

August

2026

Caretaker

REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



68

Professionals



Admin
2

Planning &
Design
10

Environmental
Compliance
5 + 1 Intern

Facilities
3

Operations
35

Fleet
13

DURING



A simple road sag...or is it?

Public Works drainage crews discovered a sinkhole beneath a roadway sag on [Hackberry Way](#). Working carefully around storm and sanitary sewer lines, crews excavated the area and stabilized it with flowable fill (top inset) for a durable repair. (17-19 August)

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Available on our website
www.bgky.org/publicworks



Operations

Ryan Johnson, Manager
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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: 94 Total Work Orders were completed in August. Operations repaired/installed 7 traffic signals and 37 signs. 0 injection well was drilled by Operations. There were .6 miles of added maintenance from subdivision acceptance this year (1.96 miles in 2025, 6.53 miles in 2024). **Curb painting completed this month. Curbs are painted every 3-years.**

August 2026



Potholes
Repaired

21



Street
Sweeping
Hours/Miles

96/151



L/ft
Sidewalks
Repaired

113



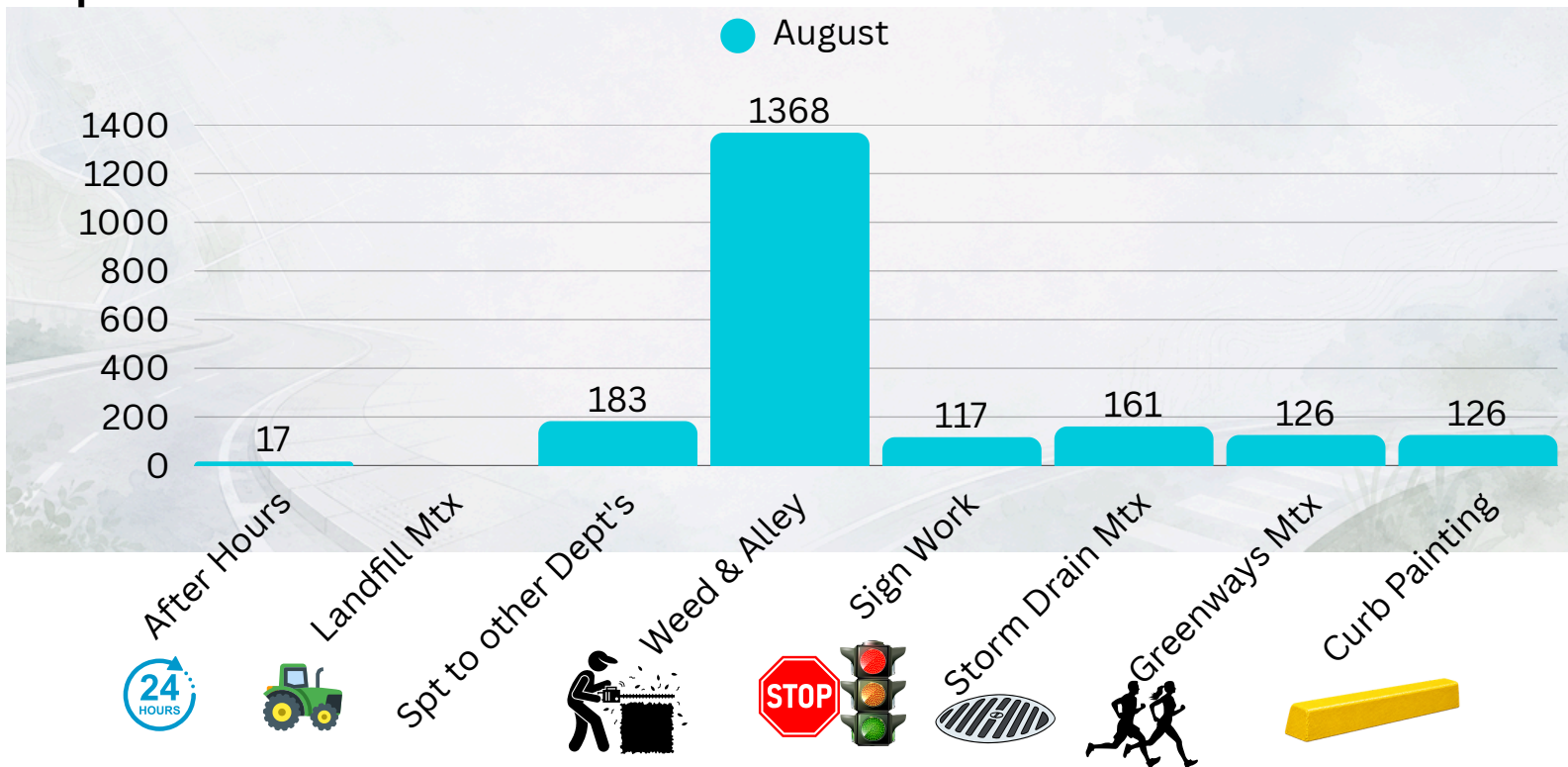
Tons of
Asphalt Used

115



Street sweeping is more than keeping our roads clean—it is preventive maintenance. Removing leaves, dirt and debris protects pavement, keeps storm drains flowing and reduces pollutants entering local waterways. (Above) Operations Maintenance Technician I Joshua Phelps sweeps **Covington Grove BLVD** (3 August)

Operations Hours



Operations crews paved the greenway segment between [Preston Avenue](#) and [Church Avenue](#). This section connects to the longer trail around River View at Hobson Grove and the new section along Church Avenue. It also connects to the new sidewalk from Church Avenue to Jackson Street.

Curb Painting



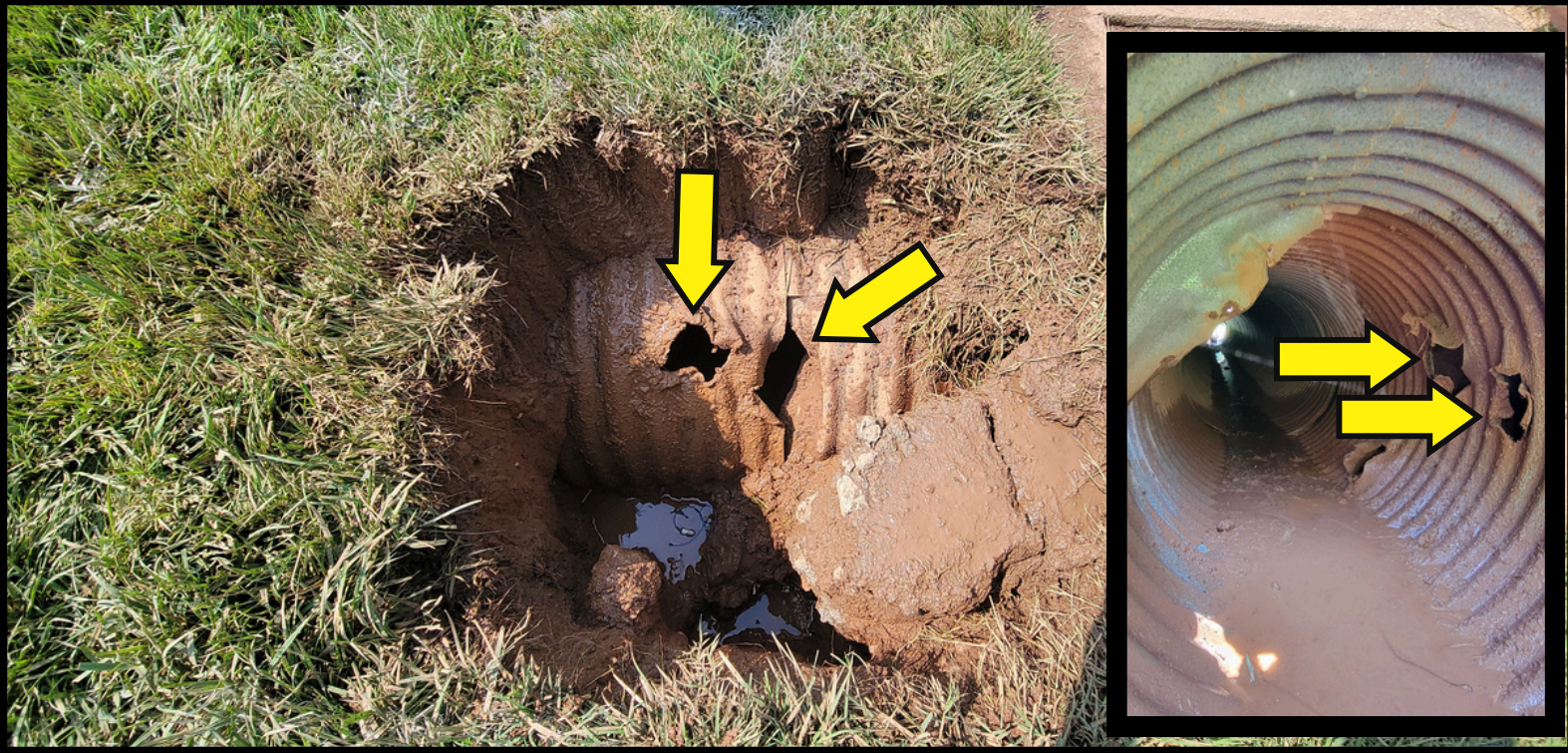
DURING



AFTER

Operations crews repaint curbs throughout the city on a three-year cycle to maintain visibility and improve safety. This year, a new curb-painting machine is providing more consistent results, improving efficiency, and helping crews complete the citywide program in approximately three to four months. Above, Signal Technician II Eric Joiner paints curb along [Wilkinson Trace](#).

City-wide Caretaking



Fiber installation can occasionally damage underground stormwater infrastructure. The photos above show damage discovered along [Kensington Way](#). Private companies are required to repair damaged caused or discovered at their expense. (10 August) (Below) Crews routinely repair tripping hazards along sidewalks across the city. This repair on [Thomas Court](#) was made on 24 August.





Planning & Design

Melissa Cansler, City Engineer
(270) 393-3212

Plat Reviews * CDR Reviews * Surveyor
Subdivision Inspections * Traffic Planning
Capitol Improvement Programs

			
Plats Reviewed	Site Inspections	ROW Permits	CDR Reviews
6	55-Initial 410- Re-inspections	34	15

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 performs boundary and topographic survey work for the future Fire Station No. 9 site off **Turner Court**. Accurate boundary markings establish the limits of the property, while topographic data identifies existing elevations, drainage patterns, utilities and other site features. This information is essential for planning, engineering and designing the facility before construction begins. (19 August)

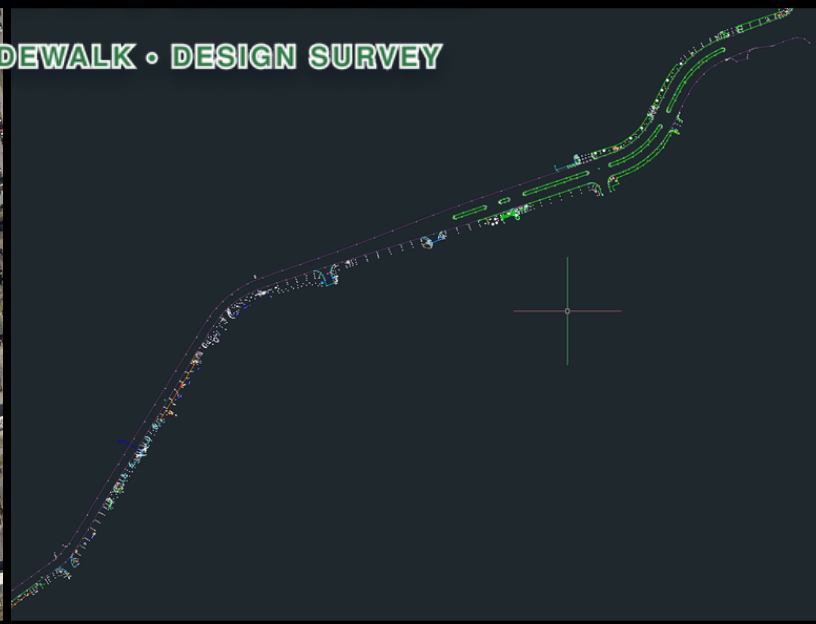
Surveying the City!



PASCOE BOULEVARD



PROPOSED SIDEWALK • DESIGN SURVEY



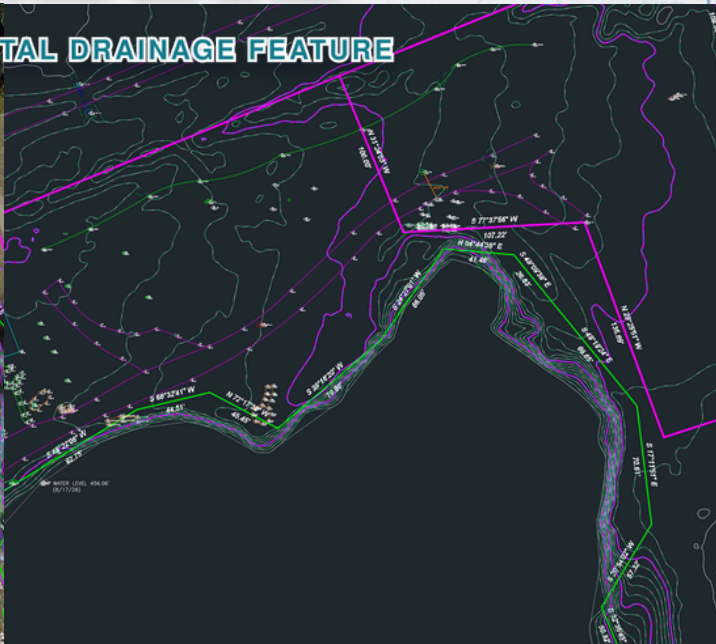
Surveying is where many Public Works projects begin. The top photos show survey data being processed in Civil 3D for a proposed new sidewalk along [Pascoe Boulevard](#). Although the project remains in the design phase, this detailed work provides the accurate measurements engineers need to begin developing the plans.

The bottom photos highlight surveying at one of Bowling Green's hidden gems—[Limestone Lake](#). This privately owned lake occupies a former limestone quarry and receives stormwater from a large area of the city. Understanding its elevations, drainage patterns and surrounding terrain will help the City better evaluate how this unique feature functions within our broader drainage system.



LIMESTONE LAKE

A HIDDEN GEM • A VITAL DRAINAGE FEATURE





Planning & Design



Construction Coordinator Dara Price led sidewalk improvements along Jackson Street as part of the Census Block 102.4 Right-of-Way Improvement Project. Construction began July 7, 2026, including tree removal to improve sight distance and accommodate the new sidewalk. The Jackson Street sidewalk is approximately 85% complete, with backfill and sod remaining. The remaining sidewalk along Double Springs Road is scheduled to begin this week following reconstruction of a drainage box to improve stormwater drainage.



BEFORE

2 January 2026

DURING

20 August 2026

AFTER

21 August 2026

Construction Coordinator I Dara Price led the reconstruction of **Beauty Ave.** (week of 17 August 2026). Concrete roadway and new curb improvements were completed along Beauty Avenue as part of the Census Block 102.4 ROW Improvement Project and is now fully open to the public.



Speed & Traffic Studies



Bowling Green Public Works Department Planning and Design

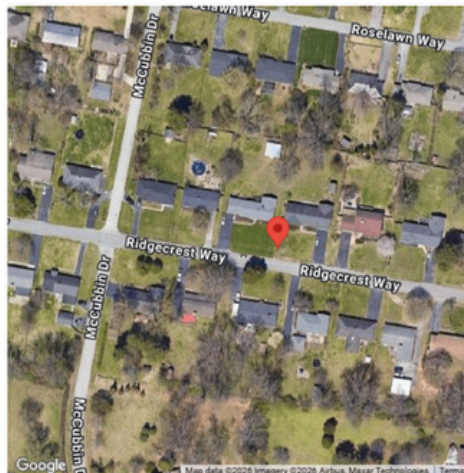
Best Times for Speed Enforcement

Location
815 Ridgecrest Way

Closest Cross Street
McCubbin Dr

Analysis Dates
From 7/20/2026 to 7/29/2026

Speeds
Speed Limit: 25 MPH
Enforcement Limit: 30 MPH



Best 2 Hours - AM-PM Split

	Combined		Direction X, Lane 1		Direction X, Lane 2	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Monday	7:00 - 9:00	4:00 - 6:00	10:00 - 12:00	5:00 - 7:00	7:00 - 9:00	3:00 - 5:00
Tuesday	7:00 - 9:00	4:00 - 6:00	8:00 - 10:00	4:00 - 6:00	7:00 - 9:00	4:00 - 6:00
Wednesday	7:00 - 9:00	4:00 - 6:00	7:00 - 9:00	4:00 - 6:00	7:00 - 9:00	4:00 - 6:00
Thursday	7:00 - 9:00	4:00 - 6:00	8:00 - 10:00	5:00 - 7:00	7:00 - 9:00	4:00 - 6:00
Friday	10:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 2:00	10:00 - 12:00	2:00 - 4:00	9:00 - 11:00	12:00 - 2:00
Saturday	10:00 - 12:00	2:00 - 4:00	10:00 - 12:00	5:00 - 7:00	9:00 - 11:00	2:00 - 4:00
Sunday	9:00 - 11:00	12:00 - 2:00	10:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 2:00	9:00 - 11:00	12:00 - 2:00

Best 4 Hours in the Entire 24 Hour Period

	Combined	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2
Sunday	12:00PM - 4:00PM	12:00PM - 4:00PM	12:00PM - 4:00PM
Monday	4:00PM - 8:00PM	5:00PM - 9:00PM	3:00PM - 7:00PM
Tuesday	4:00PM - 8:00PM	4:00PM - 8:00PM	4:00PM - 8:00PM
Wednesday	4:00PM - 8:00PM	4:00PM - 8:00PM	4:00PM - 8:00PM
Thursday	4:00PM - 8:00PM	5:00PM - 9:00PM	4:00PM - 8:00PM
Friday	12:00PM - 4:00PM	2:00PM - 6:00PM	12:00PM - 4:00PM
Saturday	2:00PM - 6:00PM	11:00AM - 3:00PM	2:00PM - 6:00PM

Photos taken 19 August 2026

Measuring Traffic, Planning Ahead

Public Works uses radar trailers and compact roadside traffic counters to measure traffic volumes and speeds on local streets, collectors, and arterials. These devices do not contain cameras or record residents; they collect anonymous data such as average daily traffic, average speeds, and 85th-percentile speeds. This information supports roadway planning, congestion management, speed-limit evaluations, and targeted police enforcement during periods when speeding is most prevalent. The traffic study shown on the left will support the City's next sidewalk project along [Ridgecrest Way](#). Construction Coordinator II Melanie Shy oversees the placement of Public Works traffic counters throughout the city.



EMPLOYEE

Spotlight

**Avery Smith, Intern,
Environmental Compliance Division**

Get to Know Me:

- **Favorite Movie:** Pride & Prejudice
- **Favorite Food:** Sushi
- **Hometown:** Bowling Green, KY
- **Hobbies:** Hiking/Running & crafts
- **Pet(s):** Winston (cat)
- **WKU Area of Study:** Environmental Sustainability, and Geographic Studies

One Fun Fact About Me: “I can’t touch my toes.”

Personal Message to our team from Avery:

“I have been blown away by what an incredible learning experience this internship has been. I am incredibly grateful for how kind, supportive, and accommodating everyone here is.”



AVERY SMITH



Environmental Compliance

Geologist * Sinkholes * Spills * Education * Water Sampling

Matt Powell, Manager

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AUGUST 2026



4

IDDE
Investigations



1

Education &
Outreach



5

Drainage
Concerns



25

Permit
Reviews



4

SWU
Inquiries



Environmental Manager Matt Powell lowers a camera into a crevice near [East 10th Avenue](#) and [Elm Street](#) to inspect failing stormwater infrastructure. Urgent repairs are needed along [Elm Street](#) to protect the roadway and restore the drainage system. (12 August)

SINKHOLES

Investigated
17

Responsible Party

13 | City 4 | Private

Repaired

5 | Internally 5 | Contract

Repair Status

10 Completed
2 Ongoing
14 Pending



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



A group of Bowling Green citizens came together at **Weldon Peete Park** to clean up along the Barren River. We want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who took time out of their day to help—and especially to **Derek C.** for organizing the cleanup! A *Spotted in Bowling Green* post about litter on Jennings Creek prompted Derek to rally volunteers and turn community concern into action. (8 August 2026) *Photo courtesy of Derek C.*



Want to organize a cleanup? The City provides grabbers, gloves, hi-vis vests and trash bags to citizen groups and organizations.

 stormwater@bgky.org to learn more!

ECD recently contracted ScanSkunks to use LiDAR technology to create a detailed 3D scan of approximately 1,300 feet of the **Whiskey Run** stormwater system **near Clay Street**. This 1960's structural steel plate pipe over 15' wide passes beneath **Veterans** twice and is showing serious signs of its age. The scan allows engineers to precisely measure pipe deformities. The information will help the City evaluate its condition and determine the best approach for future repair or replacement. (11 August 2026)



Our Operations and Environmental Compliance teams recently used the City's Vactor truck to investigate a drainage issue near **Elm Street** and **East 10th Avenue**. Hydro excavation uses pressurized water and a powerful vacuum to safely expose buried gas, sewer, and other utility lines that may not be accurately marked. This helps our crews prevent utility damage and safely identify underground hazards before digging. (12 August 2026)

5380 Veterans Memorial Ln Bowling Green KY

☉ 344°N (T) ☉ 36°59'53"N, 86°26'28"W ±475ft ▲ 481ft



Matt Powell ECD

Whiskey Runu
11 Aug 2026, 11:01:56

Flood Property Update

From 3-7 April 2025, sustained rainfall dropped over 10" of water across the city. Flooding inundated city roadways and private property. In coordination with the City's Planning and Design and Environmental Compliance Divisions, a list of impacted properties was compiled for potential use as future stormwater remediation areas. The Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of seven properties (4 Along Cave Mill Rd, 1 on Brighton Ave and 2 on Fair Street).

324 Brighton Ave



Basin Constructed

BEFORE



BEFORE



BEFORE



AFTER

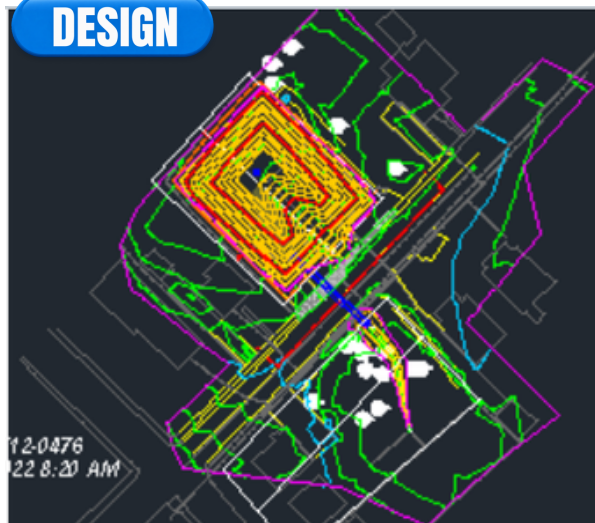


1039 & 1041 Fair Street



Basin Under Construction

DESIGN



Flood Property Update

From 3-7 April 2025, sustained rainfall dropped over 10" of water across the city. Flooding inundated city roadways and private property. In coordination with the City's Planning and Design and Environmental Compliance Divisions, a list of impacted properties was compiled for potential use as future stormwater remediation areas. The Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of the following properties. Attached is an update on each one.

1231 Cave Mill Rd



Demolition Complete

Included into the Cave Mill Road Project Design

BEFORE



8 April 2025

AFTER



18 August 2026



WORK ORDERS

117



WORK HOURS

234



FACILITIES

WORK ORDER REPORT

SAFE FACILITIES. EFFICIENT OPERATIONS. STRONG COMMUNITY.


PLUMBING


HVAC


ELECTRICAL


CARPENTRY


CLEANING


OTHER

1945	PW Admin					2	
1992	PW Ops		2			1	
1992	PW Fleet		3	3		1	New Gate Opener
1907	City Hall	1	2				
1946	CH Annex	3	4			2	
1974	NCS	1	5		1	2	
1997	BGPD	12	4				Major Plumbing Repair in two bathrooms
2009	Fire HQ	2	2				
1980	Fire #1	2	4			3	
1980	Fire #2	1	1				
2001	Fire #3		4			1	



PLUMBING



HVAC



ELECTRICAL



CARPENTRY



CLEANING



OTHER

2001	Fire #4	2	3				
2025	Fire #5	2	5			2	
2008	Fire #6		3	3			
2020	Fire #7			2	1		Garage door repair
2024	Fire #8		2				
1995	Convention Ctr	1	3	3			
1872	Hobson House	2	3		2	2	HVAC Leak
1930	White House		1				
1987	Transit Bldg						
1987	US Bank Bldg		6				Chiller Repairs
	BGPD Tower Spt						

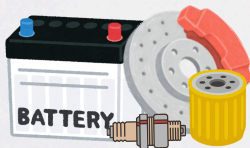
Fleet

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

- A purchase order totaling \$4,454.77 was approved to repair the City's largest mobile generator, a 10-kilowatt unit on 19 August.
- Congratulations to Master Automotive Technician Trevor Noble for earning his ASE certification for Engine Repair.
- Congratulations to Emergency Vehicle Technician Josh Johnson for qualify for Master Level Certification for Fire Apparatus Technician. There are less than 800 total Master Level Technicians in the entire country and now 3 in Kentucky!

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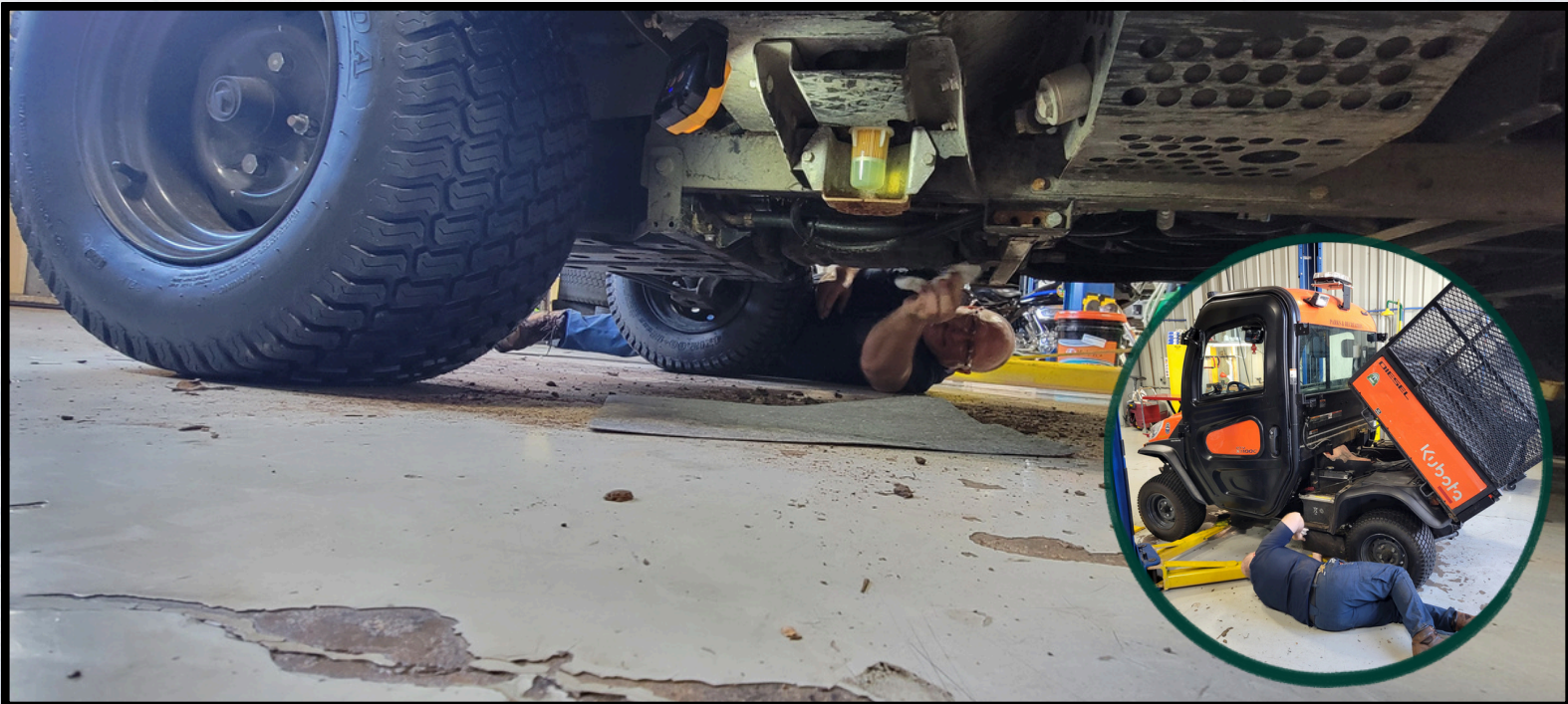
Filled
Parts Requests
180



Preventative
Work Orders
66



Repair
Work Orders
95



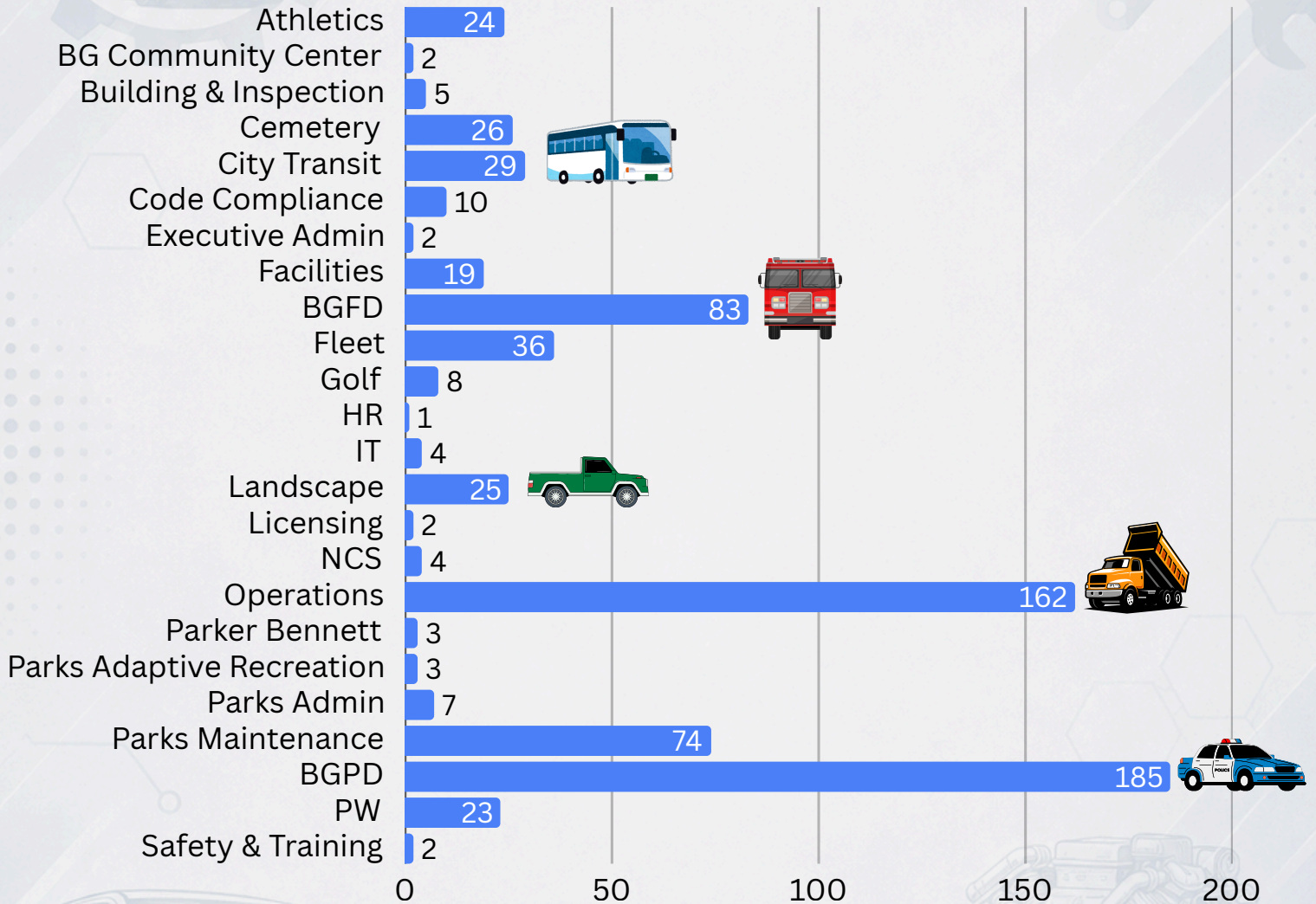
Master Automotive Technician David Long changes the oil and replaces the tires on a Kubota for the Parks and Recreation Department. (18 August)

Fleet

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EQUIPMENT / VEHICLES BY DEPARTMENT

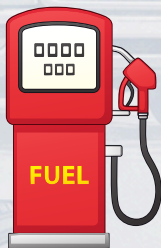


CITY FLEET USAGE

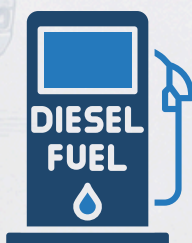


JULY 2026

Last Month



20K
Gallons



4.2K
Gallons



643
Gallons



\$85,857



Administration

Andy Souza, Director
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Promotion	Operations Division	Municipal Order 2026-175. Municipal Order approving the promotion of Derrick Sanders to the position of Crew Supervisor II was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 4 August 2026 .
Equipment Refurbishment	Operations Division	Municipal Order 2026-178. Municipal Order authorizing and accepting the refurbishment of two leaf machines through a sole source from Brown Equipment Company in the amount of \$98,000 was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 4 August 2026 .
Vehicle Purchase	Operations Division	Municipal Order 2026-191. Municipal Order approving contract with Olathe Ford Sales for the purchase of a F750 crew cab truck and attachments in an amount not to exceed \$212,697 through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 18 August 2026 . This is a large snowplow replacement for Operations.
Surplus	Fleet Division	Asset #16423, a 2007 Ford F-450 truck was approved for disposal method #2 (sale at auction) on 24 August 2026 .



Media	Source	Story
Public Works Annual Report (10 August)	WNKY	Click Here
Whiskey Run Infrastructure Update (11 August)	WNKY	Click Here