

MARCH 2026

Caretaker REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS



69
Professionals



Admin
3

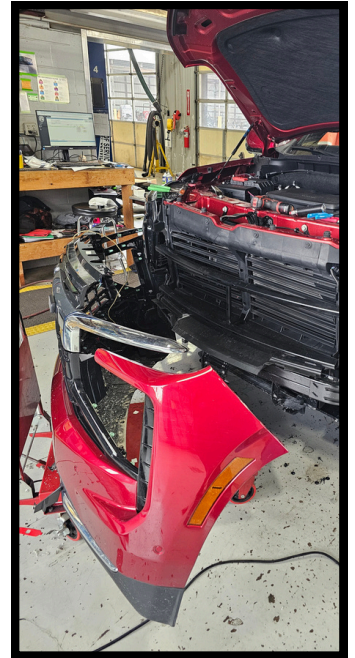
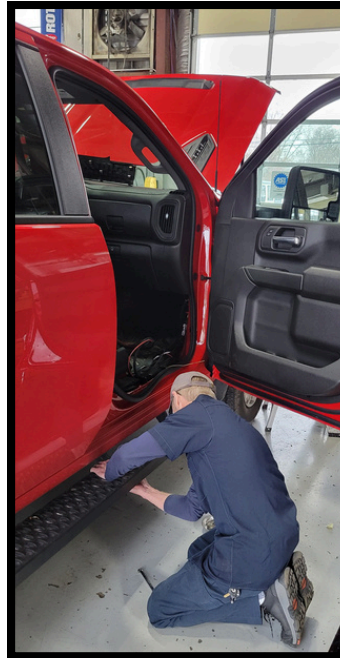
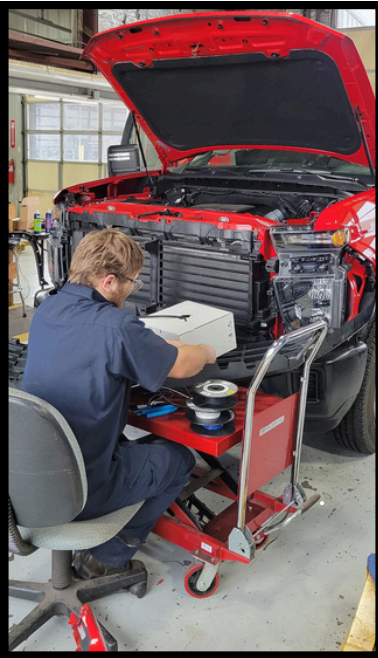
Planning &
Design
10

Environmental
Compliance
4

Facilities
4

Operations
35

Fleet
13



Service Technician Trevor Noble and Equipment Technician Keith Patton successfully upfitted vehicles for the Bowling Green Fire Department this month. In total, seven new trucks and SUVs were enhanced with new lights, sirens, and radios. By conducting the installations in-house, the Fleet Division achieved a savings of approximately \$10,000 per vehicle. The upfitting process typically takes about 5 to 7 workdays to complete, spanning from March 4 to March 27.

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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 **145 work orders** in March. Operations repaired/installed **1** traffic signals and **160** signs. **2** injection wells were drilled. There were **48 miles** of added maintenance from subdivision acceptance this year (1.96 miles in 2025, 6.53 miles in 2024).

March 2026



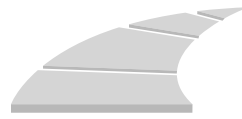
Potholes
Repaired

42



Street
Sweeping
Hours/Miles

154/78



L/ft
Sidewalks
Repaired

132



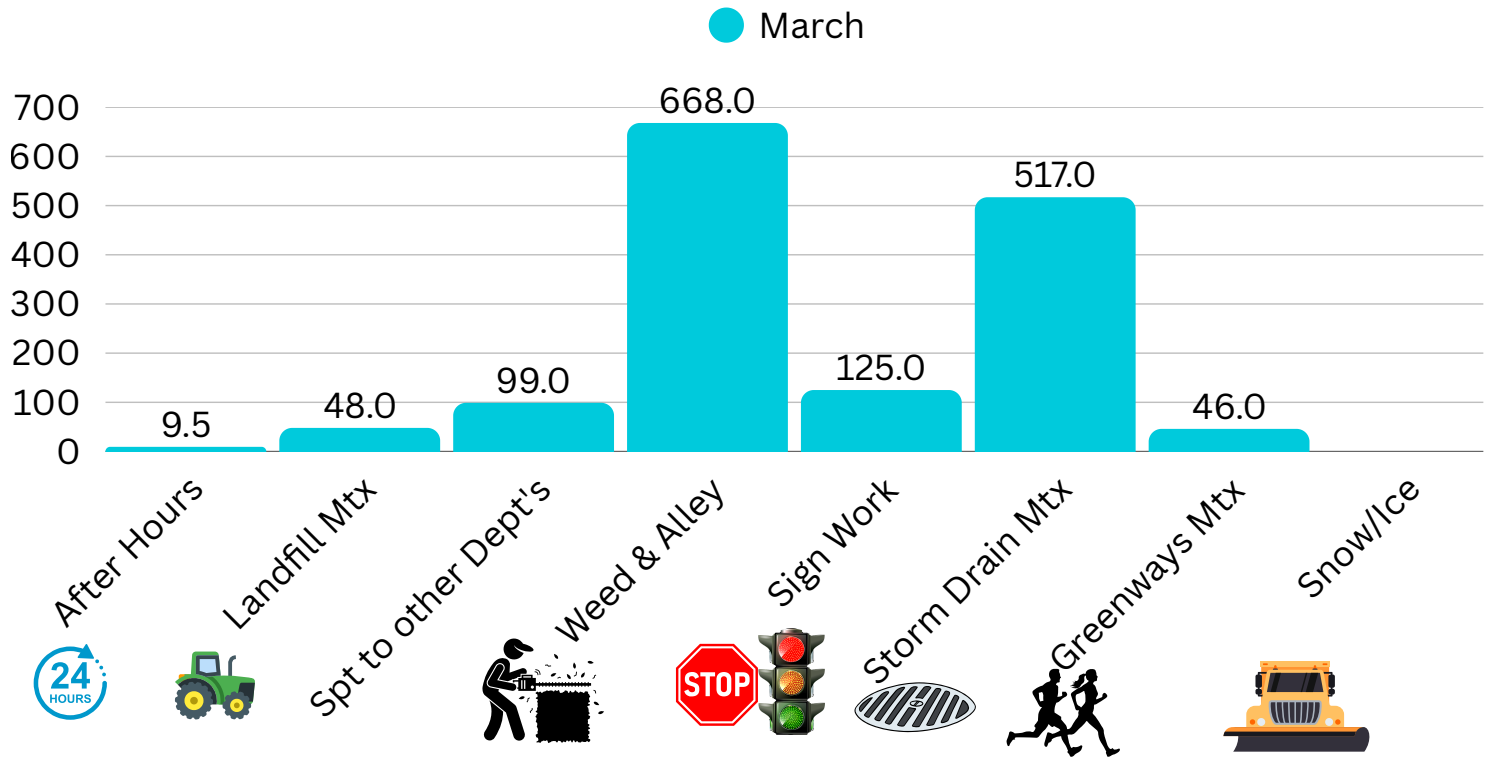
Tons of
Asphalt Used

37



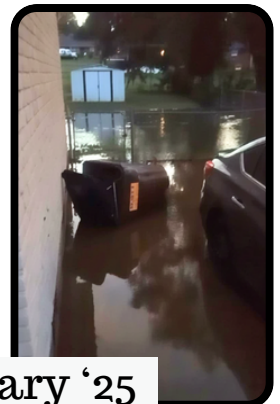
Signal Technician II Eric Joiner explains how traffic signals are installed and maintained by Public Works to participants of the city's Over Fifty Citizens Academy. (10 March)

Operations Hours



Operations crews continued their stormwater mitigation efforts along **Shannon Way**. A ditch was constructed, accompanied by an inlet box designed to facilitate the movement of water into an existing cave opening. This work was completed on March 19.

Flooding Pictures from 15 February 2025.



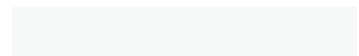
15 February '25



Operations Maintenance Technician I Jacob Lyons prepares the roadway for a sinkhole repair on [Worth Way](#), near [Russellville Road/US Rte 68](#) (24 March)



At the Community Impact Awards Ceremony on March 24, the Operations Team snagged the Stronger Together Award from Neighborhood and Community Services!





Planning & Design

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

Plats Reviewed	Site Inspections	ROW Permits	CDR Reviews
9	49 Initial 284 Reinspections	18	7

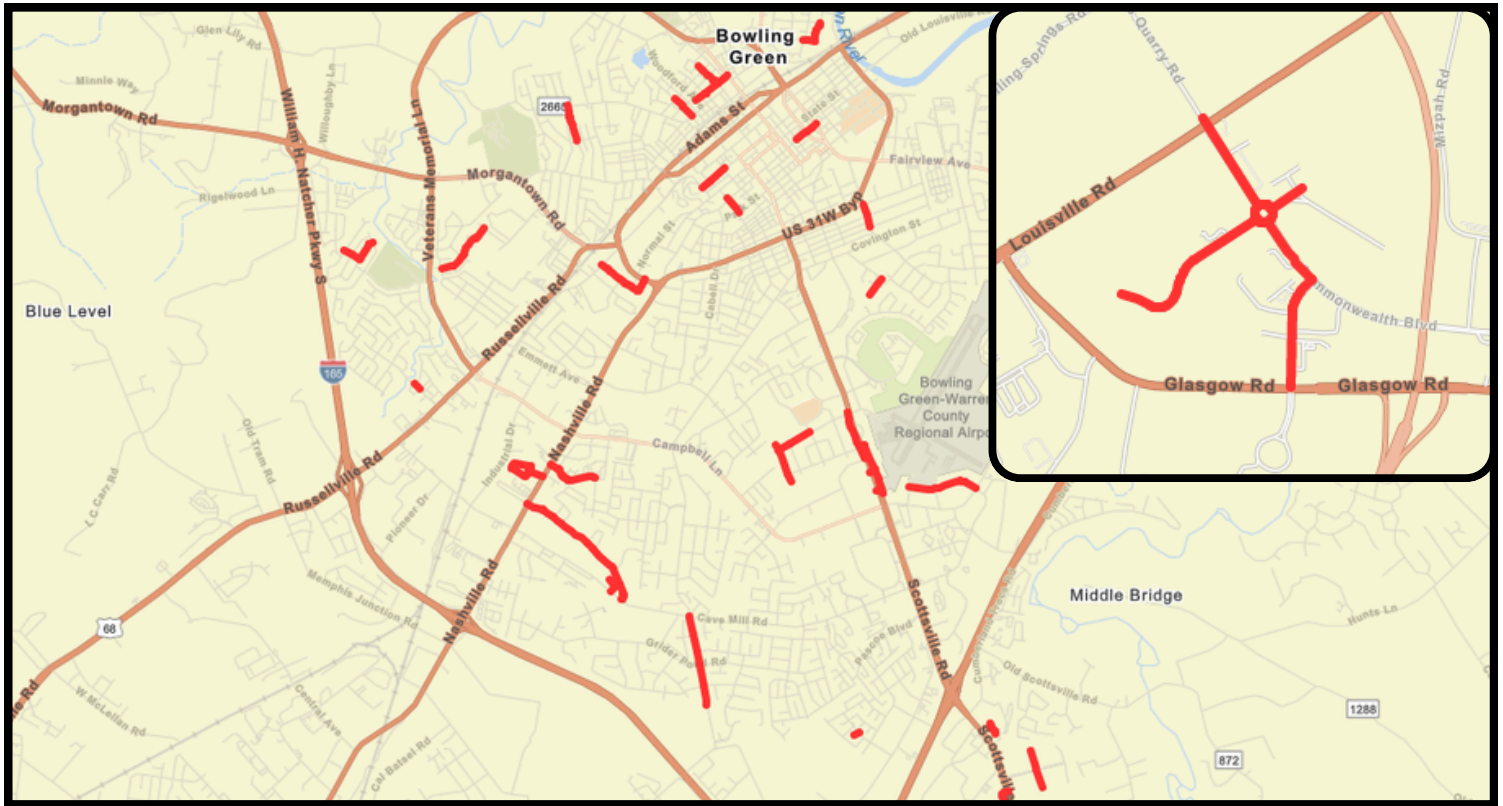
ROW- Right of Way work. <https://www.bgky.org/publicworks/right-of-way>

CDR Reviews- Comprehensive Development Review. <https://www.warrenpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CDR-QA.pdf>

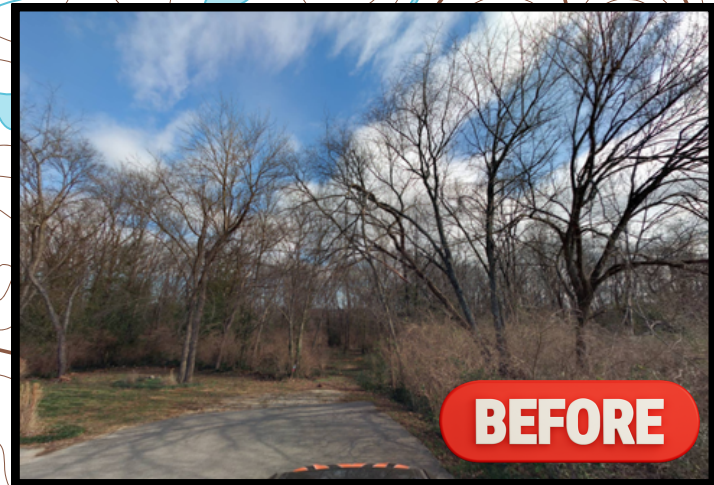
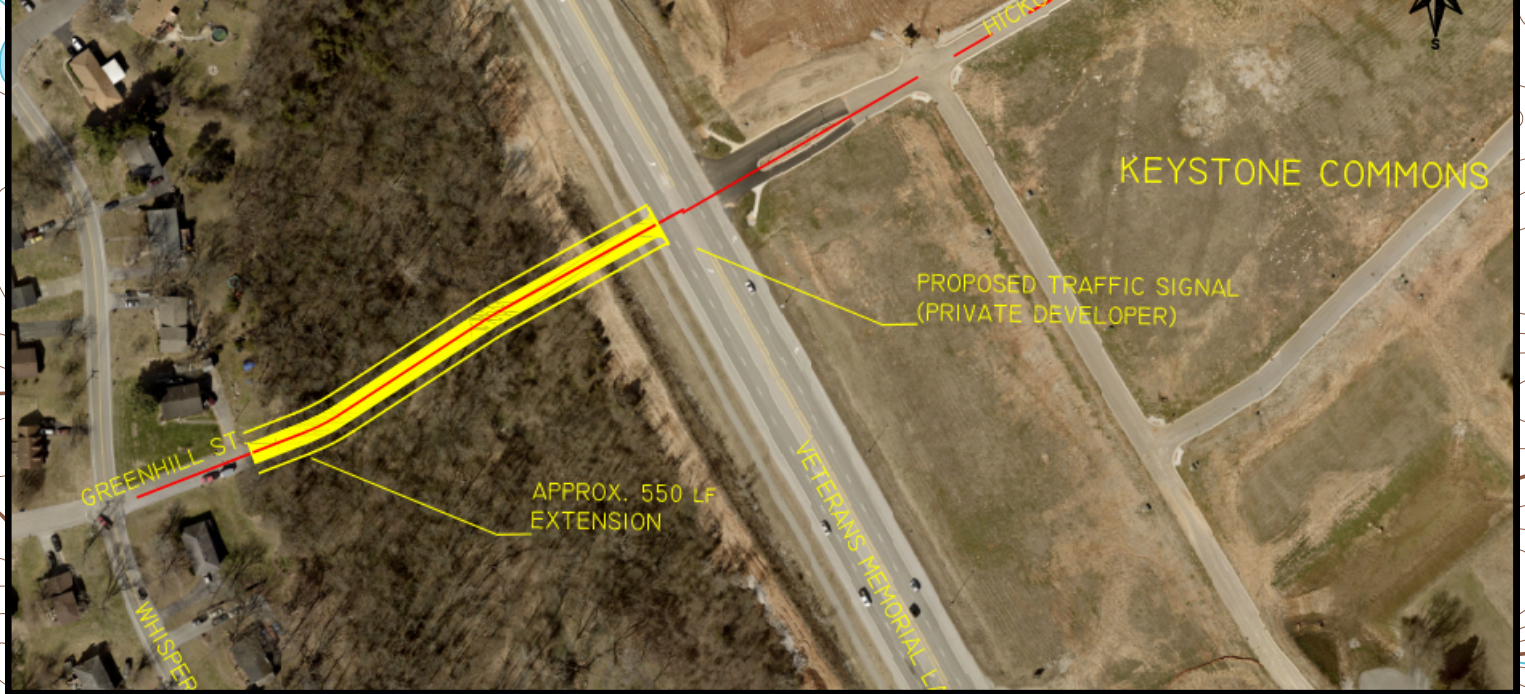


Roundabout construction began this month at [Tomblinson Way and Preston Miller Park/Brookshore Avenue](#). The roundabout is planned to be fully completed in time for the summer opening of the Russell Sims Aquatic Center. City Engineer Kyle Hunt compares design plans while conducting a site visit. (19 March)

Planning & Design



The annual street overlay project commenced this month at the Intermodal Industrial Park, previously known as the Kentucky Transpark. The inset in the top right corner illustrates the specific roads being completed for the overlay along **Commonwealth Blvd, Jody Richards Dr and Technology Way**. The larger map shows all 94 segments planned for this year. Construction Coordinator II Melanie Shy is overseeing the project.



The **Greenhill Street** Extension advanced significantly this month with the completion of tree clearing operations. Surveyor I Tyler Phelps marked project boundaries, while the Environmental team ensured full compliance with state and federal requirements protecting endangered bat species. The Planning and Design team led the roadway design.

Once complete, the project will connect Greenhill Street to Veterans Memorial Lane through a signalized intersection, providing improved access and connectivity for more than 400 households.



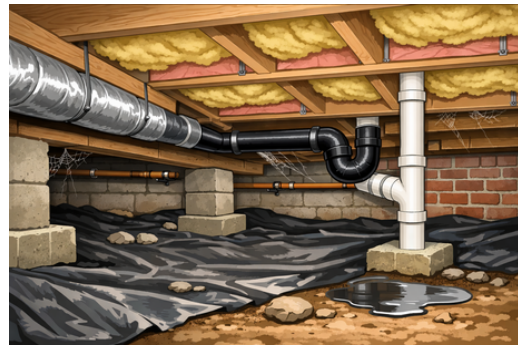
Environmental Compliance

Geologist * Sinkholes * Spills * Education * Water Sampling
Matt Powell, Manager
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Future Injection Well →



(Above) City Geologist Nick Lawhon oversaw the repair and remediation of the sinkhole at **Cross Willows Court**. Operations commenced with the installation of two additional injection wells to enhance the barrel drain structure situated in the center. (March 30)



(Left) City Geologist Nick Lawhon responded to a citizen's request for assistance regarding water accumulation in a crawl space on **Stubbins Street**. Upon investigation, he identified the source of the issue as a leak in the waterline. (12 March)



(Left) Construction Coordinator I, Journee Waggener, discusses the storm sewer system cleanout with Operations Manager Ryan Johnson. The Public Works Department conducts inspections and cleans stormwater infrastructure year-round to ensure the systems' capability to handle rainfall events. (19 March)

(Below) Participants in the Over Fifty Citizens Academy got a behind-the-scenes look at how the City manages stormwater, led by Environmental Manager Matt Powell. The presentation featured key infrastructure elements such as the Whiskey Run terminus, water quality unit, and Bypass Cave, helping bring to life how water moves through our community. (6 March)



ECD | Code Compliance Board Meeting | 24 March 2026

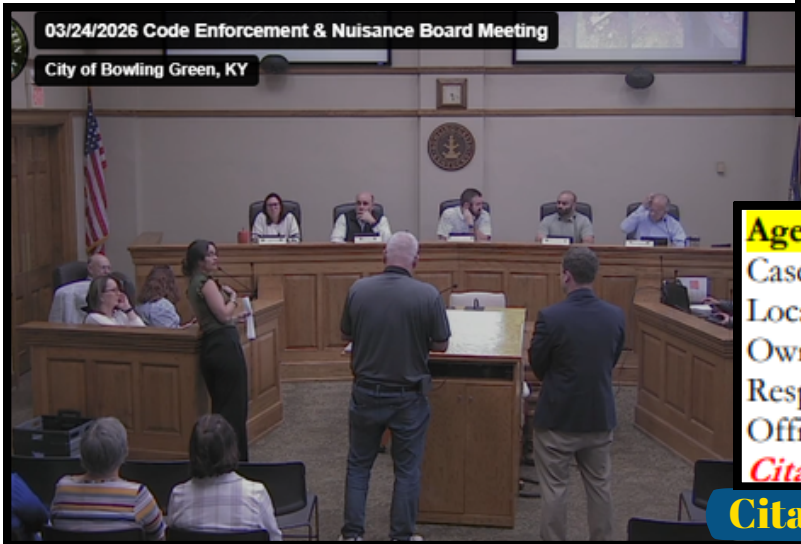


Agenda Item 2026-12 Public Works
 Case #2025-11236, Citation #2025-17250.1
 Location: 485 Olde Stone Way
 Owner: The Club at Olde Stone LLC
 Respondent: James D. Scott
 Officer: Nick Lawhon
Citation Fine: \$1,500.00

Citation Upheld | Fine Dismissed

Agenda Item 2026-13 Public Works
 Case #2025-11390, Citation #2025-17732.1
 Location: 520 West 12th Avenue
 Owner: B & H Development LLC
 Respondent: Russell Hankins
 Officer: Journee Nickson
Citation Fine \$1,500.00

Tabled for 60 Days



Agenda Item 2026-15 Public Works
 Case #2025-11008, Citation #2025-16705
 Location: 1960 Stonehenge Avenue
 Owner: Taibo's Home LLC
 Respondent: Ailoan Tran
 Officer: Nick Lawhon
Citation Fine \$2,000.00

Citation Upheld | Fine Dismissed



Courtenay Howell, Environmental Coordinator, was on the Enforcement Exchange Roundtable Panel at the International Erosion Control Association 2026 Conference in Fort Worth, TX. (2 March)

EMPLOYEE

Spotlight

Nick Lawhon is our Geologist in our Environmental Compliance Division. He has been with the City for seven years.

Get to Know You:

- **Favorite Movie:** Either Star Wars (Empire Strikes Back) or The Great Escape
- **Favorite Food:** Buffalo Wings
- **Favorite Place to Travel:** Inland Belize
- **Favorite Quote:**

“Cease being intimidated by the argument that a right action is impossible because it does not yield maximum profits, or that a wrong action is to be condoned because it pays.” ~Aldo Leopold

One Fun Fact About Me: “I played rugby into my early 30's. Greatest game in the world.”

Personal Message to our team from Nick:

“Have fun & watch out for sinkholes.”



NICK LAWHON

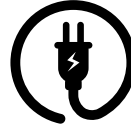


Facilities

Dave Hehner, Manager
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Facilities Management * CIP Construction Projects * Climate Control
Pest Management * Snow Removal

Work Orders
88



Plumbing

HVAC

Electrical

Carpentry

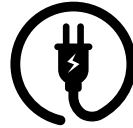
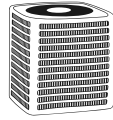
Cleaning

Other

		Plumbing	HVAC	Electrical	Carpentry	Cleaning	Other
1945	PW Admin	1	2				
1992	PW Ops		3	1			
1992	PW Fleet		4	4	2		
1907	City Hall		4		2		
1946	CH Annex		1	1	2		
1974	NCS		1			3	
1997	BGPD	2	3	3		2	Fence Repairs
2009	Fire HQ			1	1	1	
1980	Fire #1		2		2		
1980	Fire #2		1		3		
2001	Fire #3		3		1	1	



Facilities



Plumbing

HVAC

Electrical

Carpentry

Cleaning

Other

2001	Fire #4		3				
2025	Fire #5	2	2	3		2	
2008	Fire #6		2				
2020	Fire #7		1			1	
2024	Fire #8		1	1			
1995	Convention Ctr		3			1	
1872	Hobson House		2				
1930	White House						
1987	Transit Bldg						
1987	US Bank Bldg		3			4	
	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**

- Unit 5127, a 2016 Nissan NV200 cargo van was surplused to a non-profit (See below). Approved on 12 March 2026.
- A purchase order for \$78,288.00 for a new F-250 with snow plow was approved on 13 March. The unit replaces Unit 8081 (2015 Ford F-350).
- A 2009 Bobcat S205 Skid Steer was approved for trade in from the Operations Division on 17 March. The trade was part of a package to enable the purchase of 2 new snow plows.
- A purchase order for a 25-ton HVAC unit was approved in the amount of \$38,100 for Fleet on 25 March. This unit will provide air conditioning for the car shop.

March 2026



Filled
Parts Requests
235

Preventative
Work Orders
133

Repair
Work Orders
83



The city allocates surplus vehicles to other government agencies and non-profit organizations with the approval of the city manager. This year, an animal control van, Unit 5127 was transferred to the Bowling Green/Warren County Humane Society. (9 March)



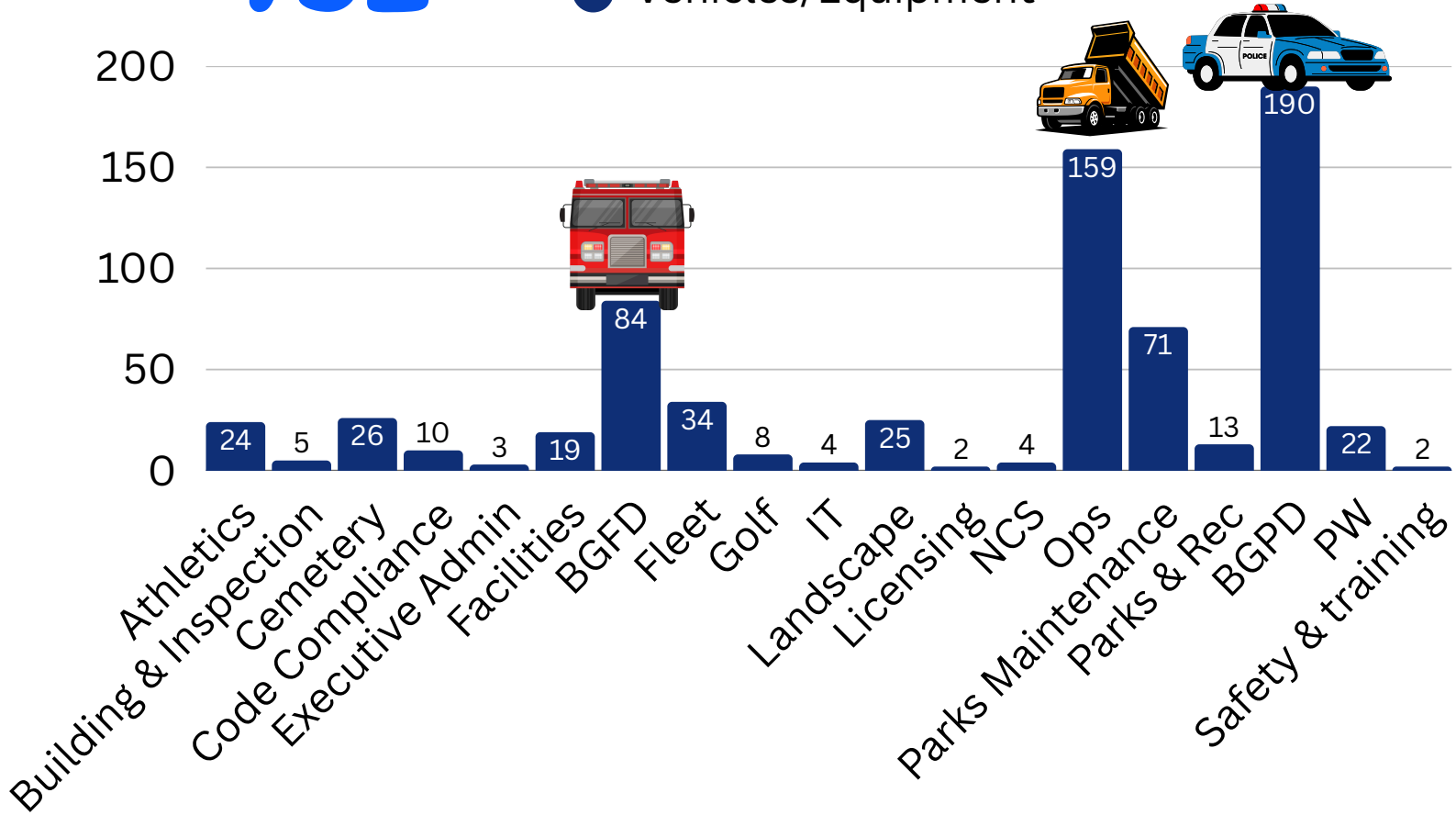
Fleet

Denise Gilland, Manager
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● Vehicles/Equipment *



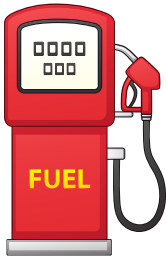
• Not shown- BG community Center (2) and City Transit (29)

CITY FLEET USAGE

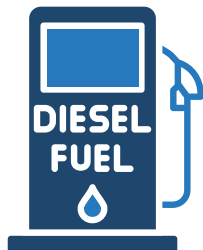


FEBRUARY 2026

Last Month



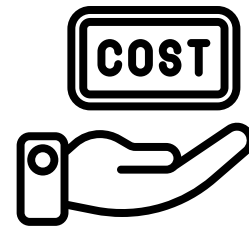
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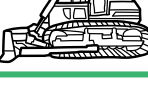









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Building Inspection	1 		
Cemetery		2 	1 
Code Compliance	2 		
Excutive Admin	1 		
Facilities	1 		
BGFD	2 	5 	
Fleet	1 	2 	
Golf		2 	
IT	1 		
Landscape		4 	
NCS			1 
Operations		4 	1 
Parks Maintenance		7 	
Parks & Rec.		7 	4 
BGPD	3 	3 	4 
Public Works	4 	6 	
Safety & Training	2 		



Administration

Andy Souza, Director
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Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce

On March 24, Public Works team members had the opportunity to attend the 2026 Women's Leadership Conference, held at the National Corvette Museum. This inspiring event hosted by the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce brought together leaders from across the region to share ideas, build connections, and strengthen the skills that help us better serve the Bowling Green community.



Public Works proudly partners with United Way of Southern Kentucky throughout the year to support our community. This month, our team participated in the Feed the Need food drive and once again surpassed expectations, collecting more than last year's record with 421 items. We're grateful for the continued generosity and commitment of our staff in making a difference.



**FEED
THE
NEED.**





Administration

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<p>New Hires</p>	<p>Operations Division</p>	<p>The Board of Commissioners approved Municipal Order 2026-43 approving the probationary appointment of Dayan Railey to the position of Operations Maintenance Technician I on <u>3 March 2026</u>. Sam Harmon was also hired into the same position as a transfer from the Department of Parks and Recreation.</p>
<p>Subdivision Acceptance</p>	<p>Planning and Design Division</p>	<p>The Board of Commissioners approved Municipal Order 2026-47 accepting The Hub Subdivision, Phase 1 on <u>3 March 2026</u>.</p>
<p>Bid Acceptance</p>	<p>Planning and Design Division</p>	<p>The Board of Commissioners approved Municipal Order 2026-51 accepting Bid #2026-34 for intersection improvements from Scotty's Contracting & Stone, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$927,480.87 on <u>3 March 2026</u>. This project will be for roundabout construction at Tomblinson Way.</p>
<p>Agreement</p>	<p>Environmental Division</p>	<p>The Board of Commissioners approved Municipal Order 2026-58 approving an agreement related to Karst Groundwater - Stormwater Tracing, Observation, Risk Monitoring and Modeling Program between the City of Bowling Green, Warren County and Western Kentucky University Center for Human GeoEnvironmental Studies on <u>17 March 2026</u>.</p>
<p>Bid Acceptance</p>	<p>Planning and Design Division</p>	<p>The Board of Commissioners approved Municipal Order 2026-70 accepting Bid #2026-33 for Highland Way Greenway construction from Infinity Pipeline, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$818,800.00 on <u>17 March 2026</u>.</p>