Bessemer City
NORTH CAROLINA EST.1893
City with a Heart



September 2024
City Newsletter

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3rd Annual

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BESSEMER CITY Brew & QUE FESTIVAL

bbq | craft beer | music

Saturday, September 21, 2024 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

DOWNTOWN BESSEMER CITY, NC

Visit www.bessemercity.com/brewandque

Featuring Music by:



Premier Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band

Upcoming Events

"We Will Remember" 9/11 Service

Wednesday, September 11th, 2024 at 8:30 am | Downtown (City Hall)

Bessemer City Mayor and City Council urge you to attend the September 11th Remembrance Ceremony. Civic, business, and public service leaders will lead a time of remembrance on the square in front of City Hall. “We Will Remember” is a memorial event to commemorate victims of the attack on America.

Please join the Bessemer City Community in Remembrance and Reflection on the 23rd Anniversary of the tragic 9/11 attacks.

Thank a Police Officer Day Celebration

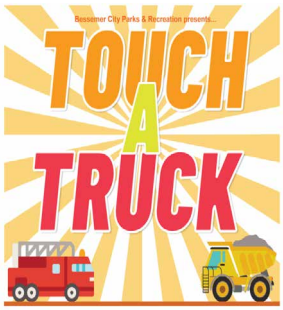
Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 12:30 pm | Kiser Senior Center



Join us in expressing our gratitude to the brave men and women who serve and protect our communities every day. Thank a Police Officer Day is a special occasion to recognize the dedication, courage, and sacrifices made by our law enforcement officers. On this day, we encourage everyone to take a moment to thank their local police officers for their commitment to keeping us safe. Whether it’s through a heartfelt note, a small token of appreciation, or a simple thank-you in person, let’s show our officers how much we value their service.

Touch a Truck

Tuesday, September 24th. 2024 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Stinger Park



Join us at Stinger Park for this free family event featuring a variety of vehicles, trucks, and equipment for kids to interact with and explore! Horn and siren free from 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Explore More events at www.bessemercity.com/events

Get Involved! Make a Difference!



A community's success is only possibly with citizen engagement!

Join local civic, non-profit, and city-affiliated organizations to help shape the future of Bessemer City! Your voice, skills, and passion are needed to build a stronger, more vibrant community.

Get involved today—together, we can create positive change!

The City is partnering with local organizations to encourage citizen involvement!

Complete the Contact Form at the link below and let us know what you're interested in!

https://bessemercity.com/contact/

Potential Areas for Citizen Engagement

- Downtown Development
- Parks and Recreation
- History
- Public Arts
- Economic Development and Commerce
- Education
- Community Assistance
- Health and Wellness
- Walkability
- Public Safety
- Cultural Events
- Senior Programs
- Youth Sports and Programs
- Planning and Development
- Conservation and Environmental

City Calendar

Events & Programs:

We Will Remember 9/11 Service (City Hall)
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 8:30 am

Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, September 16, 2024
*Tickets Required for Bingo: contact (704) 629-5111 for details

National Thank a Police Officer Day (Kiser Center)
Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 12:30 pm

3rd Annual Brew & Que Festival (Downtown)
Saturday, September 21, 2024 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Music by: Landslide (Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band)
Food, Vendors, Craft Beer, and BBQ!

Touch a Truck Event (Stinger Park)
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Public Meetings:

Bessemer City Planning Board/BOA (City Hall)
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm

City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Bessemer City Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Bessemer City Downtown Development (City Hall)
Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 9:30 am

Bessemer City ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5:00 pm

City Council Work Session (City Hall)
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Important Reminders:

City Utility Bill Due
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Closure
City Facilities and Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day.

Trash will be delayed one day for all routes.



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.

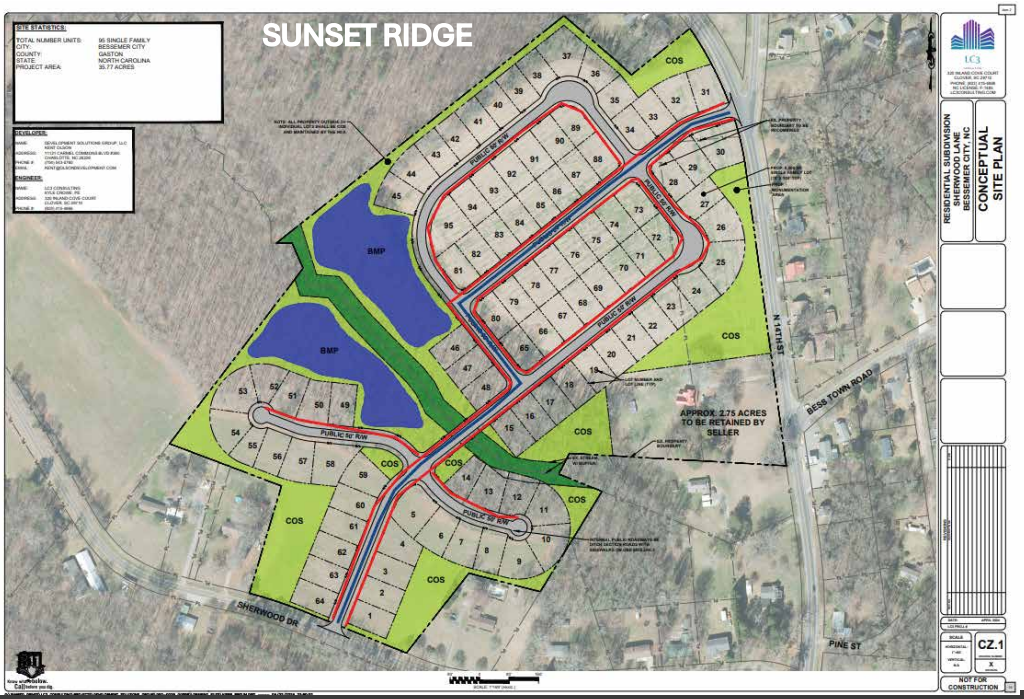
Surf and Turf Townhome Project: in 2021, City Council approved a 91 unit townhome project located off N. 14th St. beside of Surf and Turf Lodge on both sides. At this time, the project is expected to start in late 2024 or early 2025.

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.

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 93 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 went to the Planning Board on Monday, August 5th, 2024 for review and a recommendation. The Planning Board will review the project again on Tuesday, September 2, 2024 at 6:00pm. City Council will hold a public hearing and potentially vote on the rezoning on Monday, September 9, 2024.





For More Information About Development Projects, visit:

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

Reminder from Waste Pro



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WASTE SERVICE UPDATE

In observance of Labor Day: Waste Pro will NOT be collecting on September 2nd, 2024.

Scheduled service for the week:

Monday, September 2nd, no service.

For the remainder of the week, service will occur on the next day.

- Monday → Tuesday
- Tuesday → Wednesday
- Wednesday → Thursday
- Thursday → Friday
- Friday → Saturday

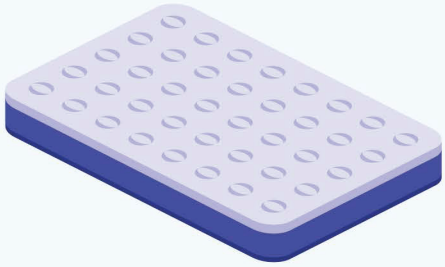
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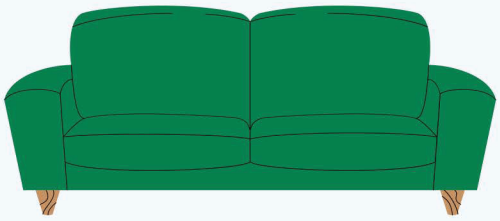
BULK COLLECTION

Effective September 1, 2024

Call to Schedule and Pay
980-255-3800

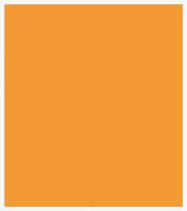














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- Rates for Bulk Collection $35.00 for up to three (3) items.
- Additional items $15 each.
- Maximum of five (5) items per resident, per week.

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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