



BOWLING GREEN  
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KENTUCKY

# 2025 Calendar

2024 ANNUAL REPORT





# CITY MANAGER'S LETTER

Dear Residents of Bowling Green,

I'm excited to share the City's Annual Report and Calendar for your reference throughout 2025. Community engagement is at the heart of our decisions, and this year's report showcases the beauty of Bowling Green, highlighting the unique features that define our city.

This report reflects the many accomplishments from the past year and provides insights into the work done by City employees who serve over 75,000 residents across approximately 42 square miles. As the fastest growing city in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Bowling Green benefits from a vibrant local economy while preserving the charm of a small town. Our growth is fueled by our commitment to community leadership and service.

Bowling Green continues to thrive, with a focus on:

- Delivering top-quality city services at the lowest possible cost
- Ensuring excellent Police and Fire protection for residents and businesses
- Maintaining and investing in public infrastructure
- Competing on a global and national stage to attract jobs that benefit our community
- Upholding democratic values and the highest standards of integrity in local government
- Enhancing the quality of life for all residents

The City continues to thrive due to a steady local economy, a high quality of life, and low crime rates in most areas, Bowling Green offers successful schools, reliable utilities, well-kept roads, and accessible parks. Our lower cost of living and competitive tax rates, along with a wealth of job opportunities, make Bowling Green the best place to live. We continue to be community led, service driven and powered by growth.

I hope this report and calendar remind you of the wonderful community we call home. Enjoy!

At your service,

*Jeff Meisel CPA, MPA, ICMA-CM*  
City Manager





# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

## Board of Commissioners



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Todd Alcott



Commissioner  
Carlos Bailey



Commissioner  
Dana Beasley-Brown



Commissioner  
Melinda Hill



Commissioner  
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City Manager  
Jeff Meisel



Assistant City  
Manager/Chief  
Financial Officer  
Katie Schaller-  
Ward



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Director  
Brent Belcher



Fire Chief  
Justin Brooks



Neighborhood  
& Community  
Services Director  
Brent Childers



Police Chief  
Michael Delaney



City Attorney  
Hillary Hightower



Human Resources &  
Risk Management  
Director  
Erin Hulsey



City Internal Auditor  
Deborah Jenkins



Information  
Technology Director  
Donnita Weeks



Public Works Director  
Andy Souza



January

## 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 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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day City Offices Closed	2	3	4
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19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day City Offices Closed	21	22	23	24	25
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# 2024: THE YEAR IN REVIEW AND A LOOK AHEAD

## ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION: BETTER WAYS TO GET AROUND TOWN

- 11.3 Miles of streets repaved in overlay contract
- 18 Handicap ramps reconstructed to meet Federal ADA Guidelines
- 1,231 Linear feet of sidewalk replaced with Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program
- 7,155 Linear feet of sidewalk replaced within the Census Block Group 102.1 with grant funding
- 2,043 Sidewalk safety hazards repaired through concrete cutting methods (grinding)
- 1,265 Feet of sidewalk repaired/replaced by Operations Division (691 feet last year)



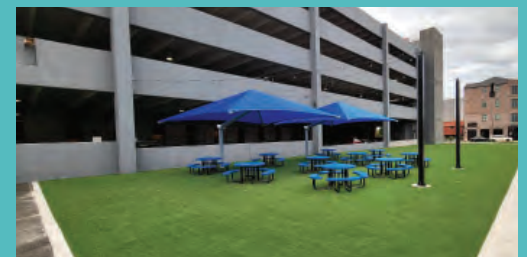
- 289 Potholes repaired (108 last year)
- 3,653 Linear miles of streets cleaned by sweeper (2,904 last year)
- 247.9 Tons of waste removed from streets by sweeper



- 253 Street cut permits issued (211 last year)
- 428 Street cut inspections completed
- 2 roundabouts completed – Westen Street at Ashley Circle and at Patrick Way



- College Street bridge rehabilitation and painting completed
- High friction surface project on 12th Avenue completed
- New sidewalk program – approximately 5,777 feet (1.1 miles) of new sidewalk designed and bid for construction
- Tomblinson Way roundabout design
- Bluegrass Farms Boulevard extension design
- Greenhill Street extension design
- 474 Tons of deicer used on City roadways this winter season
- College Street streetscape completed between 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue



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9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day City Offices Closed	18	19	20	21	22
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## STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS: IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE, EMPOWERING PEOPLE

- The Bowling Green Police Department (BGPLD) facilitated a series of collaborative discussions with key community stakeholders to improve the emergency mental health process and procedure. This effort has improved the delivery of service for mental health petitions and provided more efficient police response to calls for service.



- The International Communities Division provided language access training and support to Bowling Green Transit staff in rolling out their language accessibility features, ensuring that riders with limited English proficiency can get a qualified and competent interpreter when using public transit.
- The International Communities Division supported the Karenni community of Bowling Green in hosting Karenni National Day at the Sloan Convention Center, which welcomed more than 2,000 attendees from across the United States.
- The International Communities Division supported neighbors, facing displacement from mobile home parks across the city, with language interpretation during Board of Commissioners meetings, neighborhood meetings and connecting neighbors to housing support services via the City's housing voucher program and other community resources.



- The International Communities Division collaborated with the Consulate of El Salvador based in Nashville, Tennessee to host two mobile consulate events for Salvadoran Nationals at Neighborhood and Community Services. Salvadorans based in Bowling Green, which account for the second largest group of Latinos, were able to receive consular services locally.
- 28 people graduated from the 6th cohort making it the largest graduating class to date. Graduates of the annual Academy for New Americans completed a 5 month free leadership training that empowers new Americans to understand and participate in City government. Graduates originated from 13 different countries and ethnicities and collectively spoke 19 different languages.
- Expanded language access services and resources in the BGD to expedite access to emergency level qualified interpreters via the Video and Audio Remote Interpreting Mobile Application.
- Animal Protection continued their free rabies vaccine clinic program, hosting 3 free community clinics during Y2024, and vaccinating several hundred animals at no cost to pet owners.





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9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22
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- In partnership with Chewy.com and the Humane Society of the U.S., Animal Protection received a donation of over 20 pallets of pet food and supplies, which were distributed in January 2024 to hundreds of families in the community free of cost.
- Under the Neighborhood Improvements Program, Neighborhoods and Community Services partnered with Live the Dream Development, Inc. for an exterior property improvements program, which resulted in 36 houses removing blighting influences and improving curb appeal.



- Through a partnership with Hope House Ministries, 220 persons were provided transportation assistance to area employment centers including the Kentucky Transpark and South Central Kentucky Industrial Park.
- The City received Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program approval to install a roundabout on Veterans Memorial Boulevard and modify the highway into a complete street by eliminating left turning traffic, providing a continuous refuge median for safer pedestrian crossings. In addition, roadside features will be implemented, like wider sidewalks and street trees, to give visual cues to motorists to drive slower, accommodating bicycle and pedestrian mobility along the corridor.



- Through a partnership with Live the Dream Development, Inc., 9 new affordable rental units were constructed with Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funding.
- Over \$7,000,000 in Community Development Disaster Recovery Funding was awarded for approximately 70 new affordable housing units.
- Nearly \$400,000 of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds were awarded to the City for a new linear park along Jennings Creek.
- Completed, approved and published Bowling Green-Warren County Disaster Recovery Group "Guidelines & Considerations" as a community tool for response and recovery during future local disasters
- Brought back the annual Neighborhood Builders Banquet and recognized 12 honorees with the Neighborhood Builders Awards.



- Convened and facilitated the first ever peer retreat for local community engagement practitioners, engaging 34 individuals from 5 City departments and 12 other partnering organizations.

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		1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Passover Begins
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday City Offices Closed	19 Patriot Day
20 Easter	21	22 Earth Day	23 Administrative Professionals Day	24	25 Arbor Day	26
27	28	29	30			

- Awarded over \$46,000 in Flexible Neighborhood Grants as follows to neighborhood projects:
  - Bent Tree for neighborhood entry improvements;
  - George Washington Carver Center in the Shake Rag neighborhood for exterior improvements;
  - Delafield Neighborhood Group for publication of a neighborhood newsletter, neighborhood events, entryway improvement and other projects;
  - Indian Ridge Condo Association for tree replacement project;
  - Pine Grove Homeowners Association for decorative sign upgrades;
  - ReTree BG for additional tree planting projects in target neighborhoods;
  - Eaglestone Villa Association to replace freeze-damaged landscaping;
  - Hillview Mills Association to repair/repave common driveway;
  - Mt. Zion Back to School Bash for event expenses and school supply giveaway.
- Celebrated the 10th cohort of the Over 50 Citizens Academy, an annual program that provides 28 hours of civic education, boosts volunteerism and has graduated more than 200 participants.
- Expanded our community partnership to incorporate the BG Fall Fiesta into the Day of the Dead theme at Fountain Square Park for the Downtown BGKY Harvest Festival.





- Housing Division provided housing assistance to 889 families.
- Housed 6 homeless veterans.
- Housed 22 homeless families.
- Installed 40 new Fountain Row decorative sign posts throughout downtown to create a sense of place branding.



- Hosted 12,000+ attendees at Downtown BGKY Harvest Festival across Circus and Fountain Squares, plus partner venue SoKY Marketplace. Added Dia de Los Muertos theme at Fountain Square with new Latino community partners.
- Continued holiday window decorating contest during Downtown BGKY Lights Up week, with 13 Fountain Square area businesses participating.
- Hosted 8,000+ attendees at Downtown BGKY Lights Up across Circus and Fountain Squares, partner venues SoKY Marketplace, SkyPAC, and the Capitol. Added Santa's Village activities and light show at Circus Square with new Green River Waste partnership.



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				1 National Day of Prayer	2	3
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
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25	26 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31

- In partnership with 12+ community organizations, launched the new Light Up BGKY weeklong kickoff to the holiday season, with 15+ light up events between Thanksgiving and Christmas parade week. At least 10,000 people attended a Light Up event. Created the first ever interactive online holiday lights map of Warren County, showing landmarks, attractions, businesses, and neighborhoods to drive or walk through holiday lights (lightupbgky.org).

- In partnership with 50+ community organizations, hosted the 2nd Annual Duncan Hines Days event with more than 17,000 event goers tracked across 15 events, from at least 18 states, making an estimated economic impact of at least \$2.96 million in Bowling Green/Warren County.

- Thanks to the real Duncan Hines brand's generosity, distributed 6,000 free baking mix boxes across all of Bowling Green/Warren County with Duncan Hines Days event partners.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: MORE STAFF, BETTER EQUIPMENT**

- The BGPLD Logistics Division worked with Bowling Green Police Department and City colleagues to complete police cruiser updates, to include a new vehicle wrap process, lightbar and siren system, and complete installation of the Axon Fleet 3 camera system.





# June

- The Professional Standards Division of the BGD created an in-house training program for Designated Marksman. This special assignment provides continuing education credit through KLEC along with additional marksmanship and field craft training to selected officers in the Patrol Division.
- A new position in the Training Division at Bowling Green Fire Department (BGFD) was approved for FY2024. The Engineer of Training, or Training Instructor, was added to assist the Training Division primarily with VFIS, IFSAC pumper and aerial classes, and engineer promotional testing.
- In August of 2023, the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) approved reaccredited status for the BGFD for the fourth consecutive time. This approval followed an in-depth self-assessment, strategic plan, and community risk assessment, review by a peer team of fire service professionals from around the country, and presentation to the Commission in Chicago.
- Fire Station 8 opened in the Kentucky Transpark on April 17, 2024. Previous 90th percentile travel time to this area was 8:31 minutes in 2023. Emergency runs made in the first 3 months of the station's operations brought the 90th percentile travel time down by 4 minutes to 4:34 minutes.



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8 Whitsunday (Pentecost)	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Summer Begins	21
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- A second Battalion Chief was added to daily operations in January 2024, improving on-scene efficiency and operational effectiveness. The addition of 3 Battalion Chiefs to the command staff allows for greater span of control and oversight of programs within the BGF.
- For the second time, BGF opened its doors to outside agencies to participate in its Officer Training School with Class #6 in March 2024.

**PARKS AND RECREATION: NEW AND IMPROVED FACILITIES**

- 18,661 driving range ball baskets sold at Hobson Golf Course
- 99,159 rounds of golf played at City golf courses



- 970 acres of parks maintained
- 169 trees planted
- 9,875 plants planted
- 213 shrubs planted
- 1,381,752 participants in athletics programs
- 21,435 adaptive recreation participants
- 116,594 visits to Bowling Green community centers



- \$514,188 received in donations
- 6,194 facility rentals processed
- 59,402 visits to Russell Sims Aquatic Center

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION: BETTER WAYS TO COMMUNICATE**

- City of Bowling Green Public Information Division started the first ever City podcast, TalkBGKY.
- Created logo for TalkBGKY.



- Produced quarterly Parks and Recreation programs booklet.
- City now provides a free photo booth for City events, used for the first time at the City job fair at the F.O. Moxley Center.
- Created a series of videos celebrating the services of our Public Works Department for Public Works Month.
- Produced multiple Harvest Festival and Duncan Hines Days videos.
- Created an informational video about city-wide parking. Video included cameos from city and county officials and local business representatives.
- Designed and produced children's activity books for Code Compliance and Parks and Recreation.



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- Compiled and designed annual report presented as a calendar.
- Designed posters and social media graphics for Human Resources Recruitment campaigns.



- Designed and created informational pages that appear monthly in SOKY Happenings.
- Created a new logo for the Young Neighbors Academy.
- Submitted video addresses from Mayor Todd Alcott for the Governor's Office to use in statewide Team Kentucky updates.

**WAYS WE'RE SAVING MONEY**

- Information Technology Department (IT) reviewed and inactivated unused user accounts in multiple systems to provide cost savings and room for future growth.
- When an existing data storage system was due for replacement, non-critical data was moved and a less expensive solution was implemented saving around \$263,000.
- Relocated exterior cabling and network equipment at the Russell Sims Aquatic Center to resolve a grounding issue. This move helps protect expensive devices and has reduced insurance costs due to previous equipment being damaged during storms.

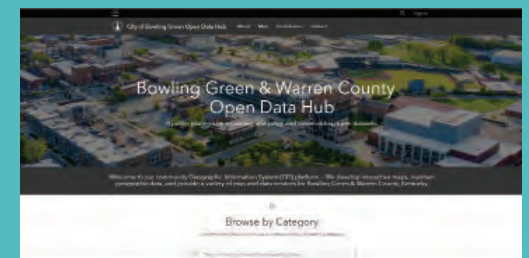


# August

- The IT Department is taking advantage of any free resources that are available from the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to better protect systems from cybersecurity threats.
- Completed numerous cabling projects and renovations around the City to reduce any external professional services cost.
- Transitioned City office phones and fax lines from PRI (primary rate interface) to SIP (session initiation protocol) trunks. This will reduce the City's overall cost as telecommunication companies' phase out copper telephone lines.

## BETTER WAYS OF WORKING

- The IT Department completed numerous hardware, server and software application upgrades to take full advantage of new features and reduce the risk of security threats.
- Utilized automated installation tools to efficiently push out application and security updates to over 700 endpoints.
- Implemented Yardi Rent Café to provide a self-service website option for those needing housing assistance in the community.
- Created an ArcGIS website hub to share valuable mapping data with the public.



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- A new Life Events module was implemented to reduce paperwork and speed up the new employee onboarding process.
- Created redundancy for the telephone system between City Hall Annex and BCPD. If one system fails it will route calls through the other unit.
- Created GIS heat maps of code compliance animal incidents to make the best use of available resources.
- Configured an existing software solution to rack facility safety inspections and facility work orders. Utilizing this system provides cost savings by maximizing an existing software investment, efficiency and better overall tracking for multiple divisions.
- Established a geodatabase of the Fairview Cemetery which provides a map and online burial search to the public, through the cemetery's webpage.



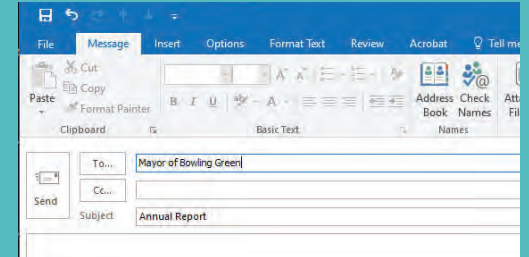
- Configured a new violation tracking solution for the Contractor's Licensing Board so they could discontinue the use of an outdated and unsupported system.
- Multiple agencies in the area have signed a GIS data sharing agreement to reduce duplicate efforts and make the best use of available geospatial data.



# September

## BETTER SECURITY AND SAFETY

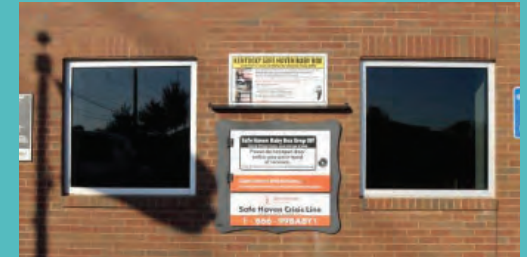
- Conducted phishing test on all City email accounts quarterly and provided monthly cybersecurity tips to keep employees vigilant to possible threats.



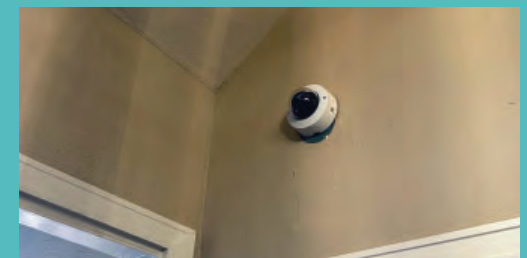
- The City's IT Department has started segmenting the overall network into multiple virtual local area networks (VLAN) to reduce the impact of a cybersecurity attack.
- Attended a cybersecurity tabletop exercise with other agencies in the region which was provided at no cost by the Kentucky Department of Homeland Security.
- Setup domain-based message authentication reporting and conformance (DMARC) email security protocol to help prevent email spoofing and other email based attacks.
- Held several cybersecurity tabletop exercises and disaster recovery scenario testing sessions to better prepare the department for possible threats.
- Designed the cabling layout for Fire Station 8 for all network devices including PCs, phones, security cameras, wireless access points and station alerting.

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	1 Labor Day City Offices Closed	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17 Constitution Day	18	19	20
21	22 Rosh Hashanah Autumn Begins	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

- Gathered and installed building maps from WKU, schools and hotels in the area into the public safety software. This will provide improved emergency response from both BCPD and BCFD.
- Baby box installed and brought online at Fire Station 8 with multiple alerting and notification systems in place to ensure the safety of surrendered babies.



- Installed numerous panic buttons at different Parks and Recreation Department locations to enhance safety and ensure a rapid response in case of an emergency.
- Upgraded the hardware and software that records all 911 call, radio, and text communications.
- Worked with BCPD and BCFD reviewing policies to ensure Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) compliance.
- Replaced 56 end of life security cameras at different City properties. All the new security cameras were fully grant funded.





## AWARDS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GRANTS

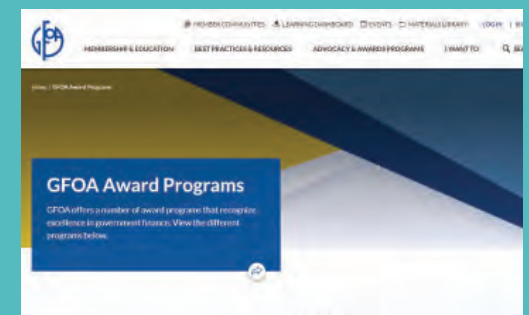
- The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety provided \$25,000 in grant funding to the BGPD for overtime costs associated with traffic enforcement.
- The Professional Standards Division of the BGPD completed the re-certification for the Bowling Green Law Enforcement Academy curriculum. This process is certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and involves a comprehensive review and approval of the 23 weeks/946.50 hours of academy training.



- The Public Information Division received 2 first place awards from the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators, one for a video project and another for the annual report/ calendar, both projects were produced entirely in house.
- Public Works Department received American Public Works Association reaccreditation (every 4-years).
- Environmental Manager Matt Powell was named the 2023 Mitigation Manager of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers.

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5	6 Sukkot	7	8	9	10	11
12 Hoshana Rabbah	13 Shemini Atzeret Columbus Day	14 Simchat Torah	15	16 National Boss's Day	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

- Collected approximately \$1,257,008 in additional occupational fees through collections from field inspections and payments of accounts avoiding pending litigations and audits of withholding reconciliations, net profit returns, and transient accounts.
- Awarded the Governmental Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the 18th consecutive year.
- The FY2023 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) received the GFOA Outstanding Achievement Award for the 13th consecutive year.
- The City's FY2024 budget document received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 12th consecutive year.
- The City received its fifth GFOA's Triple Crown designation for achieving Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation.



# November



- Coordinated over \$722,000 in withholding credit incentives through the Job Development Incentive Program over the next 10 years that is estimated to create 149 new jobs.
- The City collected \$2,979,582 from 1,462 invoices during the 8th year of eMisc billing, which allows for residents to pay property taxes and other bills online; payments increased by 53.2% over the prior year due to adding eCheck capabilities on the online payment portal.
- Increased online payments through eMisc Billing by 19.2% over the prior year (greater number of invoices paid through online collections).
- Conducted various financial training sessions to employees involved in the accounts payable and purchasing processes; 348 participants attended various training sessions, which is an increase of 6.7% over the prior year.
- Accounts Payable Supplier Portal participation from external vendors increased by 12.9%.
- Over \$4.5 million in personnel and non-personnel under spending was captured during FY2024 through disciplined fiscal management of the budget, which will be applied to future capital projects and other needs.
- \$160,980 was collected from 6 online public auctions of surplus and confiscated items through GovDeals.com.





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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day City Offices Closed	28 City Offices Closed	29
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- The pool of potential bidders for City projects is 3,698, an increase of 12.19%, to ensure competition and to achieve the best price and value for purchases greater than \$40,000.
- Expanded the International Communities Liaison Division by adding a 2nd full-time position, an International Communities Navigator, to increase the reach and capacity to serve New Americans in Bowling Green.
- The City of Bowling Green was awarded the LIVE United Award, which is given to the organization that exemplifies United Way's core of Give, Advocate and Volunteer goals throughout the year.
- The IT Department received grant funding in the amount of \$165,500 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to purchase a password management system and to perform a full security assessment.
- Over \$130 million in funding was awarded from the Commonwealth of Kentucky for 635 new affordable rental units in Bowling Green and Warren County.
- BGF D received \$141,000 from the FEMA assistance to Firefighters Grant for new equipment and training.



- Housing Division received designation by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a High Performing Housing Agency.



# December

## KEY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

- Compared to last year's adopted budget, revenues in FY2025 are projected to increase by 11.7% for All Funds and increase by 11.6% for General Fund.
- The City's FY2025 operating budget, excluding capital projects, reflects an increase of 9.0% (\$11.9 million) for All Funds and 8.9% (\$7.4 million) for General Fund compared to FY2024.
- The General Fund operating budget includes a cost of living adjustment and merit increase for employees, adds 15 new full-time positions, a net increase of 21 part-time positions, and reflects some other organizational restructuring, as well as increased starting pay for the General Schedule.
- The total adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including debt, is approximately \$35.8 million, which is a 31.4% increase compared to the FY2024 program approved in the multi-year CIP Plan.
- Nearly \$3.48 million of local tax dollars will be used to continue to pay the annual ballpark debt obligation and to distribute incremental growth from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to support new development in the downtown corridor.
- The FY2025 budget continues over \$435,100 of special funding for workforce development programs through the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Region Innovation and Commercialization Center, South Central Kentucky Workforce Development Board, WKU and Warren County.

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 5,307 Emergency medical responses by BGFD
- 761 Employees full-time and part-time
- 21 Board of Commissioners Meetings, Work Sessions and Special Call Meetings Held
- 1,686,199 Page views for the City's website
- 146 New videos produced by the Public Information Division with 66 of those added to BGTV 4
- 63,367 Emergency 911 calls answered in the 911 Call Center
- 14,200 Downtown BGKY social media followers on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter/X combined
- 4,302 Building inspections
- 170 Newly naturalized U.S. Citizens recognized at the 7th Annual Reception for New Americans
- 2,708 Total job applications received
- 295 Municipal Orders considered
- 8,783 Incident responses from BGFD
- 3,297 Traffic stops conducted by BGPD
- 2,428 Electrical inspections
- 200+ Downtown event days and at least
- 300,000 Attendees of outdoor downtown events annually
- 52,800 Followers on the City of Bowling Green's Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, and Threads social media pages combined
- 223 Fire responses
- 100 Percent of homicides solved by BGPD
- 3,610 Safety classes completed by employees

## IMPORTANT CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE/EMS EMERGENCY ONLY:	911
Police - Information (Weekdays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.):	270-393-4244
Police - to Report Non-Emergency Police Incident:	270-393-4000
Police - Information:	270-393-BGPD
Fire Non-Emergency Dispatch:	270-393-4831
City Main Number/Switchboard (Weekdays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.):	270-393-3000
Hearing Impaired - Toll Free:	1-800-648-6056
City Central (Complaints/Information about City Services):	270-393-3444
Public Works Information Hotline:	270-393-3333
Power Outage/Problem: BGMU 270-782-4302 WRECC 270-842-6541	
Building Permits:	270-393-3615
Electrical Permits:	270-393-3676
Business Licenses:	270-393-3000
Contractors Licensing:	270-781-3530
Employment Opportunities (City):	270-393-3689
Garbage Pickup (Scott Waste):	270-783-4016
Neighborhood Services:	270-393-3674
Parks and Recreation Main Office:	270-393-3249
Planning Commission (City/County):	270-842-1953

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City Board of Commissioners Meeting: 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.  
BGMU Board Meeting: 2nd Monday at 4:30 p.m.  
City Code Enforcement and Nuisance Board Meeting: 4th Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

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