Bessemer City
NORTH CAROLINA EST.1893
City with a Heart



August 2024
City Newsletter

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Nellie Floyd, Ward 2
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City Manager:
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Bessemer City Community Celebration

Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 6:30PM



Stinger Park



Recognizing:

2024 Dixie Belles Softball World Series Champions
2024 Dixie Ponytails Softball State Champions
2024 Dixie Angels Softball 3rd Place State Tournament
2024 Diamond Youth Baseball 9-10 District Champions
2024 Diamond Boys Baseball NC Sportsmanship Award

Join us to recognize the great accomplishments of Bessemer City teams!

Show Your Hometown Spirit by Wearing Green and Gold!

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Stinger PARK

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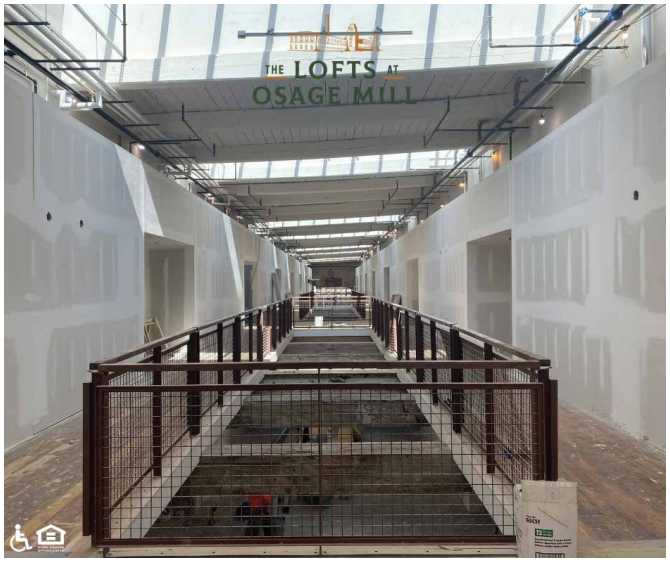
Project Spotlight- Osage Mill

The Osage Mill Redevelopment Project (Lofts at Osage Mill) is coming along with an expected completion by the end of 2024. A portion of units will be finished and ready for lease close to September 2024.

The Osage Mill Redevelopment Project includes 139 1, 2, and 3 bedroom workforce/affordable units in downtown Bessemer City. Visit their temporary leasing office at the corner of S. 12th St. and W. Pennsylvania Ave. for more information or visit them online!

liveosagemill.com

THE LOFTS AT OSAGE MILL









City Calendar

Events & Programs:

Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, August 19, 2024

Concert and Cruise-In
Saturday, August 24, 2024 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Music by: Cat-5
Classic Car Cruise-In

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

Important Reminders:

City Utility Bill Due
Saturday, August 10, 2024

Public Meetings:

Bessemer City Planning Board/Board of Adjustment (City Hall)
Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm

City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Bessemer City Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Bessemer City Downtown Development (City Hall)
Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 9:30 am

Bessemer City ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, August 26, 2024 at 5:00 pm

City Council Work Session
Tuesday, August 27, 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.

Development Updates

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 under construction with phase 1, including over 30 homes.

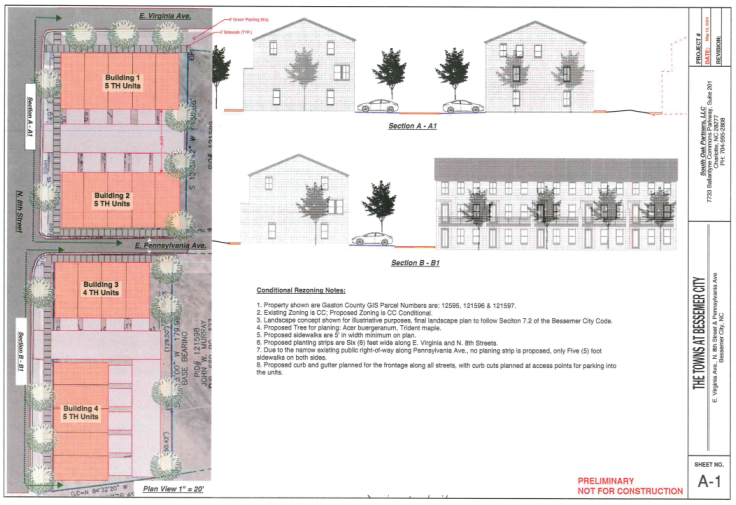
Stewart Crossings: a 99 unit single family home project located off Costner School Road. The site is currently being evaluated and engineering plans are being reviewed. This planned project will be located off of Costner School Rd directly behind the Ashley Park subdivision. This project is expected 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.

NEW: The Towns at Bessemer City: a developer is planning to construct 19 townhomes at the corner of E. Virginia Ave. and N. 8th Street. This site requires rezoning from City Center (CC) to City Center- Conditional District (CC-CD). The Planning Board unanimously recommended the rezoning at their June 2024 Meeting. The Public Hearing took place on Monday July 8, 2024 at the Regular City Council Meeting. City Council voted to approve the rezoning unanimously at the July 30th, 2024 Work Session Meeting.

NEW: Sunset Ridge: a developer is proposing to construct 95 single family homes off of Sherwood Road and North 14th Street for a new subdivision, Sunset Ridge. This project is requesting to rezone property from Neighborhood Residential (NR) and Rural (R) to Urban Residential- Conditional District (UR-CD). This proposal will go to the Planning Board on Monday, August 5th, 2024 for review and a recommendation. City Council will hold a public hearing and vote to rezone at a later time.



Above: General Site Plan for the Towns at Bessemer City



Above: General Site Plan for Sunset Ridge

For More Information About Development Projects, visit:

https://bessemercity.com/development-projects/

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 select option 4.

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

bessemercity.com/administration/city-codes/

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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.

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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
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