Bessemer City
NORTH CAROLINA EST.1893
City with a Heart



June 2024
City Newsletter

Elected Officials:
Becky S. Smith, Mayor
Michael Brooks, Ward 1
Nellie Floyd, Ward 2
Allen Hook, Ward 3, Mayor Pro Tempore
Brenda Boyd, Ward 4
Brent Guffey, Ward 5
Donnie Griffin, Ward 6

City Manager:
Joshua M. Ross, MPA

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BESSEMER CITY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Friday, June 14th, 2024; 6-10PM
Centennial Park, Downtown Bessemer City

EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATION

Live Music, Entertainment, Food, Fun Activities for Children, History Lessons, and Much More!

Open to the Public for All!

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FREE ADMISSION!

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BESSEMER CITY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

2024-2025 Annual Budget Process

The annual City Budget is the City's policy document that aims to achieve goals and service delivery as established by the Mayor and City Council's priorities. The development of the annual budget is a collective effort from elected officials, City Manager, and department heads. The City Manager serves as the City's Budget Officer.

The annual budget runs from July 1-June 30.

2024-2025 Budget Calendar

March 1: Department Head Budgets Due to City Manager

March 1-15: City Manager Meetings with Each Department Head to Review Budget

March 15-22: City Manager and Finance Director Meet to Review Budget

April 2, 2pm: City Council Work Session- Budget Session 1

March 26-April 30: City Manager Meetings with City Council Members as Needed

April 30, 2pm: City Council Work Session- Budget Session 2

May 13, 7pm: City Council Regular Session- Budget Presentation and Public Hearing

May 28, 3pm: City Council Work Session- Budget Session 3*

June 10, 7pm: City Council Regular Meeting- Budget Public Hearing 2* and Adoption

*if needed

Please visit www.bessemercity.com/budget for more information



City Calendar

Events & Programs:

6th Annual Juneteenth Festival (Downtown)
Friday, June 14th, 2024 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Music by: Johnny White & Elite Band

Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, June 17, 2024

Independence Day Celebration (Downtown)
Friday, June 28, 2024 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Music by: Julio and the Saltines
Fireworks Show!
Note- no car show

*Tickets Required; contact the Parks and Rec. Department for details (704) 629-5111

Important Reminders:

City Utility Bill Due
Monday, June 10, 2024

Public Meetings:

City Council Work Session (Budget Session III)
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Bessemer City Planning Board/Board of Adjustment (City Hall)
Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm

City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Bessemer City Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Bessemer City Downtown Development (City Hall)
Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 9:30 am

Bessemer City ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:00 pm

City Council Work Session
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 3:00 pm

What's New?

Did you know City Council Regular Meetings are now lived streamed on YouTube Live? Visit:

https://bessemercity.com/city-council-meetings/



WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS

Bessemer City and Waste Pro would like to remind you to not overfill or place trash beside carts



Per City ordinance 54.22, every person owning or occupying a single- and/or multi-family residential unit shall store all garbage inside the 96-gallon roll-out cart provided by the City's contractor (Waste Pro). This will eliminate wind driven debris and unsightly litter in and about residential and business premises. Items such as sticks, yard clippings, leaves, and the like should NOT be placed in your cart.

Additional containers, if needed, may be requested from the Finance Department by calling (704) 629-5542.

Customers should bag all garbage before placing it in the garbage roll out cart. Loose garbage can scatter during the collection process and litter your property and neighborhood streets. The City and Waste Pro are not responsible for garbage that scatters during the collection process. Please be sure that your household is not overfilling your trash container. Trash bags left beside trash carts will not be collected. All trash must be placed directly in the bin. The lid should always be closed . An open lid is a sign that you may have overfilled your cart. **Fines may be assessed if excessive trash is left next to your bin**.

Violations of this section shall be a misdemeanor as provided in G.S. 14-4 or a civil penalty.

Other Reminders

1. Cans must be out by 7:00 am (We recommend putting them out the night before your scheduled pickup day).
2. Cans should not be overfilled and items should fit in the trash can. Packing the can to tight may result in the can not being fully emptied.
3. Lids should be completely closed.
4. Bags placed beside cans or loose trash will not be picked up.

June 2024 Sounds of Summer Concert

Independence Day Celebration

Friday, June 28, 2024

Please Note there is no car show at this event



Friday, June 28, 2024 from 6-10pm
Downtown Bessemer City
Julio and the Saltines

Fireworks Show!

For More information, visit www.bessemercity.com/soundsofsummer-2024/

Development Updates

Foundry Commercial: 280,000 square foot industrial project has been completed and awarded a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.). This space is currently being marketed for lease.

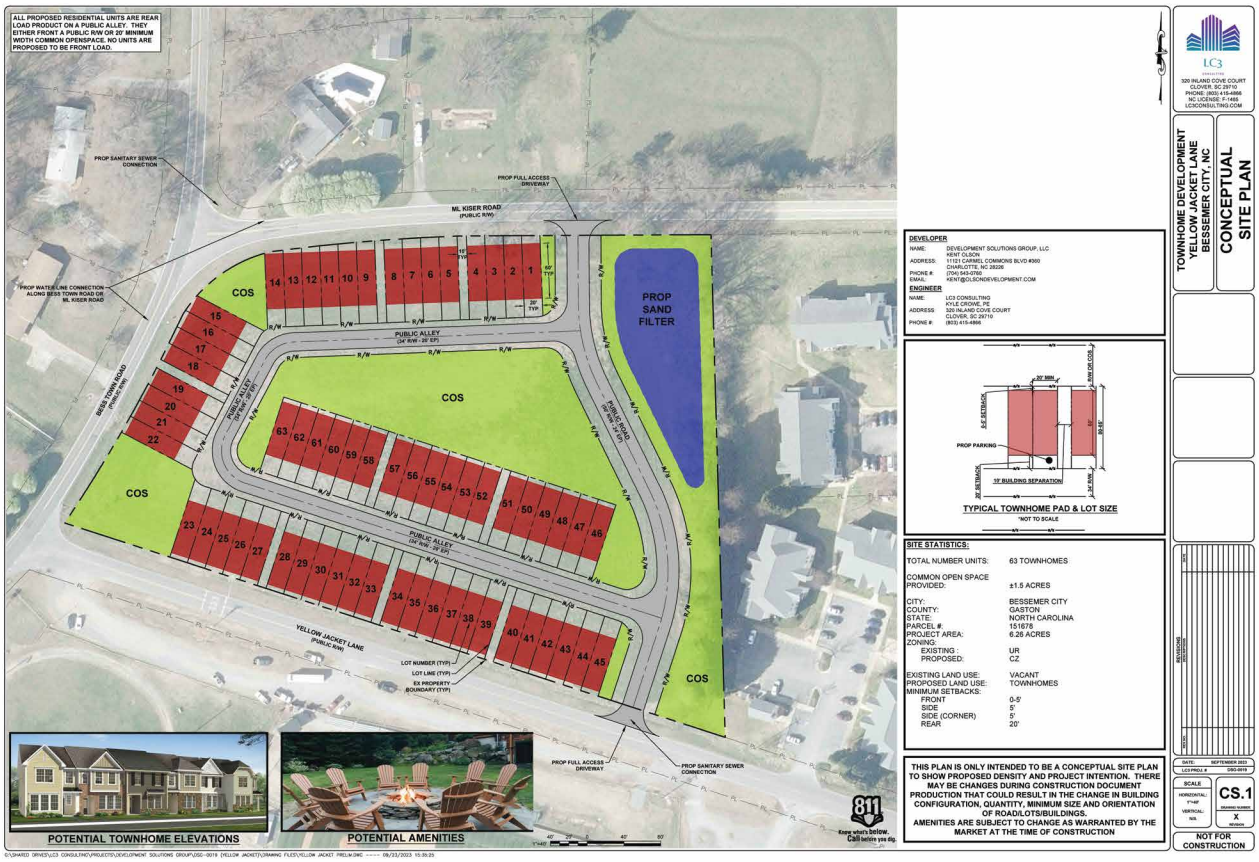
Edgewood 85 Commerce Park: a 1,000,000 square foot industrial park scheduled to start in 2024 located off of Edgewood Road in Bessemer City.

Lennar Homes: a 162 unit single family home project located off Costner School Road. The site is currently being graded and infrastructure install is scheduled to start in 2024. This project will have two entrances: 1) the main entrance will be at the Todd Dr./Costner School Rd. Intersection. 2) the secondary entrance will be off Arc St.

Stewart Crossings: a 99 unit single family home project located off Costner School Road. The site is currently being evaluated and engineering plans are being reviewed. This planned project will be located off of Costner School Rd directly behind the Ashley Park subdivision. This project is expected to have a pedestrian access bridge connecting residents to Stinger Park. This project may start in 2024.

Surf and Turf Townhome Project: in 2021, City Council approved a 91 unit townhome project located off N. 14th St. beside of Surf and Turf Lodge on both sides. At this time, the project is expected to start in late 2024 or early 2025.

Yellow Jacket Ln Townhomes: a developer is planning to construct 62-69 townhomes at the corner of Yellow Jacket Ln and Besstown Rd. This property is currently zoned as Urban Residential (UR). The developer is requesting to rezone the property to Urban Residential- Conditional District (UR-CD). This project went back to the Planning Board in May and received unanimous recommendation. City Council voted to approved the rezoning request at the May 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.



For More Information About Development Projects, visit:
https://bessemercity.com/development-projects/

Above: General Site Plan for Yellow Jacket Lane Townhome Project

Upcoming Projects

Stormwater Planning Grant:

Bessemer City has been awarded a significant boost in its efforts to enhance stormwater management through a generous grant of $340,000 from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This funding is earmarked for stormwater asset management and planning, marking a pivotal moment in the city's commitment to environmental stewardship and infrastructure development. This eligibility comes from the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) Grant Program.



The grant serves as a catalyst for Bessemer City's endeavors to fortify its stormwater management systems. With the allocated funds, the city aims to initiate comprehensive planning and execution strategies that will address existing challenges and mitigate potential risks associated with stormwater.

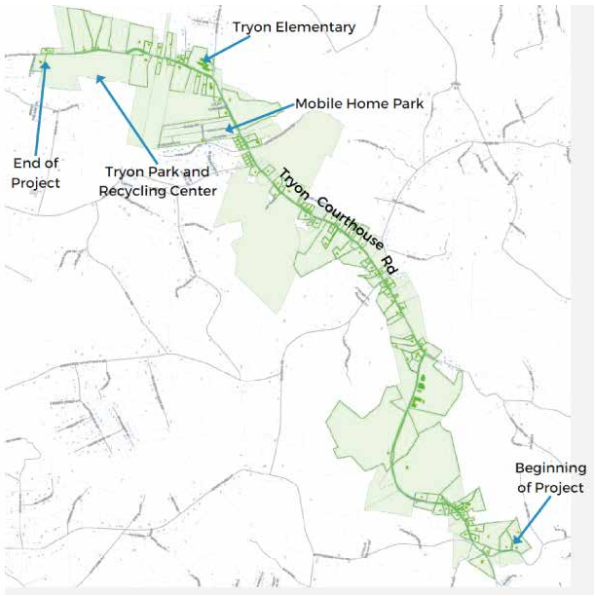
Bessemer City's stormwater management initiatives are poised to receive a significant boost with this grant, facilitating the implementation of innovative solutions and the integration of best practices. More information about this grant program can be found at:

https://bessemercity.com/stormwater-planning-grant/

Tryon Waterline Project:

Bessemer City and Gaston County, North Carolina- Gaston County is investing over $13,000,000 in the design and installation of a new water line from Bessemer City to the Tryon Community. This new water line from Bessemer City will serve Tryon Elementary School, Tryon Park, Tryon Recycling Center, and customers along the route if they desire to connect. The project will start in 2025. The City of Bessemer City will own and maintain the line after the project is completed. The City of Bessemer City is very appreciative and thankful for this partnership project with Gaston County. This project is funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Visit:

https://bessemercity.com/public-works/water-division/tryon-water-line/



General Reminders from the City

Utility Payments: Utility bills are due the 10th of each month. Late fees are assessed on the 11th (15%) and utility cut off occurs after the 19th of the month. The City provides multiple options for utility payment:

In-Person: cash, check, debit and credit (note- 3% merchant fee applies for debit and credit payments) are accepted at the City Hall Annex during business hours (M-F 8am-12:30 pm & 1:30pm-5:00pm)

Drop Box: cash, money order, and checks can be placed in the night-drop box outside of City Hall Annex. Please include account number and address with payment.

Drive-Thru: cash, check, money orders and credit payments can be accepted at the City Hall Annex drive-thru during business hours (M-F 8am-12:30 pm & 1:30 pm-5pm)

Online Bill Pay: debit and credit payments are accepted through our online bill pay system ($2 + 3% merchant fee). Visit us online at www.bessemercity.com for details.

ACH Draft Payments: setup automatic ACH payments with your financial institution with the City. The City and its third-party administrator does not charge for this service.

Code Enforcement: The City's Code Enforcement Division works diligently to address all code violations in accordance to local ordinances and North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS). To report a violation, please call (704) 629-5542 and selection option 4.

For more information on City codes, including the Code of Ordinances and Land Development Code (LDC), visit:

bessemercity.com/administration/city-codes/

<-- Scan Here

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CCR Report: The City of Bessemer City meets all standards for drinking water quality. The report is available now online at:
https://bessemercity.com/download/2023-consumer-confidence-report-ccr/

Paper copies of the report are also available for pickup at the Bessemer City Library (207 North 12th Street), the City Annex Building (125 East Virginia Avenue) and City Hall (132 West Virginia Avenue). You may also call 704-629-5684, we will mail you a copy of the report.

Appointed Boards

The City of Bessemer City is currently seeking dedicated citizens to serve on the Bessemer City ABC Board, Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments, Parks and Recreation Board, and Downtown Development Board. All board members are appointed by Council and serve a term of 3 years. Our advisory boards are a collective of individuals who bring a unique skill and knowledge from the Bessemer City community pertinent to decision making for our City with a Heart. If you are interested in serving the citizens of Bessemer City and are a Bessemer City resident or reside in the ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction), please contact the City Clerk at 704-729-6509 or visit

http://bessemercity.com/appointed-boards/

to complete an application before Monday, June 3rd, 2024.



Who We Are

Vision, Mission, Values, and Goals

Vision:

Bessemer City strives to be a unique and welcoming community that connects people to economic opportunities and a higher quality of life.

Mission:

Bessemer City provides high quality public services in a responsible manner that creates success.

Values:

Accountability
Ethics
Respect
Commitment/Dependability
Open-Mindedness
Honesty



Goals:

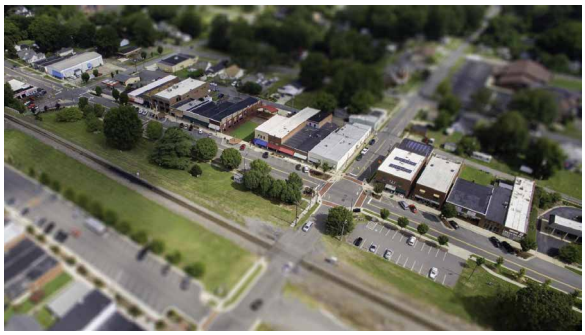
#1 Promote a desirable place to live and work that provides a healthy quality of life.

#2 Ensure a safe and secure community for residents and visitors.

#3 Invest in high quality infrastructure to support a thriving and diverse economy.

#4 Provide opportunities for citizen engagement and promote volunteerism.

#5 Foster organizational sustainability that embraces innovation and creativity.



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City Hall and BCPD
132 West Virginia Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
City Hall: (704) 629-5542
Police (non-emergency): (704) 629-2235

City Hall Annex
125 East Virginia Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5542

Bessemer City Fire Department
119 West Washington Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5396

Allan Farris Community Center
220 South 14th Street
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5111

Kiser Senior Center
123 West Pennsylvania Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 729-6465

J.V. Tarpley Water Treatment Plant
298 Logan Street
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5542

Bessemer City Public Works
405 North 9th Street
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5542

The City of Bessemer City is an equal opportunity provider