

Arts, Music and Family Festivals **Bring the Community Downtown!**

Downtown Bowling Green is host to festivals and special events throughout the year, many of which bring in visitors and money from the surrounding region. The events also strengthen our community by fostering civic pride and giving citizens opportunities to participate in the life of the downtown.

- WinterFest BG- Begun in 2009, this February festival provides a welcome celebration during the late winter. Family friendly events are typically held throughout the town.
- Art Walk- A celebration of arts and artists that embraces all age groups and artistic disciplines. Art Walk is in its 19th year and turns Downtown Bowling Green into the biggest art gallery in Northwest Ohio. Held the 4th Saturday in April
- The Classics on Main Auto Show has been a mid-summer tradition for nine years. With juried and people's choice awards, it brings hundreds of classic cars and thousands of visitors to the downtown in mid-July.
- The Farmers Market in Downtown BG- Begun in 2010, this weekly market runs May through October, providing a much needed centralized market place for area farmers and food producers. With regular entertainment and family activities, the market is quickly becoming a regular gathering place for people from all parts of the community.



- Black Swamp Arts Festival- Held the weekend after Labor Day, this three day festival of art and music is annually ranked as one of the best in the nation.
- Downtown Trick or Treat- Held on the Thursday afternoon before Halloween, this family event brings out hundreds of kids and their parents, sporting some of the most creative costumes you've ever seen. Many of the participating merchants also get into costume as well.
- Fun on Main/Be A Tourist In Your Own Town. This late October event is held in conjunction with the BGSU Falcon Family Weekend and is co-sponsored by the Convention and Visitors Bureau. It's a great opportunity to showcase your business to local residents and the families of BGSU students.
- Downtown Holly Days-Begun many years ago, the Downtown Holly Days begin with The Community Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade. Downtown events are programmed for several weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas