



1. Thanks to attendees and host Mill House Café. Attending: Morris Jewelry, 331 Venue, Lucky Dog Yoga, Barbara Stewart Interiors, Mill House, Atomic Kitchen, Underground Deli, White Squirrel Brewery, Back Down South, WKU Alumni Association, Historic RailPark.
2. **Duncan Hines Days** May 31 – June 6, 2026; Traffic Impact maps for May 31 and June 6 will be provided today. They will be posted online to the social media pages and DHD website next week. [NEW WEBSITE IS UP! RESTAURANT WEEK HAS A NEW FORM](#) – please share with bars, food trucks, caterers, restaurants, anyone who offers food or drink. **It's free.**
3. **NEW Kids Cake Decorating Contest** – open to any elementary aged child in BG/WC, an activity for families to do at home on their own time for Duncan Hines Days. Decorate a cake and submit a photo thru our contest form. Voting will be on FB the final week of May and the winning baker will receive a prize! [Here's the Form to enter.](#)
4. **Fountain Row Night at BG Hot Rods is Thursday, May 21.** [We have 100 free tickets to give to the first businesses to claim them in this survey. AND your business has the chance to set up on the concourse during the game to promote yourself for free.](#) Please confirm a table and chairs with Telia on that same survey by Friday, May 15. The free game tickets include a meal! This is NOT just for Fountain Row businesses, it's for ANY Downtown business.
5. **BG America 250 Website & Challenge Coin** – new BG site for America 250 celebrations is bgky.org/america250 and we are selling limited edition challenge coins for a Better BGKY fundraiser to support free Downtown events. Local pickup for coins is \$10, shipped coins are \$15 each. [Here's the link to buy now thru May 29.](#)
6. **WKU Society of Lifelong Learning** – Thank you to all who hosted these in Spring, and thanks to all who helped me with the groups themselves. Would anyone in the group like to go ahead and volunteer something for the Fall semester?
7. **Downtown rack card printing this month**– I have more in my vehicle if anyone would like to grab some today.
8. **McKenna Tabor – Codes Enforcement Officer Downtown:** mckenna.tabor@bgky.org.
9. **BG 2050 Project Final Report** was given at Fiscal Court 2 weeks ago. Now, CCPC has a 2050 Group with new pillars. Telia is on the Cultural and Natural Resources pillar group.
10. **BG Trolley planning to do more Friday night loops** starting in May when Fountain Row Friday and June with Concerts in the Park in full swing – more like an amenity service to provide easy access to Circus Square and Fountain Square for Downtown eventgoers. Downtown is sponsoring the Trolley with an annual \$1,200 sponsorship to get the Downtown logo on the screen all the time.

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11. Save the Date for these events (either hosted Downtown or in other BG spots where Downtown is being promoted/attending an event in support of Downtown):

May

- May 11–17: Bike to Work Week at Downtown Bowling Green (BikeWalk BG)
- May 15: Bike Movie Night at The Capitol Theatre (BikeWalk BG)
- May 15: Bike to Work Day at Downtown Bowling Green (BikeWalk BG)
- May 16: Big Brown Bash at White Squirrel Brewery
- May 16: Willa Brown Foundation Launch at Aviation Heritage Park
- May 19-24: BG Hot Rods vs Asheville
- **May 21: NEW Fountain Row Night at BG Hot Rods –all Downtown biz participate w/ free table and chairs to promote your biz on the Concourse; tickets/meal to first 100 biz reps**
- May 21–24: Memorial Day Weekend Racing at Beech Bend Raceway
- May 31 – Jun 6: Duncan Hines Days Restaurant Week
- May 31: Downtown Kickoff to Duncan Hines Days

June

- Jun 1: Rocket Camp at Aviation Heritage Park
- Jun 1: Dolly Day at Lost River Cave with butterflies, Dolly Trolley ride to Capitol for free showing of Steel Magnolias for Duncan Hines Days
- Jun 2: Ride n’ Dine Bike Ride at Atomic Kitchen with BikeWalk BG for Duncan Hines Days
- Jun 2: Pickleball Palooza at Basil Griffin Park for Duncan Hines Days
- Jun 2: A Touch of Hope for the Troops with WWII era snacks and donuts at Aviation Heritage Park for Duncan Hines Days
- Jun 3: Duncan Hines Day at Russell Sims Waterpark
- Jun 4: Summer Reading Kickoff at Ephraim White Park
- Jun 4–7: NextGen Nationals at Beech Bend Raceway
- Jun 5: Fountain Row Friday live music on the Square
- Jun 5: Cake Walk Club at Fountain Square with BikeWalk BG for Duncan Hines Days
- Jun 5: Dolly Parton tribute concert at Capitol for Duncan Hines Days
- Jun 6: Duncan’s Duck Paddle Race & Regatta from Romanza Johnson to Phil Moore Park
- Jun 6: Eats & Beats Music Fest at Circus Square for Duncan Hines Days
- Jun (Saturdays): Summer Reading Farmers Market at SoKY Center
- Jun 8: BG Chamber Gold Classic at Bowling Green Country Club
- Jun 8: Drone Camp at Aviation Heritage Park
- Jun 9-14: BG Hot Rods vs Rome
- Jun 12 – Sep 11: Concerts in the Park with free live music at Circus Square Park, 7-9pm every Friday, ends September 11th (Tentative)
- Jun 17: Stand for Children Day at BG Ballpark with Community Education
- Jun 18–20: National Hot Rod Reunion at Beech Bend Raceway
- Jun 20: Hangar Party at Aviation Heritage Park
- Jun 23-28: BG Hot Rods vs. Hudson Valley

New business:

-Parking Lease payments from State Street lot and its future

-All America City competition in Denver is Jun 25-28

Minutes reported by Telia Butler, Downtown Development Coordinator, City of Bowling Green.

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The next Downtown Meet Up will be Wednesday, June 10 at 3pm—any host location offers?

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