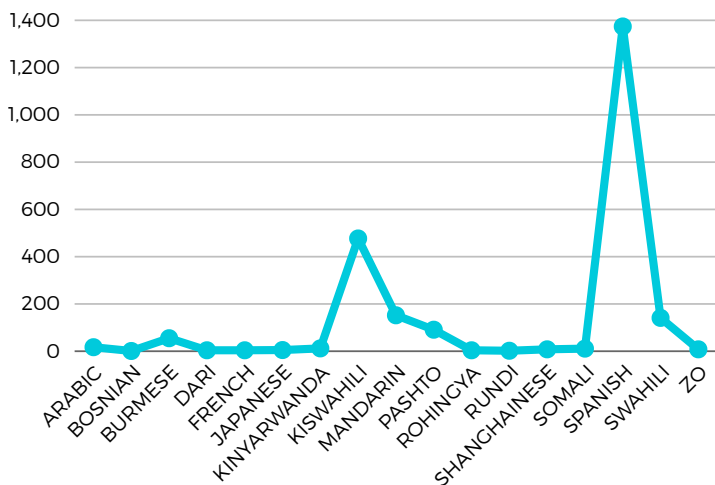


### Numbers at a glance:

- Mailers sent for community engagement events: **90 postcards/ letters**
  - **90 invitations to International Communities Advisory Council meeting**
- (2) E-newsletters & social media reach: **657 subscribers w/ 323 opens & 539 engagements/reach**
- Information, assistance and referrals cases: **69 assist cases**
- Special Events Permitted: **6**
- Road Closures/No Parking Signs: **4**
- Noise Variances Issued: **0**
- Film Permits Processed: **1**
- (3) Training in Cultural Comp./Language Access Training with **33 employees**
- Participants in Community Engagement activities: **2,755**



### **Language Access Provided to Residents with Limited English Proficiency August 2026**

**2,435** Total Minutes of Language Interpretation Used  
 2,382 minutes from 911 Dispatch/ BGPD VRI  
 47 minutes all other City Depts.  
 6 minutes of Video Remote Interpreting  
 18 different languages requested

### **EMPLOYEE CULTURAL COMPETENCY & LANGUAGE ACCESS TRAININGS**

Employee Cultural Competency and Language Access is an important part of the work our Division provides. During the month of August we had special requests from two separate Departments for additional customized trainings for their staff.

Our Division Manager, Leyda Becker, leads the two-hour trainings. Two of the requested trainings were implemented after-hours, two consecutive evenings, for Athletics Division part-time staff. The last training was implemented for our soon-to-graduate Police recruits as part of the BGLA Class #10



## WARREN ELEMENTARY AND JENNINGS CREEK OPEN HOUSES

Our team attended back-to-school open house nights at Warren Elementary and Jennings Elementary, providing an opportunity to connect with students, families, and school staff as they prepared for the new school year. We shared information about City services, community resources, and upcoming events while strengthening relationships with families and school communities. These events allowed us to meet residents where they are and help connect families with resources available through the City and our community partners.



## H.D. CARPENTER BLOCK PARTY #4

The 2026 H.D. Carpenter Block Party series wrapped up on August 13 after a successful summer of community events. The four-part series was designed to activate H.D. Carpenter Park and provide children and families with a safe, welcoming space to play, enjoy activities, and connect with their neighbors and City staff. Each event featured a different theme and family-friendly activities, including classic yard games, a Touch a Truck experience, a waterslide, food, and more.

The series was a great success, with strong community participation throughout the summer. A huge thank you to the Bowling Green Police Department and Bowling Green Parks and Recreation for their support and involvement throughout the series.

Public Works also assisted with road closures each month, helping create a safe space around the park and making these events possible. Thank you to the PIO Office for capturing this month's photos and helping us showcase the fun and community connection at each event.



## COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY EN ESPANOL

The City of Bowling Green, in collaboration with the Bowling Green Police Department, hosted its 2nd Annual Spanish Police Academy. The four-session program provided Spanish-speaking residents with an opportunity to learn more about local law enforcement, explore the police department, and connect directly with officers and emergency responders.

### Session 1 – Police Department Tour & Emergency Response

Participants toured the Bowling Green Police Department and learned more about the department and its operations. They had the opportunity to interact with police cars and emergency response vehicles and learn about the equipment used by officers and emergency personnel.

### Session 2 – Districting and Patrolling

Participants learned about how police districts the entire city and their duties in patrolling the streets. They were able to hear directly from a district sergeant about call responsiveness.

### Session 3 – Investigations and CID

Participants learned how to detectives utilize fingerprinting techniques to investigate the scene of a crime, as well as meeting detectives and learning the function of this specialized assignment

### Session 4 – Commanders in Chief, Graduation, and Criminal Justice System

Participants had a one-on-one Q&A with Chief Delaney, Coronel Bowles and Burnam. They talked about their functions within the department and how they became police officers. We also had a presentation from the Commonwealth Attorney's office explaining the criminal justice system



## BG PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESENTATION & UPDATES

On August 21, the Community Engagement Division had the opportunity to present our Promise Neighborhood outreach efforts and progress for this calendar year to our Promise Neighborhood partners.

Hannah Minton, Community Navigator, led the presentation highlighting the impact of our continued neighborhood engagement, including:

- 336 bus passes distributed,
- 200 homes canvassed as part of smoke alarm outreach,
- 700+ neighbors engaged through neighborhood block parties.

We also shared successful outreach strategies focused on the results-based accountability model, focusing resources in areas with greater need and using neighborhood canvassing in advance of the outreach to build awareness and trust before events.

In addition, our team had the opportunity to distribute cleaning kits at a Western Green Outreach pop-up in partnership with United Way of Southern Kentucky, connecting residents with resources that can support housing stability.

The BG Promise Neighborhood Full Implementation Grant proposal was submitted by the Prichard Committee this month, if awarded funds, this effort will continue impacting BG neighborhoods for the next five years.

Future plans include the distribution of 50 additional cleaning kits and more than 700 additional bus passes.



**336**

Bus Passes Given Out

**200**

Homes Canvassed for Smoke Alarms

**700+**

Residents Reached through Block Parties

**2,130**

Mallors sent out to promote Promise Neighborhood events



## STRATEGIC NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FUNDS FALL CYCLE

The City opened the fall cycle for the newly revamped Strategic Neighborhood Grant Funds (SNGF), on July 1, 2026. Our annual appropriation for the SNGF is \$60,000, divided equally into a spring and fall cycle.

The fall cycle closed on August 1, 2026. We received twenty-three (23) applications with \$129,720.00 in request. We had unused funds in the amount of \$882 from the previous grant year that we are rolling into this cycle, that will allow us to increase our total allocation to \$30,565.00.

Nine grant applications (9) were presented for approval at the BOC meeting on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The graphic contains all of the neighborhoods who were awarded funds.



## WELCOME BACK WESTERN

Our team was excited to participate in the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce's Welcome Back WKU event, helping welcome students back to Western Kentucky University for the new school year.

Our team had the opportunity to engage with students, share information about City services and resources, and introduce them to ways they can connect with the Bowling Green community.

We also promoted the upcoming Harvest Festival on October 17 and encouraged students to join in one of the City's favorite community celebrations.



We appreciate the partnership with the SKY Hospitality Association and the coordination provided by our Downtown Development Coordinator, who made it possible for the City of Bowling Green to be represented at this amazing event.



# At-a-glance Community Engagement



| Dates                 | Event Name                              | Host Organization & Lead Staff                                                                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 6              | Warren Elementary Open House            | Rahel Morfin Castillo, Warren Elementary FRYSC                                                        |
| August 6              | Jennings Creek Open House               | Hannah Minton, Jennings Creek Elementary FRYSC                                                        |
| August 13             | H.D. Carpenter Block Party IV           | CED Team, BG Parks and Rec, BGPD                                                                      |
| August 14             | Western Green Apt. Pop Up               | United Way of Southern KY, Hannah Minton, Emily Gentry                                                |
| August 18, 20, 25, 27 | Police Academy in Spanish               | Leyda Becker, Rahel Morfin Castillo, BGPD                                                             |
| August 22, 23, 27, 29 | Kentucky State Fair                     | Leyda Becker, Emily Gentry, Hannah Minton, Rahel Morfin Castillo, Southern KY Hospitality Association |
| August 25             | Welcome Back WKU                        | Hannah Minton, Emily Brawner, BG Chamber of Commerce                                                  |
| August 31             | Natcher Elementary Ambassador Selection | Hannah Minton, Natcher Elementary FRYSC                                                               |