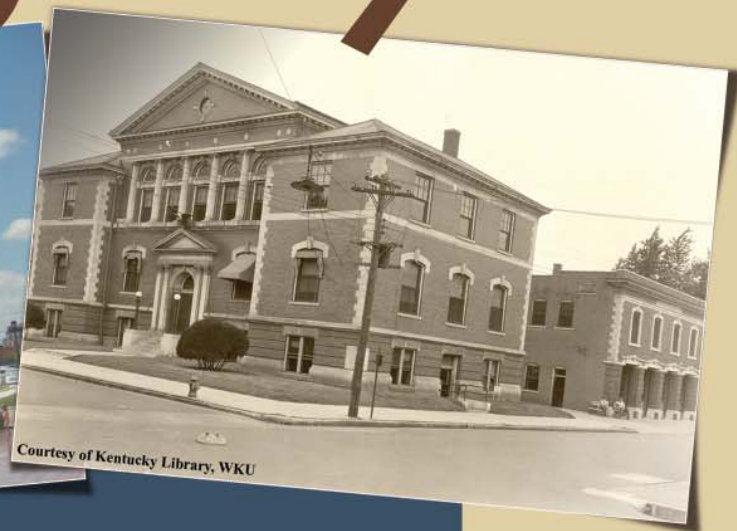
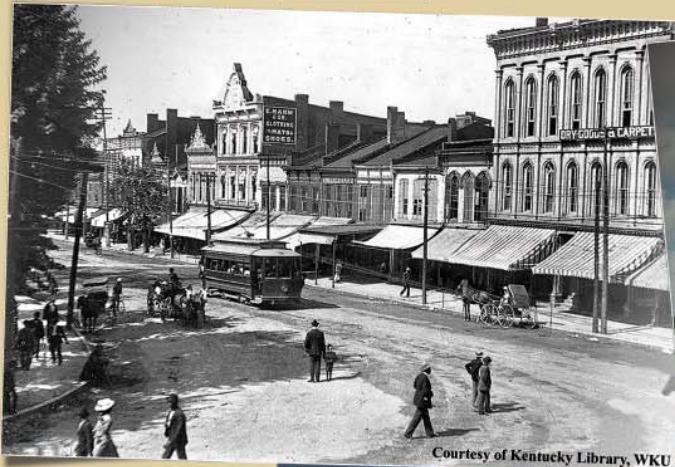


2009



City of Bowling Green Calendar

2008 Annual Report

City Manager's Letter

Dear Fellow Resident,

It is my pleasure to present the third Annual City Report and Calendar for your review.

The theme of this year's report is *Bowling Green: Then and Now*. In the following pages, you will find pictures of familiar community icons as they appeared yesterday and how they are today.

Although these images may change with the passage of time, our values as a community should not.

Whether in 1908 or 2008, we remain committed to four overriding principles:

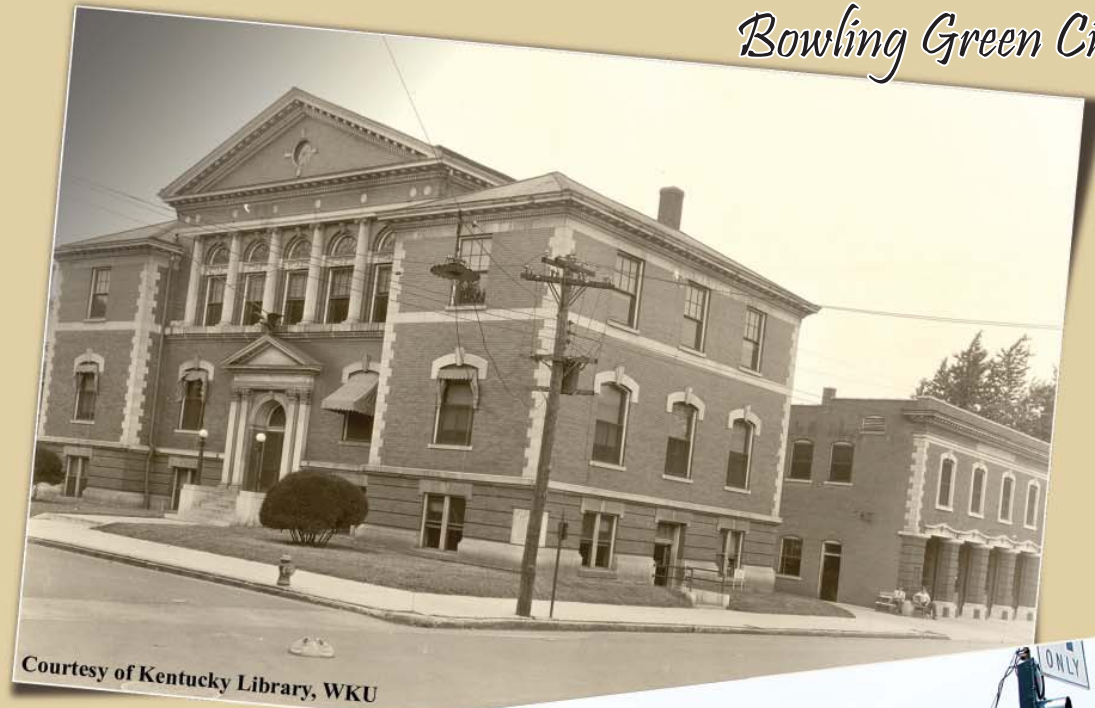
- To provide for open, honest representative government.
- To deliver the highest quality services at the lowest appropriate cost.
- To compete in a world wide economy.
- To improve the quality of life for all residents.

As we move confidently into a period of unknown change and challenge, the City Commission and staff invite you to join us as we forge an exciting new future.

Bowling Green First,

Kevin D. DeFebbo
City Manager
November, 2008

Bowling Green City Hall





Board of Commissioners Senior Management Team

Board of Commissioners: January 1, 2009



Front Row, Left to Right: Mayor Elaine Walker and Commissioner Catherine Hamilton
Back Row, Left to Right: Commissioner Brian "Slim" Nash, Commissioner Joe Denning and Commissioner Bruce Wilkerson



Commissioner Brian Strow
2005-2008

Senior Management Team



Front Row, Left to Right: Emmett Wood (Public Works), Jeff Meisel (Finance), Michele Tolbert (Human Resources & Risk Management), Katie Schaller (Assistant City Manager/City Clerk), Deborah Jenkins (Internal Auditor), and Gene Harmon (Law)

Back Row, Left to Right: Kevin D. DeFebbo (City Manager), Lynn Hartley (Information Technology), Mike Grubbs (Citizen Information & Assistance), Greg Johnson (Fire), Alice Burks (Housing & Community Development), Doug Hawkins (Police), and Ernie Gouvas (Parks & Recreation)

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, livable neighborhoods.

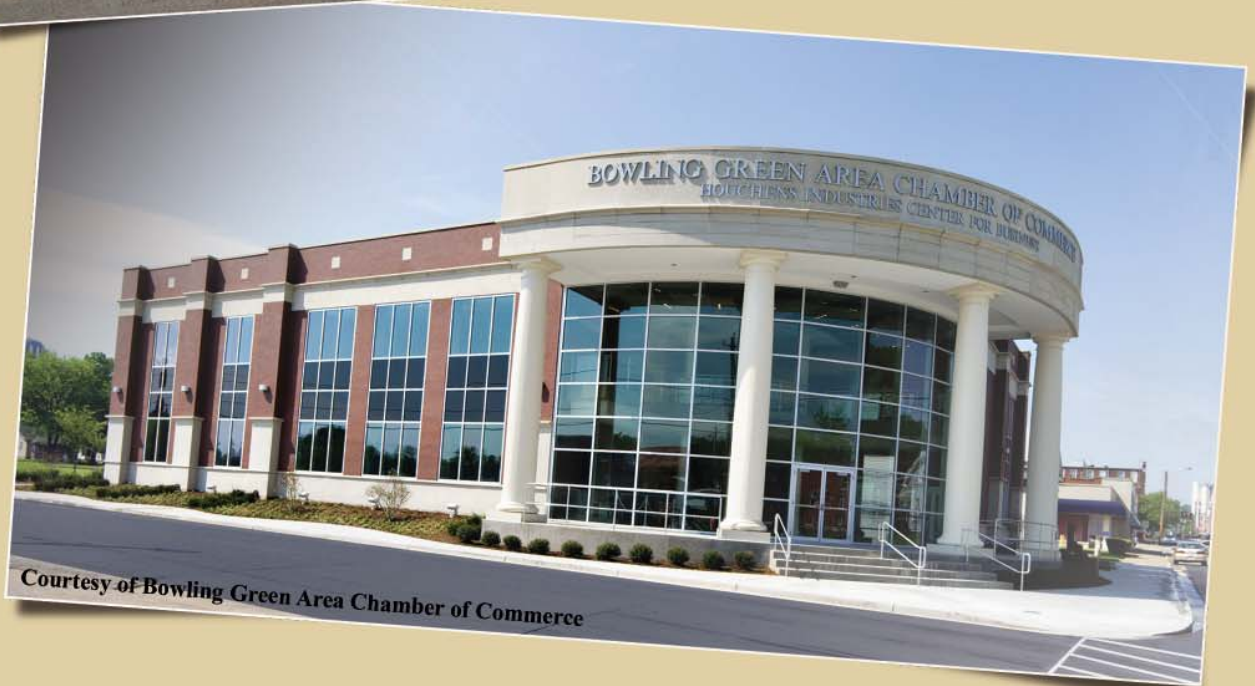
We take pride in our great community.



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.

Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce



Courtesy of Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce

2008: The Year in Review and a Look Ahead

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION: BETTER WAYS TO GET AROUND TOWN

COMING SOON

- The preliminary design for the Old Morgantown Road project was completed, and funding for the final design was set aside.
- Funding was committed and the Phase I design for the Cave Mill Road and Smallhouse Road intersection was initiated.
- The Greenwood Lane project was funded in the FY2009 budget.
- Funding was set aside for the extension of Kawanishi Way.
- Over \$1.2 million will be used to build and rehabilitate sidewalks throughout the city.



January 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY New Year's Day	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				City Offices Closed 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	Martin Luther King Day City Offices Closed 19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

WHERE ELSE WE'RE INVESTING

- 7,268 feet of new sidewalks were laid.
- Phase I of the Westside sidewalk initiative at Clay Street and W. 13th Avenue was completed.
- Construction of the Broadway curve realignment project began.



- Construction of the downtown signalization project was initiated.
- Partnered with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Warren County and affected property owners to fund underground utilities along parts of Lovers Lane.
- New greenways were completed connecting Weldon Peete Park to the College Street Bridge.
- Westen Avenue realignment was completed through a public-private partnership.
- Phase II of Heritage Trail was completed, providing a landscaped walkway from Fountain Square Park to Circus Square Park.
- Improvements to Modern Way were completed, allowing for alternate access to the industrial park.
- Phase II of the Fields Drive extension was completed allowing internal traffic to avoid the Campbell Lane and Nashville Road intersection.



Corvette



STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS: IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE, EMPOWERING PEOPLE

- Eight of the 12 Lee Square Phase I homes constructed by HANDS and the Housing Authority were sold and occupied.



- Construction on an additional five homes in the Lee Square development was initiated by the Housing Authority.
- Twenty-six homes on Edward Drive and Cedarwood Way were annexed into the city.
- The Mayor's Task Force on Regulatory Reform identified barriers to affordable housing and its recommendations were adopted by the Board of Commissioners.
- Nearly 3,000 properties were inspected through the Target Area proactive property maintenance inspection program.
- With neighborhood input through Envision Forest Park, a preliminary design was completed to rehabilitate Old Morgantown Road.



February 2009

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

- “Bricks and Mortar Form Houses, People Shape Neighborhoods” campaign was developed with Bowling Green Coalition of Active Neighborhoods, including t-shirts and a new children’s activity booklet.
- “Make a Difference in Your Neighborhood” information fair was initiated by the BGCAN Board.
- The neighborhood park at Lee Square was completed.
- A partnership was formed with the Bowling Green Housing Authority for the demolition and development of dilapidated properties on E. 3rd Avenue.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT/RIVERFRONT

- Circus Square Park opened.



- Rehabilitation of the Standard Oil Building at Circus Square Park was authorized.
- The City issued \$25 million in General Obligation bonds for the construction of the minor league ballpark.



Lost River Cave



- The City approved the WKU Gateway to Downtown Bowling Green mixed-use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, a multi-year public-private partnership that will redevelop several blocks, including a baseball stadium, hotel, retail and office space, residential properties, the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center, and related parking and public infrastructure improvements.

PUBLIC SAFETY: A SAFER COMMUNITY

- Five additional firefighter positions were authorized to complete staffing of the new Greenwood Fire Station.



- Two additional police officers and two communications positions were authorized.
- An online bicycle registry was initiated at www.bgky.org.



- Security cameras were installed at the City Hall complex and the Russell Sims Aquatic Center.
- Two fire trucks were replaced.
- Design was started for the improvement and addition to the Fire Department Headquarters.

March 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	St. Patrick's Day	18	19	Spring Begins	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- New thermal imaging equipment was purchased for the Fire Department.
- An Emergency Response Vehicle was purchased for the BGPD Critical Incident Team.

PARKS AND RECREATION: CONTINUED GROWTH

- New Kereiakes Park tennis courts were built.



- New restrooms were built at Lampkin Park.
- A new basketball court and parking lot were built at Preston Miller Park.
- Over 1.1 million participants enjoyed parks services last year.
- A new pump and filter system was installed in the fountain at Fountain Square Park.



- Parks and Recreation revenues were up 6% this year totaling over \$2.5 million.
- Improvements were made to the Paul Walker Pro Shop and restrooms.



WAYS WE'RE SAVING MONEY

- The Kummer/Little Recreation Facility opened and is being operated with one additional part-time recreation staff and by using personnel from other programs.



- \$324,500 in additional new revenues was produced through business license audits and inspections.
- The Public Works Operations Division used in house personnel and resources to install sidewalks on Wilkinson Trace, E. 3rd Avenue, Gordon Avenue and W. Main Street.



- Parks Maintenance staff installed a lighting system at the new Kereiakes tennis courts.
- The FY2009 budget totals \$94.4 million, 8.6% less than the previous budget.
- A new Convention Center management and catering agreement resulted in an increased City share of revenues over the next two years.

April 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY April Fool's Day	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
Palm Sunday 5	6	7	8	9 Passover	10 Good Friday City Offices Closed	11
12 Easter	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27	28	29 Administrative Professional's Day	30		

- Public Works Fleet Division installed 72 Mobile Data Computers in patrol cars.
- The City was certified as a "drug free workplace" through the Kentucky Department of Workers Claims, providing a 5% savings in our Workers' Compensation premium.
- The Smith System Certified Driver Training Program was initiated to reduce accidents.
- A new 10-year gas franchise agreement was approved with Atmos Energy.

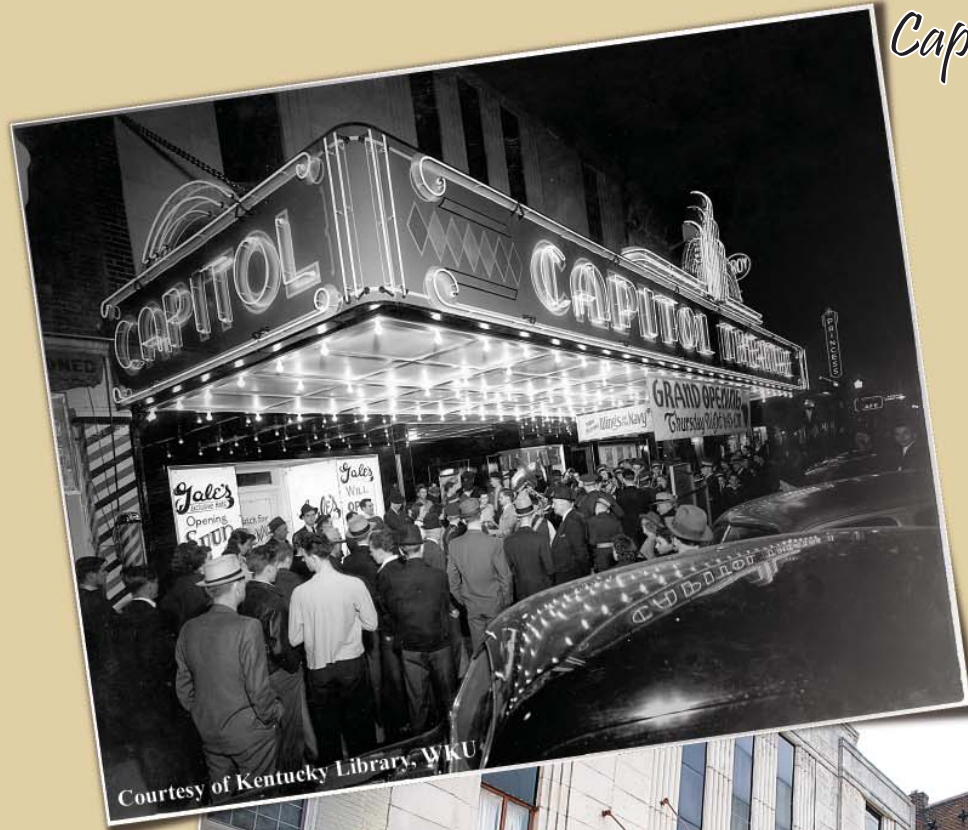
BETTER WAYS OF WORKING

- Parks and Recreation worked with Public Works to transfer right-of-way mowing from the Landscape Division.
- New World Software System for the Finance and Human Resources departments was implemented. This system will allow for improvements with asset management, project accounting, purchasing, payroll, benefits, position control, and applicant tracking.
- 360 access points were deployed as part of the new wireless technology network which will greatly assist Police, Fire, and Housing and Community Development.



- As part of our wireless technology project, a Homeland Security Grant paid for 100 additional access points to be installed in FY2009.

Capitol Arts Center



Courtesy of Kentucky Library, WKU



- Golf audit recommendations were implemented, including volunteer and alcohol beverage policies.
- The Finance Department assisted with the transition from credit cards to procurement cards that will add more internal control and security.
- The Public Information Division began producing original programming for Government Access Channel 4 and the website.
- A school crossing assessment was completed to improve efficiency and safety for walkers and bikers.
- A long term maintenance plan for various municipal facilities was implemented.
- Disaster recovery IT equipment was installed at the Southside Fire Station and began backing up critical data there.
- Mobile Data Computers were implemented, improving officer safety and efficiency.



- Human Resources took over portions of the payroll function to accomplish a separation of duties as recommended by the City's auditor.
- Six job development incentive agreements were coordinated and are expected to produce 156 new jobs and net \$529,000 in withholdings over the next five years.

May 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
		Cinco de Mayo				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mother's Day						Armed Forces Day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	Memorial Day					
31	City Offices Closed	26	27	28	29	30

- Police district lines were re-drawn in order to better serve the residents of Bowling Green.
- The wetland filtration storm water project at Lost River Cave to naturally treat stormwater run-off from Nashville Road was approved and initiated.



- Performance measurement standards were developed for City departments utilizing the ICMA Center for Performance Measurement.
- Work on the County-wide Strategic Comprehensive Plan was initiated. Eight public forums were held and work began on the creation of a Vision Statement and draft plan elements for land use, transportation and community facilities.

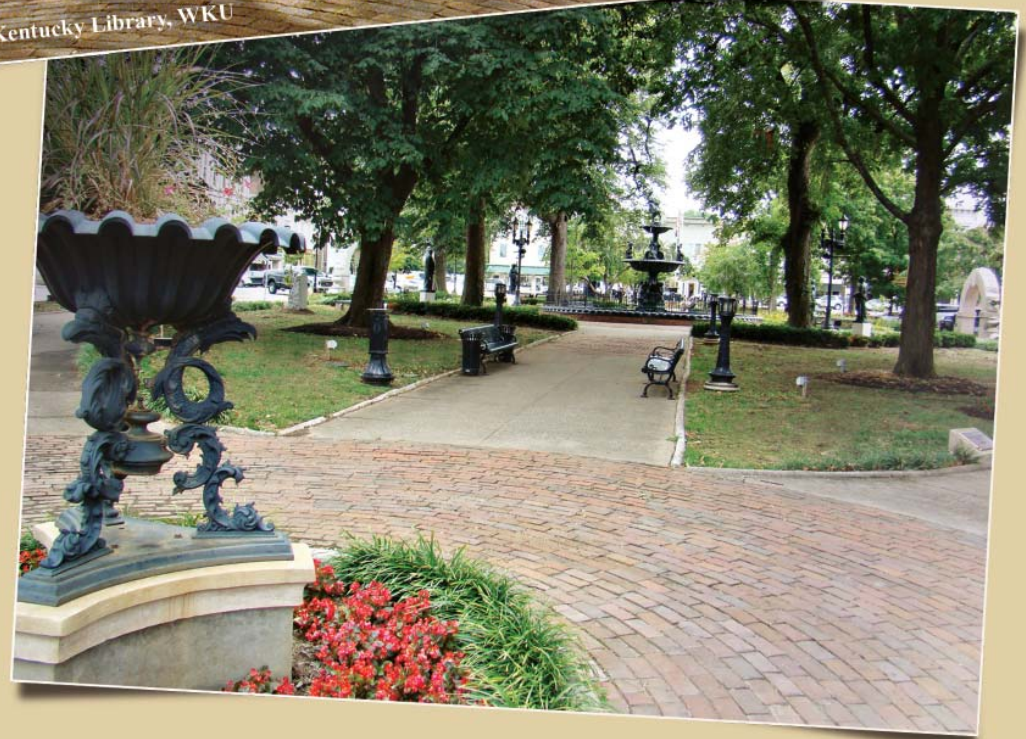
DISTINCTIVE

- Forbes Magazine ranked Bowling Green as the twelfth Best Small Place for Businesses & Careers in the U.S. for metro areas under 250,000.



Fountain Square Park

Courtesy of Kentucky Library, WKU



- National Geographic's Adventure Magazine listed Bowling Green in the top 11 "small towns" for adventure as part of its ranking of the Best 50 Places to live and play in the United States.



- Bowling Green tied for sixth in the nation for metro areas under 200,000 in the Site Selection Magazine ranking for industry location and expansion.
- The Bowling Green Fire Department delivered toys to more than 400 children on Christmas Day.



- The City's website achieved one million hits for the first time.
- Human Resources assisted with the coordination of the Kentucky Municipal Environmental Safety and Health Association Conference held in Bowling Green.
- \$1,000 EXCEL awards were distributed to ten City employees for providing excellence in customer service.

June 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Flag Day						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Father's Day Summer Begins						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

OUTSTANDING

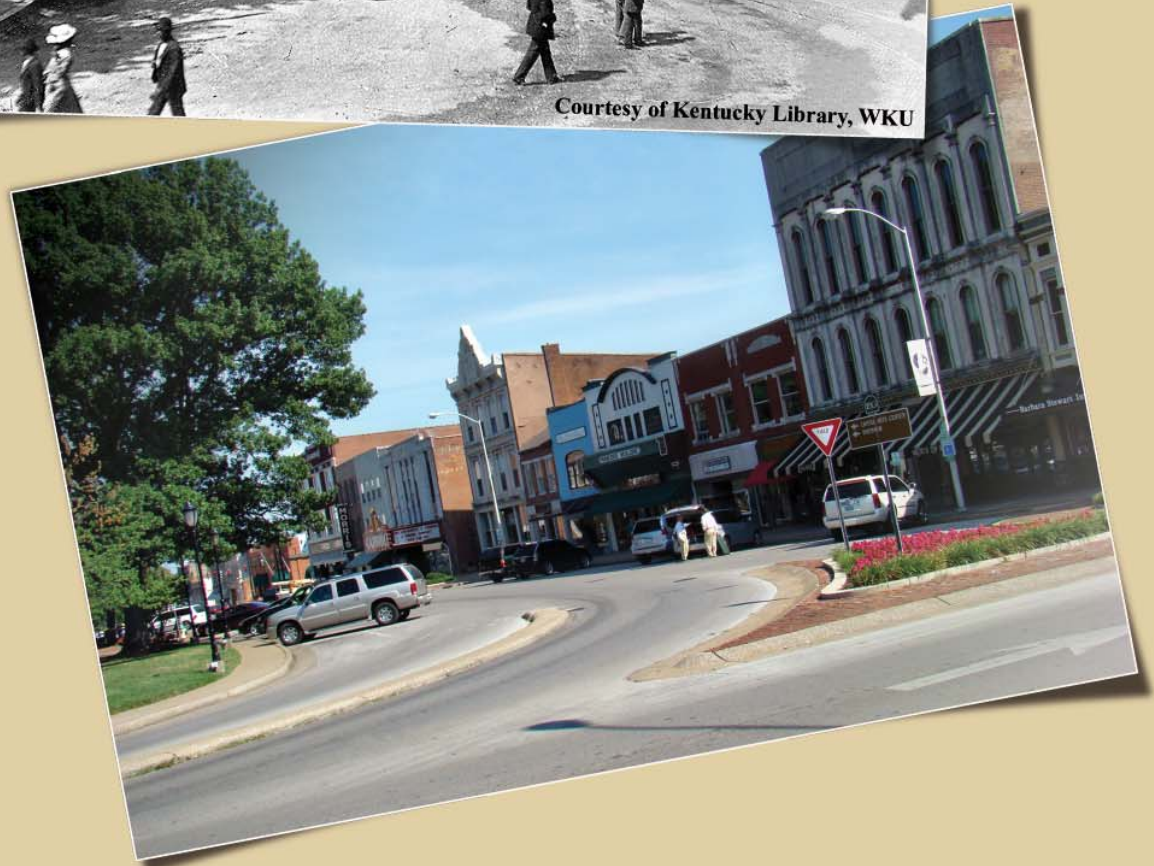
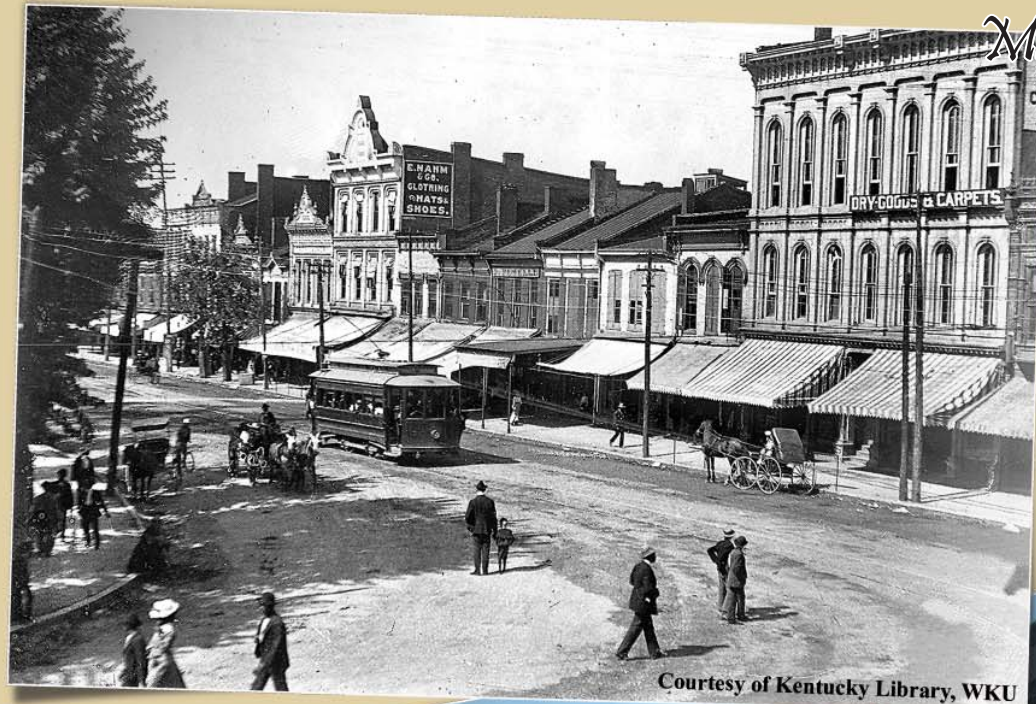
- The Finance Department received the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States of America Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY2007 comprehensive annual financial report.
- Four City public information projects received Markie Awards from the Professional Marketing Association.
- Bowling Green was one of six U.S. cities to receive a 2008 Ambassador Cities designation by the National Association of Realtors and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, for homeownership efforts and first time homebuyer counseling.
- Bowling Green was awarded a Preserve America grant from the U. S. Department of Interior and First Lady Laura Bush.



- The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program was awarded an additional 97 rental assistance vouchers in December 2007.
- \$42,000 was provided to the Friends of L&N Depot to complete capital improvements.

HIGH PERFORMING

- The City's workers' compensation program was evaluated as having a perfect score and received a risk management award from the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services.



- The Fire Department received national accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.



- The Police Department was recertified for another five years by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.



- The new Kummer/Little Recreation Center received the May 2008 Operation P.R.I.D.E. Commercial Pride Award for improving the appearance of the 300 block of College Street.
- The Fleet Management Division received the National Institute for Automotive Excellence "Blue Seal of Excellence" for the fifth consecutive year.

INNOVATIVE

- The City's Mobile Wireless Technology project was recognized by the Computer-world Honors Program as a 2008 Honors Program Laureate.

July 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Independence Day Observed City Offices Closed	SATURDAY Independence Day
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- The City's initiative to improve housing and homeownership rates received the Kentucky League of Cities' Enterprise Cities Award.



- The Enterprise Community Board awarded post-secondary \$1,000 scholarships to five Enterprise Community residents and successfully completed the second year of the Summer Youth Employment Program.
- Bowling Green's Keep it Clean Bowling Green anti-litter campaign and Stanley the Trash Can were "franchised" and adopted by the City of Ashland, Kentucky.

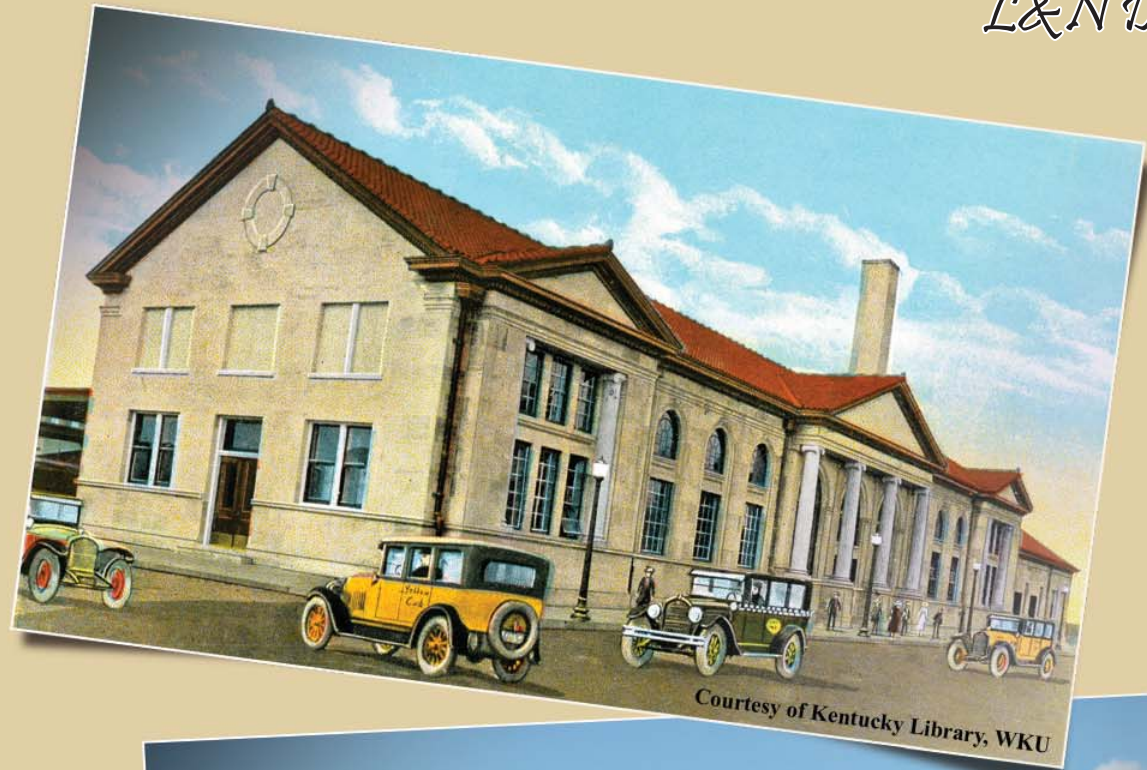


- City departments worked together to initiate a Hispanic community outreach effort.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 KEY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

- All non-public safety departments were directed to cut their FY2009 operating budget requests by 3%.

L&N Depot



- The FY2009 budget is based on a lower property tax rate to account for elimination of direct City funding of the public library due to implementation of a county-wide library tax.



- The total adopted Capital Improvement Program, including debt, is \$18.8 million.



- The budget recommended no new bonded debt.
- A dedicated special fund reserve of almost \$2 million was established to protect against possible revenue shortfalls to make TIF or ITA bond payments.
- A General Fund reserve balance of 15% of revenues will be maintained in accordance with adopted policy.

August 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24					
30	31	25	26	27	28	29

Did You Know?

48 Board of Commissioners Meetings,
Work Sessions and Special Call
Meetings Held

50 Neighborhood Groups Participating
in Neighborhood Watch

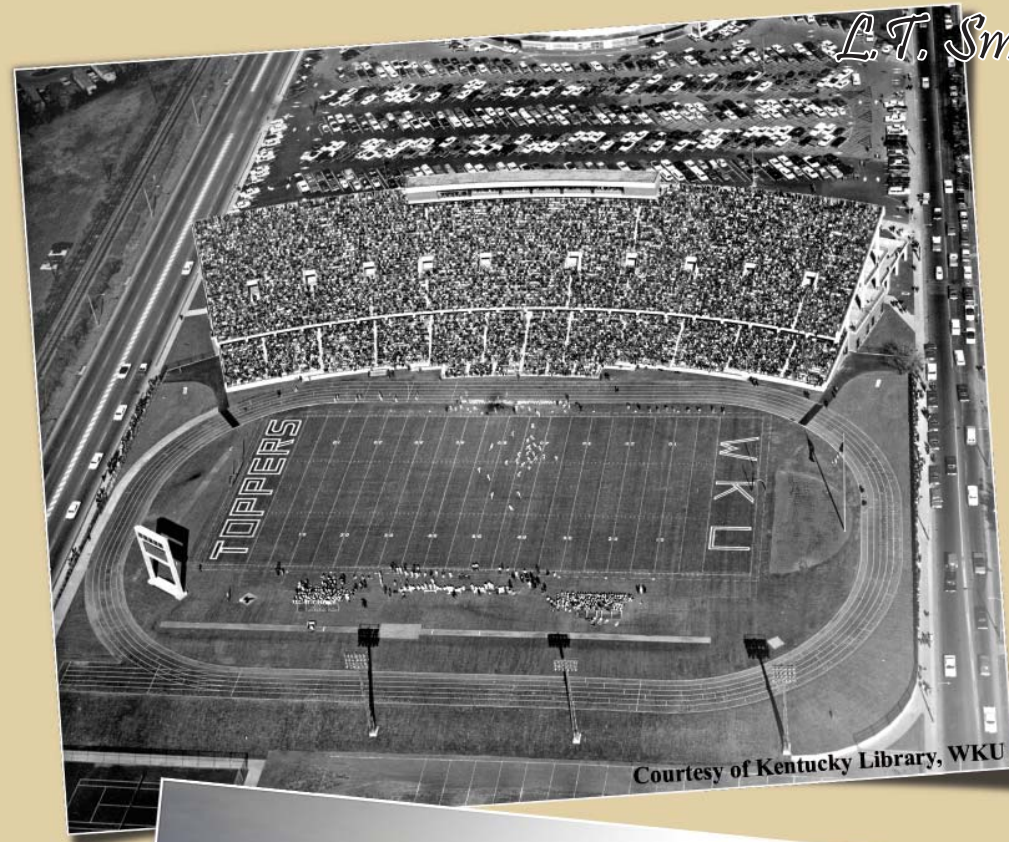


20,946 Tax Bills Sent Out (2007)

2,761 Fire Inspections

566 Building Plan Reviews Completed

224 Positions Filled (Including Temp/
Seasonal)



L.T. Smith Stadium

Courtesy of Kentucky Library, WKU



Courtesy of Western Kentucky University

62,968 Rounds of Golf Played at City Golf Courses



59,041 911 Service Calls

510 Municipal Computer Users Supported (Including Planning Commission, etc.)

408 Potholes Repaired

60 Ordinances Considered

28 Anti-Litter Presentations/Events



156 New Jobs Created Through Job Development Incentive Fund

September 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
	Labor Day City Offices Closed				Patriot Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Autumn Begins				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



7,425 Code Inspections (FY2008)

1,567 Applicants for City Jobs

3,135 Computer Help Desk Requests

970.41 Acres of Parks Maintained

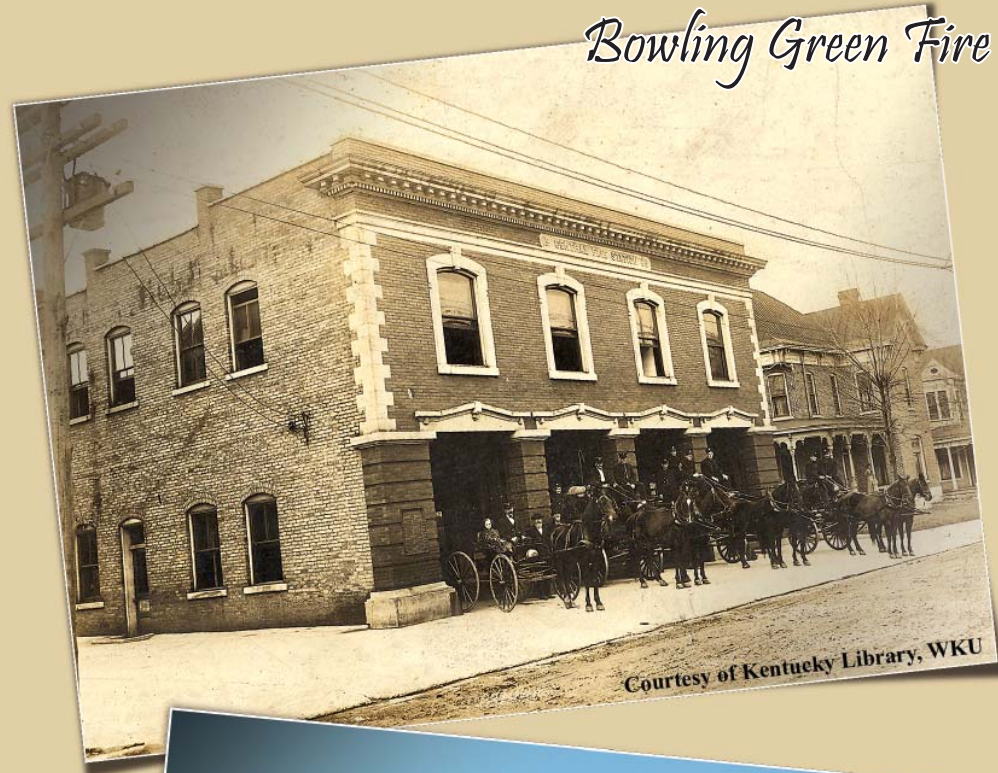
3,615 Animal Control Calls/Responses

334 Municipal Orders/Resolutions
Considered

45,552 Fire Runs



Bowling Green Fire Department



967 Business Registrations

6,067 Building/Electrical Inspections

3,502 Feet of Sidewalks Replaced*



568 Citizens Police Academy Alumni

2,082 Building Permits Issued

97 Neighborhood Meetings Attended by City Staff



499 Fire Accident Runs

October 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	Columbus Day	13	14	15	National Bosses Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	United Nations Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	Halloween
						31

*Note: 1,210 by contract; 2,292 by Operations Division

1,011 Computers, Printers, and Other Hardware Supported by Information Technology

842,043 Participants in Athletics and Fitness Programs



3,149 Traffic Collisions Worked by the Police Department

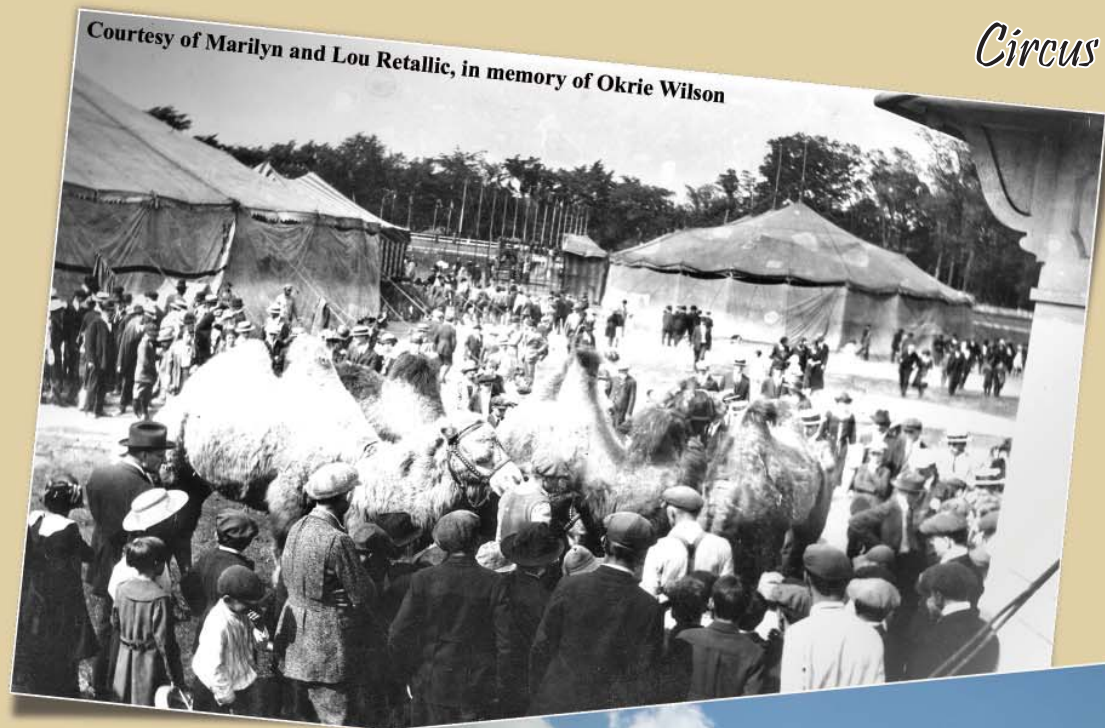
\$132,009,937 Value of Building Permits Issued

13,021 Traffic Stops

8,320 Bulbs Planted by Parks and Recreation



688 Households Receiving Rental Assistance



Circus Square



460 Trees Planted by Parks and Recreation

2,324 Fire First Responder Runs

14,572 Police Citations (20,185 Charges)

4.49 Miles of Streets Repaved

39 Stormwater Presentations/Events



600 Shrubs Planted by Parks and Recreation

995 Tons of Leaves Picked Up and Recycled (Oct. '07 to Jan. '08)



26,498 Special Populations Participants

November 2009

SUNDAY Daylight Savings Time Ends	MONDAY	TUESDAY Election Day	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY Veteran's Day Parade
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	Veteran's Day 11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	Thanksgiving City Offices Closed 26	City Offices Closed 27	28
29	30					

12,000 Annuals/Perennials Planted by Parks and Recreation

9,844 Criminal Charges (Includes Drug Charges)

3,324 Streets Maintained/Cleaned

769 DUIs

176,998 Visits to Bowling Green Community Center

5 City Hall in the Mall Events

27 Traffic Calming or Traffic Related Neighborhood Meetings Held

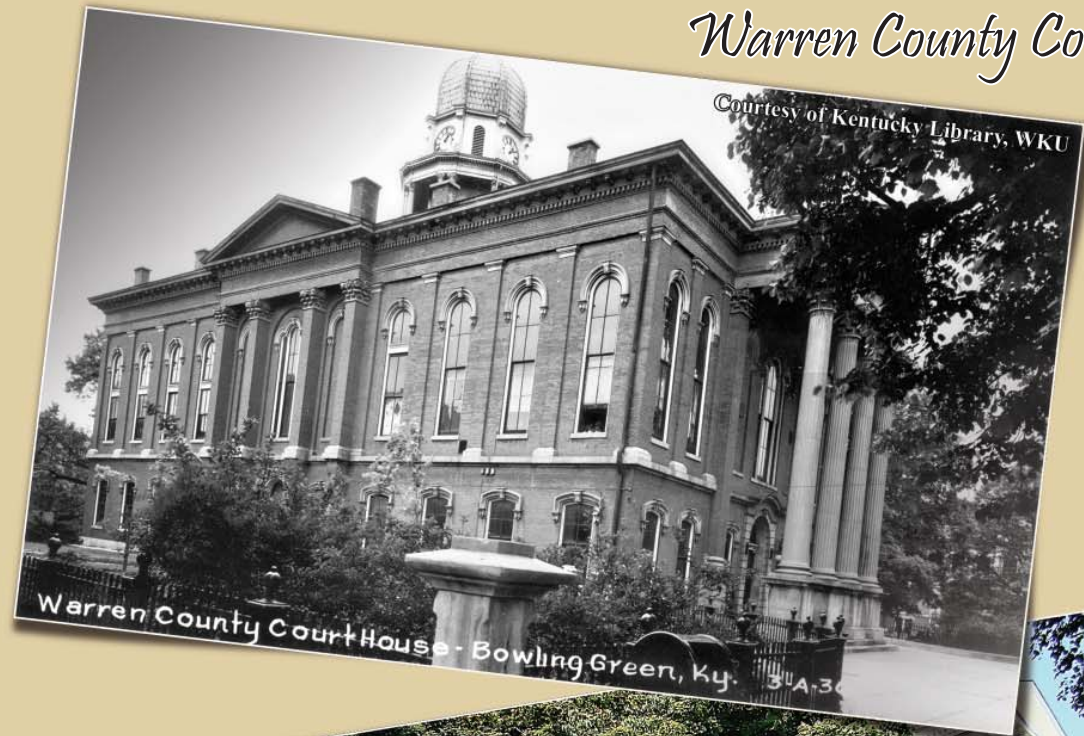
12 National Night Out Events



9 Summer Strolls

1,438 Complaints/Service Requests Processed

Warren County Courthouse



IMPORTANT CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE/EMS EMERGENCY ONLY: 911
Public Works After Hours Emergency: 393-4244
Police - to Report Non-Emergency Police Incident: 393-4000
Police - Information: 393-BGPD
Fire Non-Emergency Dispatch: 393-4831
City Main Number/Switchboard
(Weekdays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.): 393-3000
Hearing Impaired - Toll Free: 1-800-648-6056
City Central (Complaints/Information about
City Services): 393-3444
Public Works Information Hotline: 393-3333
Power Outage/Problem:
BGMU 782-4302 WRECC 843-9710

Building Permits: 393-3615
Electrical Permits: 393-3676
Business Licenses: 393-3000
Contractors Licensing: 781-3530
Employment Opportunities (City): 393-3689
Garbage Pickup (Scott Waste): 783-4016
Neighborhood Action Office: 393-3674
Parks & Recreation Main Office: 393-3249
Planning & Zoning (City-County): 842-1953



December 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day					Hanukkah
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	Winter Begins	22	23	Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	Christmas Day City Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30	New Year's Eve		



THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN



Many Faces
Many Talents
One Purpose

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City Board of Commissioners Meeting: 1st & 3rd Tuesday
City/County Planning Commission Meeting: 1st & 3rd Thursday
BGMU Meeting: 2nd Monday
City Code Enforcement Meeting: 4th Tuesday
Board of Adjustments Meeting: 4th Thursday

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