



# State of the City Address

**Mayor Gayle Kaler**

*Paducah, KY  
January 7, 2016*



**“We lead.”**

We all lead.



Paducah

# Elected Officials



*Mayor Pro Tem Allan Rhodes, Jr.*



## Elected Officials



**Appointed to  
Governor's Minority  
Employment, Business  
Affairs, and Economic  
Development Council**

*Commissioner Richard Abraham*

# Elected Officials



*Commissioner Sandra Wilson*



## Elected Officials



*Commissioner Carol Gault*

**Appointed to  
Tennessee-Tombigbee  
Waterway  
Development Authority**



# Leading as a City Government

**“Paducah Leads”**

# Public Safety



- Resolution in March 2015 to keep dispatch operations in Paducah
- Resolution in December 2015 showing desire to negotiate new intergovernmental agreement with County



## Body Worn Cameras Implemented in 2015

**Hiring of Full-Time  
Crime Analyst**





## 2015 Successes

**Training, Training, Training**

**➔ 10,667 man hours**

**Kentucky Task Force 1**

**Responded to 3183 incidents**

**Installed 213 car seats**

**Hosted Kentucky Firefighter's  
Association Annual Conference**





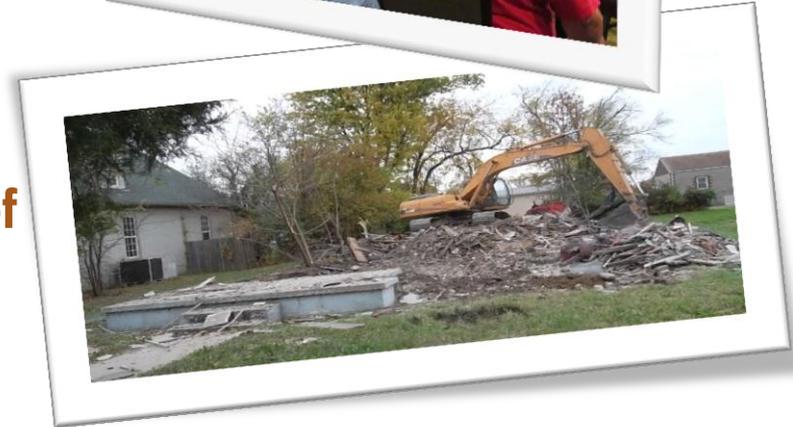
## 2015 Successes

Regional property maintenance and code enforcement training and meetings

Held 4th Annual Electrical, Building, and Fire Service Conference

65 Total Demolitions

1248 permits for a total valuation of more than \$74 million





# **Infrastructure and Development**

# Fountain Avenue Neighborhood



# City Hall



# 432 Broadway





# **Downtown is a Destination**

# Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront



# Riverfront Project



# Ohio River Boat Launch





# **Activities and Events for the Whole Family**

# Paducah Main Street Events



farmers' market  
free market to market carriage shuttle  
sidewalk sales • art a la carte  
quilt & history museums  
yeiser art center • second Saturdays  
music in the gazebo & more

Don't Miss  
Smashing Summer Saturday Nights  
MUSIC in the GAZEBO

Like Paducah Main Street  
on Facebook  
for event information & special  
Smashin' Summer Saturday offerings.



PaducahKy.gov/park1  
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# Parks Department Activities



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# **Technology and Engagement**

# Engagement and Technology

The screenshot shows the City of Paducah website homepage. At the top left is the City of Paducah logo, a circular seal with a figure holding a bow and arrow, surrounded by the text "CITY OF PADUCAH" and "1803". To the right of the logo is the text "City of Paducah". In the top right corner, there are links for "Contacts", "Employment", "Maps-GIS", and "Sitemap". Below these links is a white search bar. A dark blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: "Home", "Departments", "Government", "About Paducah", "Business", "Services A-Z", and "Things To Do". The main content area features a large aerial photograph of downtown Paducah, showing buildings, streets, and the Ohio River in the background. Overlaid on the right side of the photograph is a dark grey box with the text "RIVER CITY" in large yellow letters, and below it, "Looking at Downtown Paducah and the Ohio River." in white. Below the main image is a row of four horizontal tiles, each with a left-pointing arrow on the left and a right-pointing arrow on the right. The tiles are: 1. "Public Safety" with a background image of a "STOP" sign. 2. "Paducah Main Street" with a background image of a historic brick building. 3. "Request for Bids or Proposals" with a background image of a technical diagram. 4. "Citizen Boards and Commissions" with a background image of the text "Citizenship government helping engagement volunteers". At the bottom of the page, there are three horizontal buttons: "Events" (blue), "Featured Story" (yellow), and "News" (blue).

City of Paducah

Contacts Employment Maps-GIS Sitemap

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**RIVER CITY**  
Looking at Downtown Paducah and the Ohio River.

Public Safety Paducah Main Street Request for Bids or Proposals Citizen Boards and Commissions

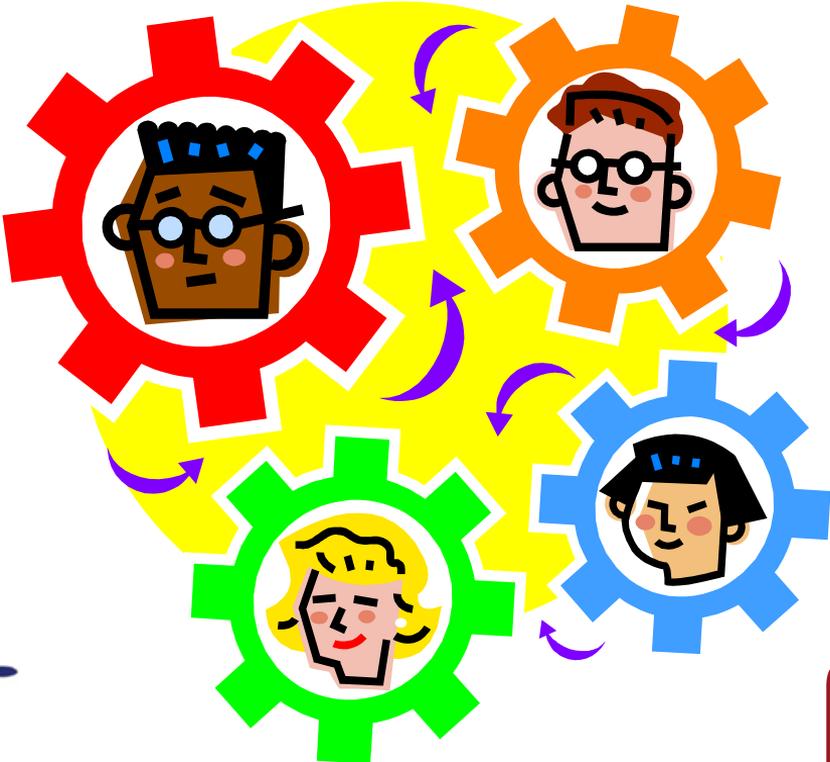
Citizenship government helping engagement volunteers

Events Featured Story News



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# Citizen Survey





# **Finances and Items on the Horizon**



**24<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual award  
for financial reporting from  
Government Finance Officers  
Association of United States  
and Canada (GFOA)**

***Strong S&P bond  
rating of AA-***



**Kept health insurance premiums flat**



**No increase to property tax rate -  
Remains at 25.5 cents**



**Applied for 35 grants – 21 of them  
were funded totaling \$3.33 million**

***“There are three kinds of people:  
those who make things happen,  
those who watch things happen,  
and those who ask ‘What happened?’”  
- Casey Stengel***