

2010 Calendar
City of Bowling Green
2009 Annual Report



City Manager's Letter

Dear Fellow Resident,

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

The theme of this year's report is *Bowling Green Parks Through the Seasons*.

I invite you to visit all of these community jewels; whether in spring, summer, winter or fall, each season provides the user with a uniquely different experience.

Although our City parks may change their appearance over the months, our values as a City service organization do not.

We are driven by four basic goals:

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

As we continue to deal with the many issues facing our City during these difficult economic times, let us not forget the beauty right before us as we rediscover Kentucky's Hometown.

Bowling Green First,

Kevin D. DeFebbo
City Manager
November, 2009



Fairview Cemetery



Board of Commissioners Senior Management Team

Board of Commissioners



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

Senior Management Team



Front Row, Left to Right: Greg Johnson (Fire), Mike Grubbs (Citizen Information & Assistance and Human Resources & Risk Management), Alice Burks (Housing & Community Development), Kevin D. DeFebbo (City Manager), and Doug Hawkins (Police)

Middle Row, Left to Right: Deborah Jenkins (Internal Auditor), Ernie Gouvas (Parks & Recreation), Katie Schaller (Assistant City Manager/City Clerk), and Kim Lancaster (Executive Assistant/Public Information Officer)

Back Row, Left to Right: Emmett Wood (Public Works), Jeff Meisel (Finance), Lynn Hartley (Information Technology), and Gene Harmon (Law)

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.



Courtesy of Jared Weaver

Kereiakes Park

2009: The Year in Review and a Look Ahead

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION: BETTER WAYS TO GET AROUND TOWN

COMING SOON

- The Greenwood Lane re-alignment project is underway and is set to improve congestion on Scottsville Road.
- Old Morgantown Road final design is complete, property acquisition and utility relocation are underway and construction will begin in FY2010. This project will make Bowling Green more pedestrian friendly.

WHERE ELSE WE'RE INVESTING

- The Double Springs East Sidewalk Project is completed and will fill a large gap in the existing neighborhood sidewalk.
- The City will continue resurfacing streets in FY2010 based on highest need.
- The sidewalk, curb and gutter repair and replacement program will continue.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day City Offices Closed	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						

January

2010

STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS: IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE, EMPOWERING PEOPLE

- Bilingual sidewalk workshops were held in the Westside Community to pinpoint where additional sidewalks should be built. In addition, the City participated in summer strolls, small group meetings, and distributed business cards to reach Hispanic residents.
- The City purchased property on Double Springs Road to help resolve longstanding drainage problems in the neighborhood.



- The second, Five Year Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant program was completed with input from individuals and agencies throughout the community.
- "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" yard signage program was implemented.
- Housing and Community Development completed a Housing Market Analysis, projecting a need for an additional 7,500 to 8,500 housing units in the City by 2030.



Fountain Square Park

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT/RIVERFRONT

- The construction of Bowling Green's Minor League Ball Park was completed, and the Hot Rods played their first season.



- The historically significant Standard Oil Building, located in Circus Square Park, was restored and converted to an adaptive re-use as restrooms for the park.

- The City purchased and demolished several dilapidated structures along Third Avenue to improve the safety and appearance of the neighborhood.

- A system was developed to track and calculate the City's incremental downtown TIF revenues.

- The City worked closely with the Downtown Redevelopment Authority regarding the transition of Riverfront, Fountain Square and Circus Square Park scheduling.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26	27
28						

February

2010

PUBLIC SAFETY: MORE STAFF, BETTER EQUIPMENT

- The new Greenwood Fire Station was completed nearly \$200,000 under budget and is fully staffed.



- Mobile Data Computers are now installed in all patrol vehicles, outfitting officers with electronic reporting, citation capabilities and increased public safety communications.

- An International Communities Liaison was appointed within the BCPD to build positive relationships between the department and members of the international communities.

- The Disaster Recovery Site at the Greenwood Fire Station is wired, equipped and activated. This site houses the secondary 911 center and is a back-up for City computer servers.

- Ten new fire recruits were trained and are now sworn members of the BCPD.

- 55 BCPD vehicles are now equipped with in-car digital video cameras.



Hobson House at Riverview Park

- Renovation of the Fire Headquarters Station is underway. Also, a new building is being built next to the Station to serve BGF D's administrative functions.



- A process was implemented for the upload of in-car videos to the Police Department and to the Justice Center when needed.
- Three new fire trucks were purchased at \$270,000 under budget.
- A new police detective position was created, bringing the total number to 13.
- In addition to shotguns and handguns, BGF D officers are now equipped with patrol rifles, which may be more effective in specific situations.
- All Toughbooks (rugged laptops) were replaced in fire vehicles.



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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29 Passover Begins	30	31			

March

2010

PARKS AND RECREATION: NEW AND IMPROVED FACILITIES

- Total Parks and Recreation revenue was up 2% to a record \$2.5 million.

- The Kereiakes Park ten-court tennis complex renovations were completed and is now equipped with player-controlled lighting.

- New and improved batting cages were added to Kereiakes Park through donated funds.



- Over 1.1 million participants enjoyed parks services last year, a 2% increase and new record.

- ADA compliant bleachers were installed at Pedigo, Kereiakes and Hobson Grove parks.

- Restrooms were constructed at Pedigo and Lampkin Parks.

- An expanded deck was added to the CrossWinds Golf Course Pro Shop.

- Over 60,000 landscape plants and trees were added to our parks and community.



HP Thomas Park

WAYS WE'RE SAVING MONEY

- The City received several one-time allocations of funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, including the Community Development Block Grant, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, funding for the Public Transit GoBG system, and Department of Justice funds.

- Public Works reduced staff and sustained budget reductions without reducing service delivery.



- Custodial services were restructured, resulting in a projected 3-year savings of more than \$98,000.

- Issued 2009 General Obligation refunding bonds, saving approximately \$765,000 through FY2020.

- Select City copiers were replaced, providing added functionality at a lower cost.

- All capital improvement projects were completed within budget, including the downtown signal upgrade, Lost River Wetlands and others.

- Parks and Recreation received donations totaling \$61,126.

- Preventable injury rates for City employees were the second lowest since FY1996, allowing for a \$12,600 reduction in insurance premiums.

- The Convention Center event parking lot development was completed through private/public partnership at no cost to the City.

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

April

BETTER WAYS OF WORKING

- Multiple City departments and outside agencies worked together to develop on-line GIS mapping that is available to the public.



- A wireless mesh network is now working for public safety, many employees, and several public access hot spots.

- Several processes have been moved from paper forms and old systems into our more efficient, multifunctional New World System.

- Government Access Channel 4 began streaming live on the City's website.



- Most major City facilities now have indoor wireless capabilities for employees and guests.

- General Obligation bonds were issued for the ballpark, construction of the Greenwood Fire Station, expansion and renovation of the Fire Headquarters Station, and renovation of the Fire Airport Station.



Covington Woods Park

- Fleet software was significantly upgraded, including replacement of all aging hand-held devices, improving productivity and reducing down time.

- A Financial and Internal Control Bootcamp training was conducted for all City funded agencies.

- \$63,691 in delinquent property taxes and fees and approximately \$6,926 in code enforcement charges and fees were collected.

- A new driver certification program was developed for all Fire Department drivers and relief drivers.

- The Convention Center electronic message board was bid out and installed.



- Bowling Green Fire Department transitioned to new entry level and promotional level testing companies.

- An inventory program was developed for controlled assets under \$5,000.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	Cinco de Mayo 5	6	7	8
Mother's Day 9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					
	City Offices Closed					

May

2010

BETTER SECURITY

- Additional surveillance cameras were installed at a number of City facilities including parks administration, golf courses, and other parks facilities.



- The procurement card policy was revised and changes were implemented.
- Internal audits were performed in four City areas in order to insure proper internal controls and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the City.
- Renovations were made to the IT Department in the City Hall Annex to add additional security.
- Planning and Zoning's website is now on the City's server.

BETTER PRICE TAG

- More than 200 energy consumption reduction projects were identified with projected annual savings of approximately \$42,000.
- \$636,000 in occupational tax revenues were collected through inspections, audits and additional collection efforts.
- Changes were implemented to the Employee Medical Benefits Plan, including the addition of a three tier benefit-premium system in order to save money.
- Police equipment under-spending allowed six remaining police cars to be painted black and white.



Paul Walker Golf Course

DISTINCTIVE

- Bowling Green Fire Department was the first fire department to become accredited in Kentucky.

- Bowling Green was one of eight communities nationwide selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to be recognized for reducing or eliminating regulatory barriers to developing affordable housing.

- The Standard Oil Building received the 31st Annual Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation Preservation Project Award for outstanding examples of restoration or rehabilitation of historic buildings.



- A large scale cyber-bullying program was initiated through the BGPD as part of the third annual Student Solutions Program.

- Fleet Management Division was awarded ASE certification for the sixth consecutive year.

- In-house television/web programming for meetings and events in the Commission Chamber of City Hall now exists.



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

June

OUTSTANDING

- Through the 2008 Target Area Program, Code Enforcement staff performed over 2,100 proactive property maintenance inspections, disposed of over 37 tons of trash, and worked with HANDS, Inc. to install handrails and wheelchair ramps for qualifying residents.



- The Standard Oil Building received the Landmark Building Award from the Landmark Association.

- Bowling Green became one of the first Kentucky cities certified as a "Drug-Free Workplace" through the Department of Worker's Claims, allowing for a 5% workers' compensation premium savings.

- The City participated in a national citizen survey for the first time and received positive results.

- City Central coordinated the annual Veterans Day Parade in the downtown area and the Historic Downtown Lights up event at Fountain Square Park.



- The Legal Department presented two classes on Alcohol and Beverage Control at the Kentucky League of Cities Conference.



Courtesy of Jay Dougherty

Reservoir Hill Park

HIGH PERFORMING

- The City of Bowling Green website won two National Association of Government Web Masters awards.
- Finance received the GFOA Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- BGPD was approved for the 4th, Five-Year Accreditation Certificate, becoming one of only two Kentucky agencies to achieve this standard.



- BGPD officers solved a 17-year old cold case murder when DNA evidence positively identified a suspect in the murder.
- The BG Public Works Department is the only Public Works Department in Kentucky accredited by the American Public Works Association and is one of fewer than 60 departments accredited nationwide.
- Public Information received the Markie Award for best TV advertisement from the Professional Marketing Association for a storm water commercial.
- Preventable collisions involving City vehicles were reduced for the third consecutive year.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Independence Day Observed City Offices Closed	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

July

- The Enterprise Community Board awarded 13 grants to projects at local community agencies.

- A citizen satisfaction survey of the HCD Building Division rated the staff "above average" in all categories surveyed.

INNOVATIVE

- BCPD added a link to their website allowing citizens to sign up for crime alerts in their neighborhood and provide contact information to a police supervisor assigned to their district.

- The Enterprise Community Board assisted dozens of needy families with utility assistance and Angel Food Ministry food boxes.

- The City partnered with other government and nonprofit agencies to construct the Lost River Wetlands.

- Smith System Driving Training was completed with all non-public safety employees who drive a City vehicle.

- A City recycling project was initiated as a result of the third annual Student Solutions Program, allowing for white paper and aluminum cans to be recycled.



FISCAL YEAR 2010 KEY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

- The entire City budget decreased by almost \$3.6 million, and the General Fund budget decreased by over \$4.1 million compared to the previous year. This is an overall decrease of 4%. Despite cuts, there were no significant reductions in City services.



CrossWinds Golf Course

- A General Fund reserve balance of 15% of revenues will be maintained in accordance with adopted policy.

- Work continues on the City's two largest capital road improvement projects, Greenwood Lane and Old Morgantown Road.



- There are no new General Fund financed projects proposed in FY2010. The total adopted Capital Improvement Program, including debt, is \$15.4 million.

- \$950,000 in State funds will be used to maintain streets and sidewalks as part of the City's annual overlay and reconstruction program.

- Almost \$1.5 million will be spent on new and replacement equipment for the Police and Fire departments, including six police vehicles, two fire trucks and upgrades for firefighter training.

- The City, with the assistance of the City-County Planning Commission, rolled out an on-line Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping service available to citizens, businesses and employees.

- Expansion of the City's Public Wireless Access is expected in FY2010.

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August

Did You Know?

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

52 Neighborhood Groups
Participating in Neighborhood
Watch



204 Positions Filled (Including Temp/
Seasonal)

385 Potholes Repaired (CY08)

394 Building Plan Reviews Completed

4,586 Fire Incidents Responded To



10,916 Linear Feet of New Sidewalk
Constructed (CY08)



Pedigo Park

21,238 Property Tax Bills Sent Out (CY08)

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

64,813 Rounds of Golf Played at City Golf Courses



60,013 Police Service Calls to 911

\$64,000 in Delinquent Property Taxes Collected

7 Anti-Litter Presentations/Events

46 Ordinances Considered

50 Arsons Investigated

6 New Neighborhood Organizations Created

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

September

2010

1,938 Applicants for City Jobs

2,037 Feet of Sidewalks Replaced (CY08)



7,052 Code Inspections

137 Fire Education/Prevention Classes/
Events

776 Business Registrations

3,776 Computer Help Desk Requests

970.41 Acres of Parks Maintained

3,283 Animal Control Calls/Responses

2,581 Complaints/Service Requests
Processed

3,005 Miles of Streets Maintained/Cleaned

10 New Fire Recruits Graduated



Lampkin Park

1,136 Computers, Printers, and Other Hardware Supported by Information Technology

51,681 Landscape Plants Added



620 Citizens Police Academy Alumni

16 Neighborhood Groups Celebrated Safe Communities Events

3.8 Miles of Streets and Alleys Repaved (CY08)



1,523 Building Permits Issued

2,802 EMS Responses

800 DUIs Charged



Lovers Lane Soccer Complex

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Courtesy of Jared Weaver

Lovers Lane Soccer Complex

7,296 Active Vendors in City's Finance System

4,199 Volunteers Contributed 19,826 Hours of Service to Parks & Recreation

113 Junior Police Academy Alumni



19 Neighborhood SNAP Grant Recipients

22 Stormwater Presentations/Events

\$73,176,908 Value of Building Permits Issued

67 Fire Extrication Responses (Auto and Industrial)

515 New Vendors Added to City's Financial System

17,356 Traffic Stops

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

November

2010

871,724 Participants in Athletics and Fitness Programs

2,894 Traffic Collisions Worked by the Police Department (8% decrease over FY08)

8 Summer Strolls

14 Spotlight on Bowling Green and Your City at Work Programs Produced

1,390 Tons of Leaves Picked Up and Recycled (Oct. 08 to Jan. 09)



791 Households Receiving Rental Assistance

3,838 Fire Code Inspections Conducted

4,984 Payroll Checks Issued

32,821 Special Populations Participants

17,356 Traffic Stops



Fountain Square Park

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

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



December

2010



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Live Monthly Meetings Schedule on Bowling Green Government Access Channel 4

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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