



1. **Neighborhood & Community Services staffing update** – Karen Foley retired December 31 and we are working thru some division changes and new hire this Spring. In the interim, Telia will be supporting however needed.
2. **Updated parking map is online** – added physical addresses and Google search instructions to the new map – available on [bgky.org/downtown](http://bgky.org/downtown) and [bgkydowntown.org](http://bgkydowntown.org).
3. **Share the Square campaign** received positive feedback, Daily News is doing a story later this week. Kristin offered to do a story with WBKO in a couple weeks to keep the momentum alive.
4. **Save the Date:**
  - Sweetheart Challenge – Feb 14 & 15
  - Winterfest free concerts every Friday night in Feb at Capitol – DRA collab on Insta live went great with the Capitol, DRA, Flora Templeton Stuart, and Wolf Band included - 3k views
  - March 4 – Mardi Gras Party at White Squirrel
  - March 8 – Line Drive Lager release of special White Squirrel beer with BG Hot Rods
  - March 15-17 – St. Patty’s Day parties at Cliffs of Moher and White Squirrel
  - April 8 – BG Hot Rods Opening Day
  - April 12 – Back to the 80s at White Squirrel Brewery and Big Local Fest at Circus Square
  - April 19 – Tequila n Tacos at BG Ballpark and 420 Fest at White Squirrel
  - April 24 – City of BG’s Academy for New Americans Downtown Day
  - April 26 – White Squirrel Arts Fest at White Squirrel Brewery
  - Fountain Row Friday free live music on the Square 4-6pm, May 9 - June 6, August 8 - October 3
  - May 22 – Fountain Row night at BG Hot Rods w/biz access to tables on the concourse and tickets
  - May 24 – Big Brown Bash at White Squirrel
  - June and July weekly SoKY Marketplace farmers markets
  - Duncan Hines Days – June 2-8; Downtown Kickoff with car show, walking parade, ice cream social on Thursday, June 5; Eats & Beats Music Fest at Circus Square Park
  - June 20 – Opening night of Concerts in the Park, ends September 5
  - August 1-2 – Bigfoot Mini Con returns to Capitol and SoKY Marketplace
  - September 4 – Tentative – Holley LS Fest Drift Cruise-In to Fountain Square from Beech Bend
  - September 20 – 2 year anniversary of White Squirrel
  - September 27 – BG International Fest at Circus Square, Oktoberfest at White Squirrel
  - October 5 – Day of Hitchcock at Capitol
  - October 10 – Boos & Brews John Carpenter films at Capitol
  - October 17-19 – SKy Arts Film Fest at Capitol
  - October 18 – Downtown BGKY Harvest Fest
  - October 25 – tentative Scare on the Square (currently being voted upon by Downtown biz); Bourbon & Brewfest; BG Pride; Bogeyman Ball
  - November 2 – BG Half Marathon
  - November 24 – Downtown Duck Drop at The Fringe
  - December 1-7 – Light Up BGKY
  - December 5 – Downtown BGKY Lights Up
  - December 6 – BG Christmas Parade
  - December 20- Christmas Blitz at White Squirrel

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5. **GM Foundation Grant update** – 10 traffic cabinet art pieces are installed, 4 left to go; wayfinding map is done and needs install; crosswalk art vendor and PW working on best install plan; working with GM on a special event to “reveal” all to the public
6. **The Fringe** – Library is managing, plan to see more food trucks there heading into Spring. You can find direct booking info on the Library website. Warren County Public Library is also hosting a new Summer Reading Farmers Market at SoKY Marketplace every June and July Saturday from 10am-2pm. Farmers, crafters, nonprofits, and more are invited to participate – email [katieh@warrenpl.org](mailto:katieh@warrenpl.org) for more details.
7. **BG Legends & Lore video series** with the Chamber is complete and all 4 parts have aired. Find them on the Chamber’s YouTube or shared from the Downtown and City socials. Lots of Downtown stories were told.
8. **Shake Rag update** – Walking Tour signage update led by the George Washington Carver is in the works and the org has a meeting about it this weekend; locations are set, but design and install are not; George Washington Carver Center is hosting a public event on Feb 22 celebrating Black History Month and telling Shake Rag stories; Shake Rag Bar & Lounge is open; Mustang Club is set to open by April and will be hiring soon; Southern Queen Hotel by Bell Vue is under construction.
9. **Houchens Industries Small Business Accelerator** – at the former Save-a-Lot building on College St – Danny’s Italian is opening soon, Empanadas BG is opening soon. A hair salon, offices, and retail business are also going into the spaces to open soon. This is a business accelerator for minority-owned, or low income, or small businesses impacted by December 2021 tornadoes – brought to life thru partnership with Houchens Industries, City of Bowling Green, Housing Authority of Bowling Green, and Live the Dream Foundation. Ask questions to Katie Miller, [kmiller@habg.org](mailto:kmiller@habg.org).
10. Our Codes division has been working with the private owners of the **Oddfellows Building and old Gerard Hotel Building on Park Row** and their exteriors are being cleaned up this week – powerwashing, paint, and roof repairs are coming. Please be aware of any disturbance this may cause to customers as these building facades are getting some much needed love after years of neglect.
11. Angie Jones attended the meeting and is a new Downtown business owner of a yoga studio at 308 E Main. She will be announcing her opening soon.

Our next meetings are scheduled for 3-4pm on:

March 12 at Copper Bar  
April 9 at The Capitol

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