Preparation Day, Crew Leader Kris Keenan (left), OMT III Tommy Burris (center), and OMT III Charles Gray (right) check our snow plows to ensure equipment is ready to keep Bowling Green's streets safe this winter.

Learn more about the City's snow-removal priorities, work zones, and routes. (20 October)

Fall Greenway Inspection







ection	Location	Category	Observation / condition	Required action
1 | Creekwood–Jennings Creek	Jennings Creek trail	Cleaning	Construction-related debris on trail	Sweep trail after construction is complete
1 | Creekwood–Jennings Creek	Green Hills end	Sponsorship sign	Western Kentucky Water Professionals sponsor; other conditions good	No action
1 | Creekwood–Jennings Creek	Zone 1 trail edges	Mowing	Mowing needed both sides	Mow one mower-width on each side
1 | Creekwood–Jennings Creek	Behind school near park	Sinkholes	Two sinkholes need additional rock	Add and compact rock at both sinkholes
2 | Veterans Memorial Parkway	Toward Russellville Road	Vegetation	Trees, bushes, and hedges encroach	Trim all encroaching vegetation
2 | Veterans Memorial Parkway	Entire inspected segment	Markings / signs	Thermoplastic and signs look good	No action
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Bridge, concrete-to-gravel transition	Bollard	Yellow bollard painted	No action
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Jennings Creek interpretive sign	Interpretive sign	Panel faded and weathered	Replace panel; inspect existing frame
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Creek bed beyond bridge and park bench	Erosion / gravel	Erosion at gravel trail approach	Add rock and stabilize trail/creek-side erosion
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Jennings Creek Karst sign	Interpretive sign	Sign in good condition	No action
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Opposite Jennings Creek Karst sign	Erosion	Significant erosion	Install riprap and stabilize slope
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Brick retaining wall / chain-link fence	Erosion / gravel	Gravel washout and eroded edge	Regrade, add/compact gravel and address drainage
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Bridge across from apartments and bench	Erosion / gravel	Bridge approach washed out	Add and compact rock at bridge approach
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Torrance Avenue behind apartments	Pavement / riprap	Missing riprap; asphalt separated from concrete curb	Restore riprap; assess undermining; repair asphalt/curb
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Torridge	Bollard	Bollard painted during inspection	No action
3 | Preston Miller Park / Jennings Creek	Apartment dumpster privacy fence	Safety / private property	Fence leaning into greenway; recurring issue	Construction coordinator (possibly Daniel) to contact owner to secure, repair or remove fence
4 | Seymour	Across from Hutt's gas station	Vegetation	Growth in gravel area	Spray unwanted vegetation
4 | Seymour	New Bond and Seymour intersection	ADA / gravel	Rock needed at ADA ramp and behind storm drain	Add and compact rock
5 | Sandra Street	Sandra Street behind Walmart	Capital planning	Greenway pavement due for resurfacing	Plan repaving for 2027
5 | Sandra Street	Fence line and corridor	Vegetation / litter	Growth, fence-line brush and litter	Spray vegetation, trim fence line and pick up trash
5 | Sandra Street	Greenway pavement	Graffiti	Some graffiti removed during inspection	Inspect for remaining graffiti
5 | Sandra Street	Solar light #10	Solar lighting	Not charging properly; switched off Oct 8	Trim shading trees, reactivate light and verify charge/operation
5 | Sandra Street	Near streetlight pole before Sandra Street	Asphalt	Pavement falling in	Inspect base; mill and patch failed area
5 | Sandra Street	Sandra Street crosswalk, both sides	Bollards	Bollards painted on both sides	No action
5 | Sandra Street	Sandra Street ADA ramp	ADA / gravel	Rock needed at ramp	Add and compact rock
5 | Sandra Street	Bench past Sandra Street crosswalk	Bench / graffiti	Graffiti removed; bench painted black	No action
5 | Sandra Street	404 Loop near 405 (verify location)	Greenway sign	Orange Share the Road sign inappropriate	Replace with proper Greenway sign
6 | SKYCTC Vocational School	Behind vocational school fence	Vegetation	Trees overgrow fence line	Trim trees
7 | Warren Central / Russellville Road	Near Roses toward Russellville Road	Markings	Thermoplastic markings look good	No action
8 | Creason Street	Creason and Robinson Avenue	Bollard / markings	Bollard painted; thermo and ADA ramp good	No action
8 | Creason Street	Creason Street	Sponsorship sign	Strongtowns sponsorship sign	No action
8 | Creason Street	Emmett and Creason	Vegetation	Ditch line between road and trail needs mowing	Mow ditch line
8 | Creason Street	Emmett and Creason	Bollard / markings	Bollard painted; thermo good	No action
8 | Creason Street	Emmett and Creason	Sponsorship sign	Kentucky Public Health Association sponsorship sign	No action
8 | Creason Street	Emmett and Creason	Regulatory sign	No Motor Vehicles sign past useful life	Replace sign
9 | Industrial Drive	Industrial Drive near WCPS and WKU intramural fields	Markings	Greenway thermo needed	Install thermoplastic markings
9 | Industrial Drive	Near WCPS Student Support Services	Bench / purchasing	Missing bench	Consider purchase and installation in 2027
9 | Hobson	Hobson corridor	Markings / signs	Sharrows and curbline signs good	No action

Semiannual Greenway Inspection & Maintenance

The **orange route** on the map above highlights the Greenway sections inspected by Bowling Green Public Works in a single day as part of our semiannual maintenance program.

Crews inspect trail surfaces, signage, pavement markings, vegetation, and drainage. Some work, such as painting bollards and removing graffiti, is completed on the spot. Larger needs, including erosion control, pavement repairs, and tree trimming, are documented through work orders for follow-up.

These inspections help Public Works prioritize and track maintenance throughout the year, keeping our Greenways safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable for everyone! (Photos from 8 October)

EMPLOYEE Spotlight

Kris Keenan, Crew Leader
Operations Division



Get to Know Me:

- **Favorite Movie:** Django Unchained
- **Favorite Food:** Mexican
- **Hometown:** Bowling Green, KY
- **Hobbies:** Exploring/Traveling to new areas with his wife, Kaitlyn
- **Pet(s):** **2** dogs & 2 cats

From His Nominations:

Kris was recently promoted to Crew Leader and has really stepped up to the challenge of his new leadership role. He brings a great attitude to work every day, supports his teammates, and is already looking for ways to make Operations Division better.

He recently volunteered his time over the weekend to support Harvest Fest and is developing an idea to improve awareness of equipment and vehicle availability at Operations. Congratulations!

PUBLIC WORKS
BOWLING GREEN KY

KRIS KEENAN

Planning & Design

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

Plats Reviewed	Site Inspections	ROW Permits	CDR Reviews
3	61-Initial 405- Re-inspections	29	8

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



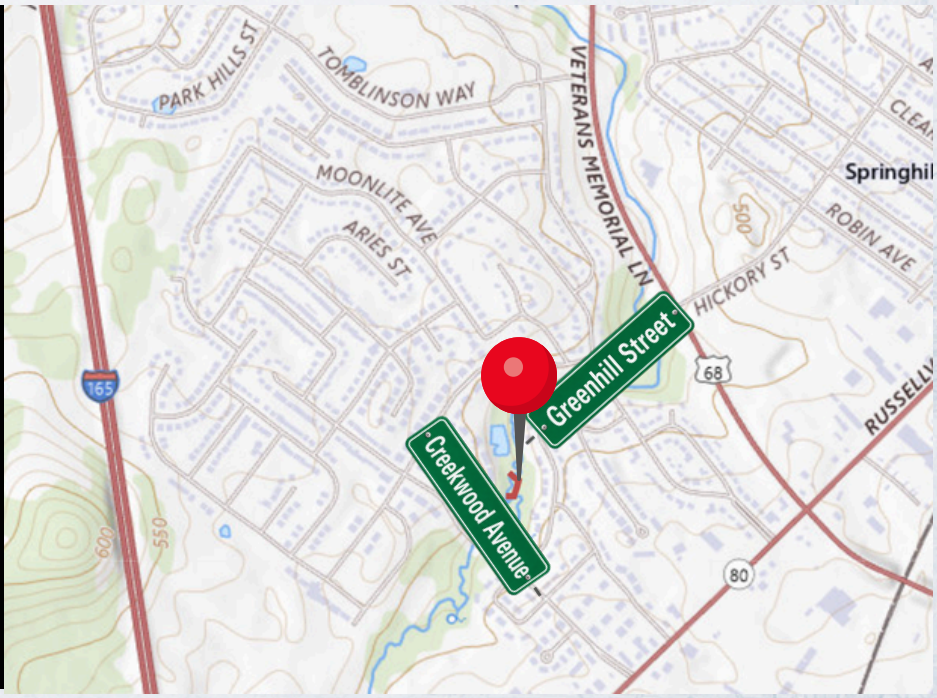
Surveyor I Tyler Phelps is supporting planning for Fire Station #9 by developing a topographic model and preparing a preliminary easement plat for Turner Court. His work provides site information to help guide design and construction coordination. (22 October 2026)

Jennings Creek Boardwalk









Jennings Creek Boardwalk





The Jennings Creek Boardwalk project is the next phase of improvements along the Jennings Creek Greenway, expanding access to natural areas surrounding the creek and improving existing trail connections. The project continues investment in the Jennings Creek area following the December 2021 tornado, which heavily impacted the neighborhood. It builds on earlier improvements, including the Nature Park and Playscape, which brought new recreational opportunities to the area.

The $377,144 project includes 124 linear feet of precast concrete boardwalk and 100 linear feet of six-foot-wide concrete sidewalk, along with foundations, grading, erosion control, and site restoration. The boardwalk will extend into the natural area near Jennings Creek, giving residents and visitors a closer view of the creek and surrounding environment.

Apex Design Group, Inc. was awarded the project in March 2026. Site work has continued throughout the year, with the precast boardwalk system arriving in early October. Installation and remaining site work are underway, with completion in late October 2026.

The project provides an accessible route for residents and visitors, including those using wheelchairs or other mobility devices and families with strollers. It adds another way to enjoy the greenway and experience Jennings Creek while continuing improvements made over the past several years. Public Works Planner Daniel Colter oversaw the completion of this project.

Wilkinson Trace Safety Improvements







Completed this month, the Wilkinson Trace safety improvement project was funded through the FY27 budget in response to citizen feedback and a request from Commissioner Dana Beasley Brown. A new sidewalk between Augusta Avenue and Legends Drive connects the two neighborhoods, while a protected crosswalk (flashing beacons pending installation) will provide access to the existing walking trail along Wilkinson Trace. Civil Engineer I Trevor Cline completed the design and oversaw construction.

Ridgecrest Way New Sidewalk





Sidewalk construction along Ridgecrest Way began at the Smallhouse Road end and is expected to be completed by the end of November. The before-and-after photos show progress to date. Construction Coordinator II Melanie Shy is overseeing the project.

GoBG Bus Shelters









In collaboration with GOBG Transportation and Neighborhood & Community Services, Trevor Cline, Civil Engineer I, coordinated the design and construction of four new bus shelters at high-traffic GOBG stops. The shelters were constructed by Baker Contracting at Warren County Justice Center (Center Street), Greenwood Mall (JCPenney), Campbell Lane (in front of Burger King), and 2107 Rock Creek Drive. This initiative enhances passenger comfort and promotes pedestrian safety.

For more information about our city's Public Transportation Service visit https://www.letsgobg.com/

Environmental Compliance

Geologist * Sinkholes * Spills * Education * Water Sampling
Matt Powell, Manager
(270) 393-3071 | stormwater@bgky.org

October 2026

2	IDDE Investigations
6	Education & Outreach
0	Drainage Concerns
38	Permit Approvals
3	SWU Inquiries

SINKHOLES

Investigated
9

Responsible Party
7 | City 2 | Private

Repaired
4 | Internally 1 | Contract

Repair Status
5 Completed
1 Ongoing
7 Pending

Investigating Below the Surface

City Geologist Nick Lawhon investigates a residential crawl space near Lehman Avenue and Covington Street. Our Environmental Compliance Division regularly assists residents with concerns involving karst features, water infiltration, foundation issues, and potential impacts from stormwater drainage. These site visits help the City better understand concerns and identify possible causes.



SEE A SINKHOLE? REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY
(270) 393-3628

Sinkhole Conference



City Geologist Nick Lawhon presents on Bowling Green's unique karst-reliant stormwater system at the sinkhole conference in Albany, New York, October 5–9. Lawhon attended alongside Environmental Manager Matt Powell and Operations Maintenance Technician II Austin "Rub" Jones. Held every three to four years, the conference offers valuable opportunities to exchange knowledge with other communities facing sinkhole and karst challenges. https://www.sinkholeconference.com/





Downtown BGKY HARVEST Festival CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Environmental Coordinator Courtenay Howell and Construction Coordinator I Journee Waggener hosted the *Litter Getter | Trash Dash!* midway game at the Harvest Festival. Participants competed to clean up the most litter the fastest - promoting litter prevention and environmental stewardship. Household Hazardous Waste Day was also promoted to encourage proper disposal of household hazardous waste. 17 OCT

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CLEAN WATER STARTS HERE.

Understanding the MS4 permit & its six minimum control measures



WHAT IS AN MS4?

MS4 means Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System: the public network of storm drains, pipes and ditches that carries stormwater. It is separate from the sanitary sewer; runoff often reaches waterways without treatment.

WHY A PERMIT?

Under the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), regulated MS4s need stormwater discharge permit coverage. EPA's Phase II framework requires a stormwater program built around six minimum control measures.

01 Public Education & Outreach

Help people understand how everyday actions affect water quality.

Examples: stormwater messages, school programs and proper waste-disposal guidance.



02 Public Involvement & Participation

Give the community ways to help shape and carry out the stormwater program.

Examples: public input, volunteer cleanups and community events.



03 Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination

Find and stop pollution entering the storm drainage system.

Examples: investigate dumping, trace spills and correct improper connections.



04 Construction Site Runoff Control

Keep sediment and other pollutants from leaving active construction sites.

Examples: erosion controls, site inspections and corrective action.



05 Post-Construction Stormwater Management

Control polluted runoff after development or redevelopment is complete.

Examples: detention facilities, rain gardens and long-term maintenance.



06 Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping

Reduce pollution from municipal operations and facilities.

Examples: street sweeping, drain cleaning, safe material storage and staff training.



IN THIS NEWSLETTER

MCM 3: Investigating paint washed into a storm drain.

MCM 6: Courtesy trash cans support litter prevention and good housekeeping.

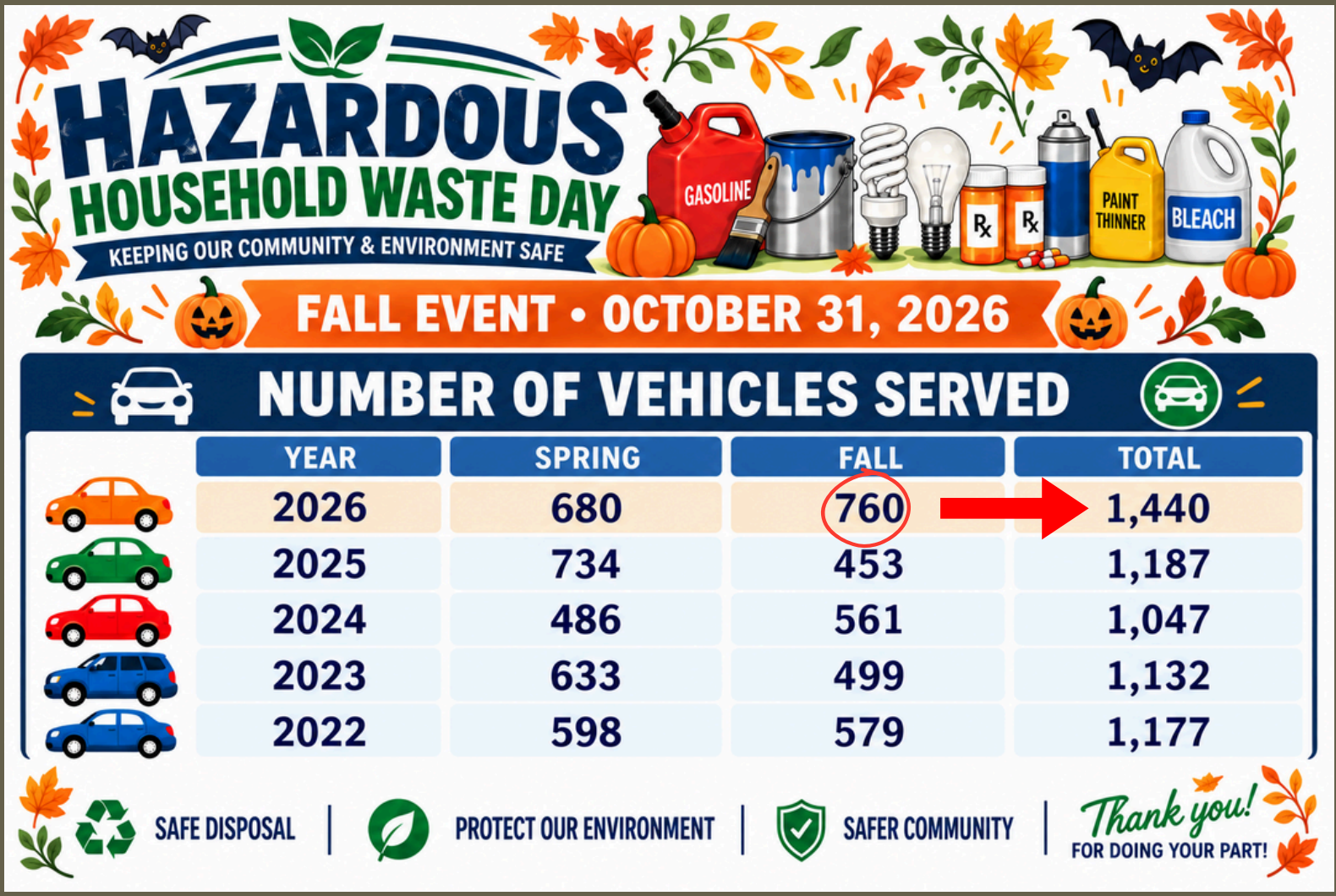
Six measures. One goal: cleaner water.

Federal framework: 40 CFR 122.34(b) • Permit-specific requirements also apply.

Sources: EPA Municipal Stormwater Program • epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-municipal-sources

Minimum Control Measure 2:
Public Involvement & Participation

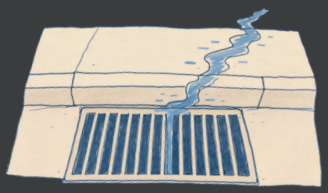




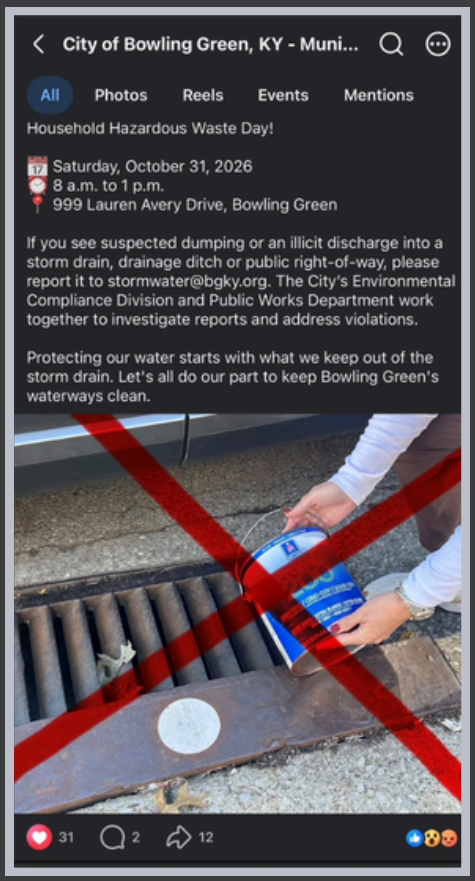
The semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Day took place on October 31st. This initiative, in collaboration with our partners from Warren County Stormwater, aims to protect the environment while serving the residents of Bowling Green.

Minimum Control Measure 3:
Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE)









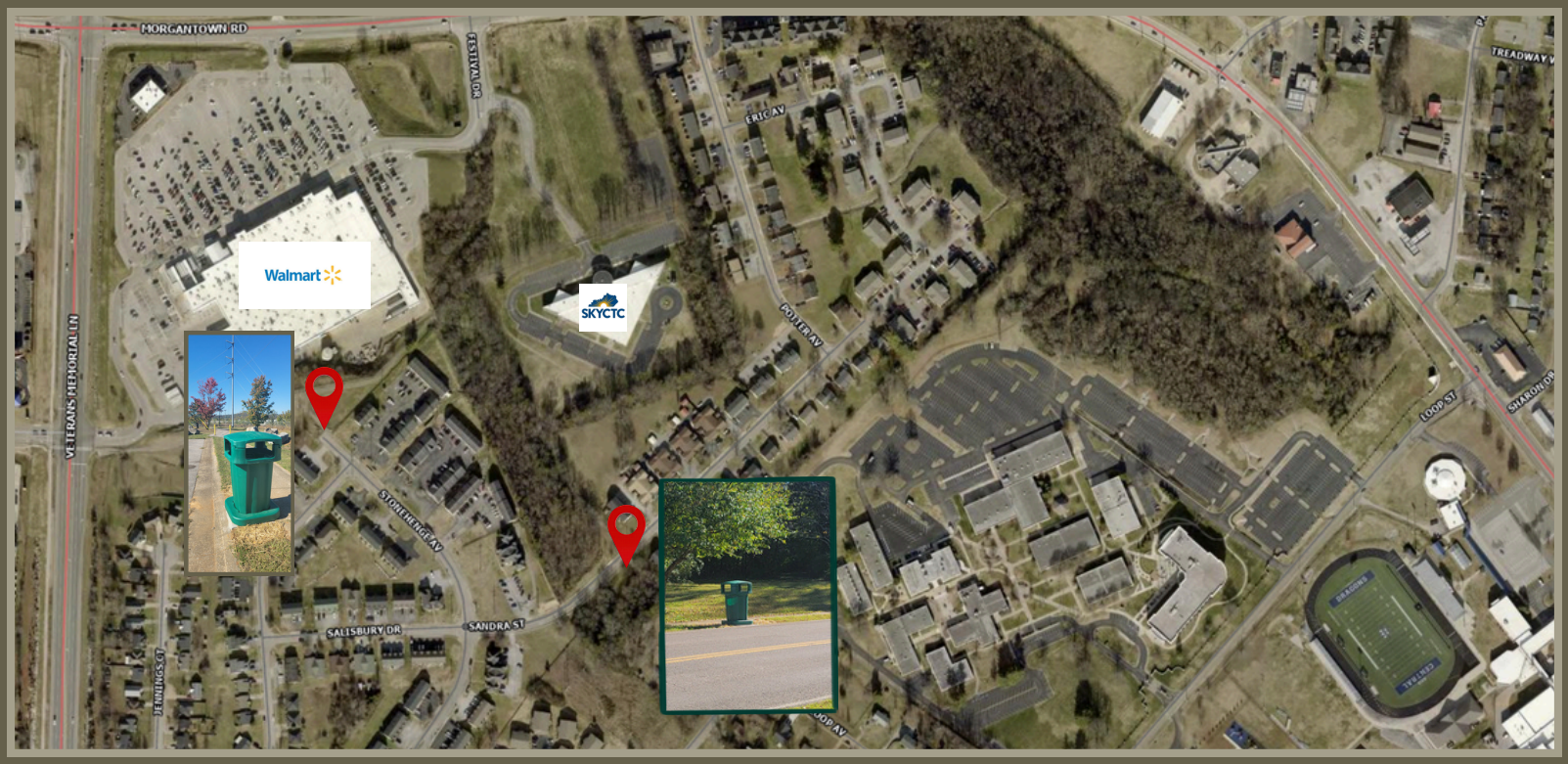
Journee Waggener, Construction Coordinator I, investigated an IDDE involving contractors washing paint into a storm drain and used the incident as an opportunity to educate citizens through social media on the importance of promptly reporting potential illicit discharges and spills. Citizens were encouraged to report concerns to stormwater@bgky.org, provide photo documentation when available, and take advantage of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events for proper disposal of household hazardous materials. Waggener also issued courtesy notices to construction permit holders in the affected area, reminding them of proper disposal and cleanup of construction materials to help prevent pollutants from entering the stormwater system. 15 OCT





Tony Joiner (left) and **Bryon Kinser** with the Operations Division assisted ECD staff during the **Fall quarterly ambient water quality sampling event.** Tony assisted with land-based grab samples, while Bryon provided support by boat. 20 OCT

Minimum Control Measure 6:
Good Housekeeping | Courtesy Trash Can Placement



COURTESY CANS

16 LOCATIONS • TWO NEW ADDITIONS IN OCTOBER

KEEP LITTER OUT OF OUR STORM DRAINS

Protecting Bowling Green's karst system and groundwater

LOCATION / ADDRESS	CANS
1868 Sandra Street NEW • OCTOBER 2026	1
1869 Stonehenge Avenue NEW • OCTOBER 2026	1
1225 College Street	1
610 Cabell Drive	1
Park Street & 13th Avenue	1
1216 Park Street	1

LOCATION / ADDRESS	CANS
11th Avenue & Chestnut Street*	1
East 12th Avenue & Clay Street	1
431 Woodford Avenue	1
503 Old Morgantown Road	1
12th Avenue & Chestnut Street	1
1341 Chestnut Street	1

LOCATION / ADDRESS	CANS
Old Morgantown Rd & University Blvd	1
Old Morgantown Rd & Morgantown Rd	1
1162 US 31W Bypass Behind Taco Bell, near alley	1
1145 US 31W Bypass	1

16 **TOTAL COURTESY CANS**

One at each listed location

*11th & Chestnut: relocation to the front of 603 E. 11th Avenue is noted as planned.

Use courtesy cans to keep litter off streets and greenways—and out of storm drains.

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Source: KiCBG Public Trashcan Inventory • 2026 tab • October 2026



FACILITIES
WORK ORDER REPORT

SAFE FACILITIES. EFFICIENT OPERATIONS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

WORK ORDERS
131

WORK HOURS
265



1945	PW Admin Pending Demolition		4				
1992	PW Ops	1	3	1	2		Bathroom Renovation
1992	PW Fleet		4	1			
1907	City Hall	2	3	1	2	3	Carpets Cleaned
1946	CH Annex Pending Demolition	2	3	4		1	
1974	NCS	3	2	1		3	
1997	BGPD	1	4	3		1	
2009	Fire HQ			1			
1980	Fire #1		1	3			
1980	Fire #2			1	3		Bay Addition
2001	Fire #3	2	2				



FACILITIES WORK ORDER REPORT

SAFE FACILITIES. EFFICIENT OPERATIONS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

PLUMBING | HVAC | ELECTRICAL | CARPENTRY | CLEANING | OTHER

2001	Fire #4		3	1			
2025	Fire #5	1	5	3	4		
2008	Fire #6		2	1		1	
2020	Fire #7	2	2	3			
2024	Fire #8		1	2	3		
1995	Convention Ctr	3	2				
1872	Hobson House		4	2			
1930	White House						
1987	Transit Bldg						
1987	US Bank Bldg		6				
1981	BGPD-East Precinct	3	3	6			Interior Renovations

Operations Restroom Renovation





A much-needed upgrade at Operations! Funded through the FY27 budget, the restroom renovation was completed in October 2026 under the oversight of Construction Coordinator I Kenny Woods. Kenny is also overseeing construction of new lean-tos at Operations to shelter our snowplows and protect the City's investment in essential winter equipment.

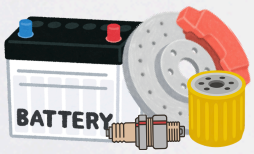
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Heavy Duty Truck * Light Duty Trucks & Cars * Police
Fire * ASE Certified Mechanics * Enterprise Fleet Management

- A purchase order for exterior repair of Unit #2287 (2025 Pierce Rescue apparatus) in the amount of $4,187.54 was approved on 8 October. The unit struck a bollard during a fire response.
- A purchase order to repair a fuel leak on Unit #2269 (2020 Pierce Aerial truck) in the amount of $4,414.70 was approved on 8 October.
- A final purchase order for Unit #5540 (2023 Chevrolet half-ton truck) that was part of a multi-vehicle accident (not the city's fault) in the amount of $14,053.27 was approved on 9 October.
- A purchase order to repair Unit #3381 (2025 Dodge Pursuit vehicle with BGPD) for fender, bumper and door repairs in the amount of $5,625.44 was approved on 22 October.
- A change purchase order for Unit #2255 (2019 Pierce Fire truck) in the amount of $15,063.16 for engine repairs was approved on 30 October.

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Filled
Parts Requests
172



Preventative
Work Orders
66



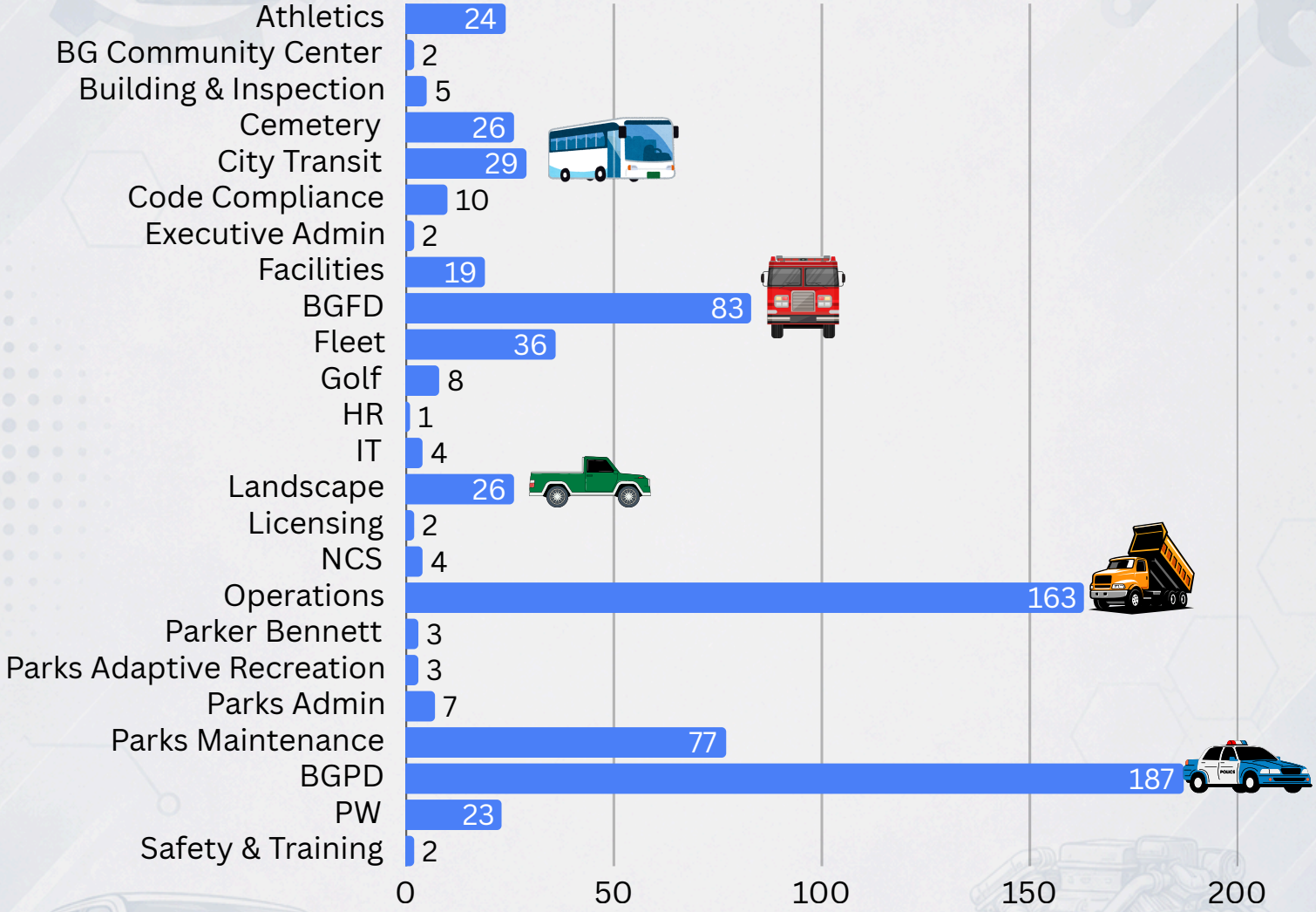
Repair
Work Orders
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Fleet

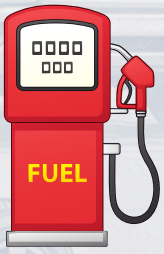
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EQUIPMENT / VEHICLES BY DEPARTMENT



CITY FLEET USAGE ★ ★ ★ SEPTEMBER 2026

Last Month



19,767
Gallons



4.2K
Gallons

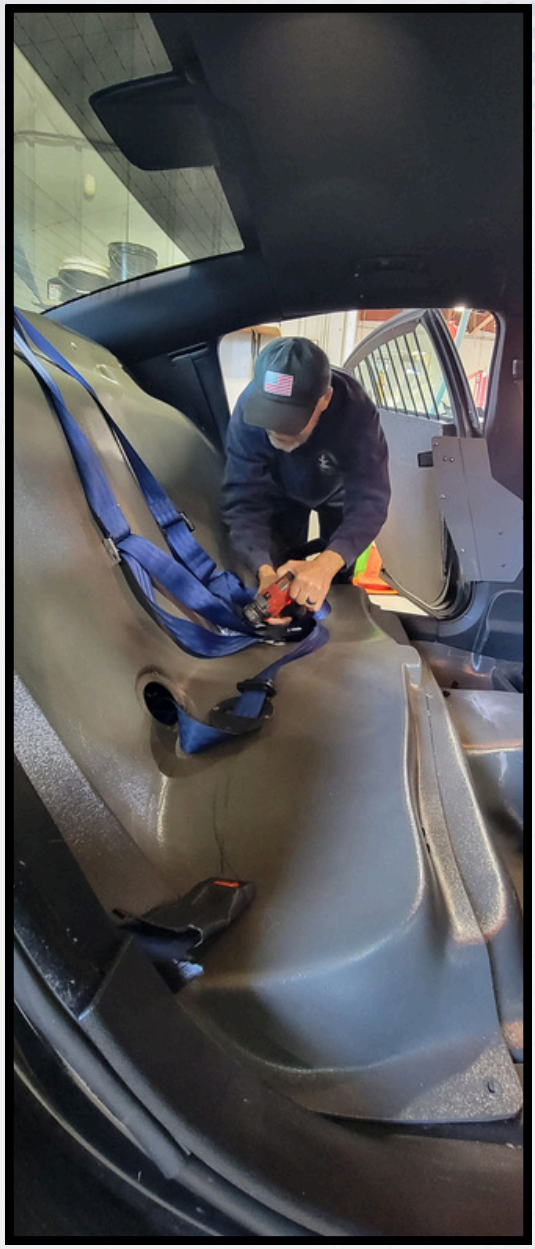


363
Gallons



$ Unavailable







A Day in the Life of Fleet

From equipment repairs and troubleshooting to vehicle surplus and inventory management, our Fleet Division handles a wide variety of tasks to keep the City running!

- **Left**: Master Medium/Heavy Truck Technician Nick Updegraff and Master Automotive Technician Terry Roberts troubleshoot equipment for Operations.
- **Center**: Equipment Technician Keith Patton prepares a surplus BGPD cruiser for auction.
- **Top Right**: Fleet Inventory Coordinator Randy Phelps conducts tire inventory.
- **Bottom Right**: Master Automotive Technician Trevor Noble troubleshoots a lighting issue on a BGPD cruiser.



Administration

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Promotion	Facilities Division	Municipal Order 2026-215 was approved by the Board of Commissioners approving the promotion of Kenny Woods to the position of Construction Coordinator I on **20 October 2026**.
New Hire	Operations Division	Municipal Order 2026-223 was approved by the Board of Commissioners approving the probationary appointment of Christopher Smith to the position of Operations Maintenance Technician I on **20 October 2026**.

Topic	Media	Date	Link
Household Hazardous Waste Day	**WBKO**	**15 October**	**Click Here**