Bessemer City
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City with a Heart



January 2025
City Newsletter

Elected Officials:
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Michael Brooks, Ward 1
Nellie Floyd, Ward 2
Allen Hook, Ward 3, Mayor Pro Tempore
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Brent Guffey, Ward 5
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City Manager:
Joshua M. Ross, MPA

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MLK Day of Service



Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service (MLK Day) is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off." Participation in service activities has grown each year as more Americans are encouraged to provide meaningful change in their communities. Whether service meets a tangible need, such as fixing up a school or senior center, builds a sense of community or mutual responsibility. In a pandemic environment, service can take on the form of sending a meal through a meal delivery service, serving as a virtual mentor, or donating money to a charitable cause to help those who lack basic essential items.

No matter the choice, service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a beloved community. It breaks down barriers by bringing people from different backgrounds together and it benefits those who choose to serve. Coretta Scott King said, "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others."

As stewards of America's lands and natural resources, the work we do at DOI epitomizes Dr. King's belief in the power of service, as expressed in his legendary quote, "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." In keeping with Dr. King's example, let us embrace the belief that our destiny is shared and accept our obligations to each other, future generations and the American people by strengthening the bonds that hold together the most diverse Nation on earth. Each one of us can help answer his call by pledging to love and serve.

Article Source: US Department of the Interior

Link: https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/mlk-day-service

City Appointed Board Vacancies

The City is now accepting applications from individuals interested in serving on Council-Appointed Board and Commissions! There are vacancies on the following boards:

*Bessemer City ABC Board
*Bessemer City Downtown Development Board
*Bessemer City Parks and Recreation Board

If you are interested, please complete an application online at www.bessemercity.com/forms-documents/.

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2025 Holiday and Meeting Schedule

CITY OF BESSEMER CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE		
Holiday	**DATE(S)**	**CLOSED DAY(S)**
New Year's Day	January 1	Wednesday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 20	Monday
Good Friday	April 18	Friday
Memorial Day	May 26	Monday
Independence Day	July 4	Friday
Labor Day	September 1	Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11	Tuesday
Thanksgiving	November 27 and 28	Thursday and Friday
Christmas	December 24, 25 and 26	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

BESSEMER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE	
7:00PM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS- 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH	
January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 9	December 8

BESSEMER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING SCHEDULE	
3:00PM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS- LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	
January 28	July 29
February 25	August 26
March 25	September 30
April 29	October 28
May 27	November 25
June 24	December- no meeting

BESSEMER CITY PLANNING/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING SCHEDULE	
6:00PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS- 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH	
January 6	July 7
February 3	August 4
March 3	September 2
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

City Calendar

Events & Programs:

Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, January 20, 2025
*Tickets Required: contact (704) 629-5111 for details

Important Reminders:

City Utility Bill Due
Friday, January 10, 2025

Closures:

New Year's Holiday
City facilities and offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in observance of New Year's Day.

Martin Luther King, Jr Day
City facilities and offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Public Meetings:

Bessemer City Planning Board/BOA (City Hall)
Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm

City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Bessemer City Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Bessemer City Downtown Development (City Hall)
Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 9:00 am

Bessemer City ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, January 27, 2025 at 5:00 pm

City Council Work Session (City Hall)
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 3:00 pm



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

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

WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS FROM BESSEMER CITY

Excess Waste



City Ordinance 54.22 requires every household to use a roll out container provided by the City's contracted waste provider, Waste Pro. This eliminate wind driven debris and unsightly litter in and about residential and business areas. Trash bags left beside trash carts will not be collected.

You may request additional roll out containers by calling the Finance Department at (704) 629-5542.

Customers should bag all garbage. The City and Waste Pro are not responsible for garbage that scatters during the collection process. Please be sure that your trash container is not being overfilled. All trash must be placed directly in the container. 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.

Bulk Pickup



Bulk pickup must be scheduled with Waste Pro by all customers.

Please call (980) 255-3800 to schedule pickup and to pay for bulk pickup services.

Bulk pickup is $35 for up to three (3) items and $15 for each additional item with a maximum of five (5) items per week.

Fines may be assessed for bulk items placed outside for pickup that are not schedule or paid with Waste Pro.

Reminders



1. Trash containers must be out by 7:00 am on the day of your pickup (We recommend putting them out the night before your scheduled pickup day).
2. Trash containers should not be overfilled. Packing the container too tight may result in the container not being fully emptied.
3. Lids should be completely closed.
4. Bags placed beside containers or loose trash will not be picked up.
5. Items such as sticks, yard clippings, leaves, and the like should not be placed in your cart. This should be placed at the edge of your property for the City to pickup (no charge).

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 Conditional District (UR-CD). City Council voted to approved the rezoning request at the May 2024 Regular City Council Meeting and in December 2024 with modification to conditions.

The Towns at Bessemer City: a developer is planning to construct 19, three story, townhomes at the corner of E. Virginia Ave. and N. 8th Street across from the Pet Hospital between Virginia Avenue and the railroad track.

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. The property has been rezoned for the proposed subdivision.

NEW: Conditional District 05-2024 (Parkview Commons): Visit www.bessemercity.com/development-projects/ for rezoning details. This is for a multi-family project that includes up to 41 townhomes. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

NEW: Conditional District 04-2024 (S. Skyland Dr.): Visit www.bessemercity.com/development-projects/ for rezoning details. This is for a three (3) unit single-family home subdivision. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.



For More Information About Development Projects, visit:

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

Reminders from the Development Services Department

The Development Services Department would like to remind citizens and businesses that the City's Land Development Code (LDC) regulates the placement and type of accessory structures, fences, and signs. Permits are required to ensure that the regulations of the Land Development Code (LDC) are follows.

More information about the Land Development Code (LDC) can be found at:

https://bessemercity.com/planning-zoning/



Examples
- Storage Buildings
- Detached Garage or Carport
- Gazebo
- Decks

LDC Section 3.2 B
Accessory Structures



Examples
- Monument Signs
- Pole Signs
- Directional Signs
- Building Signs

LDC Section 3.8
Signs



Examples
- Aluminum
- Vinyl
- Chain-Linked
- Wood

LDC Section 3.5.H.
Fences, Walls, and Berms

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/

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



Loose Leaf Pickup Reminders

- Pickup takes place October 1- March 1
- Bagged leaves are collected March 2- September 30



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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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