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City Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

As we celebrate Christmas, I want to offer my heartfelt gratitude for the kindness, patience, and community spirit seen and felt in Bessemer City this year. This season reminds us to slow down, lend a hand, and cherish the blessings of family, neighbors, and the place we call home. It's also a time for us to truely remember the reason for the season!

May your Christmas be filled with peace, joy, and renewed hope for the year ahead!

Thank you for making our city such a warm and welcoming community. Remember we are a City with a Heart!

Have a Very Merry Christmas!



Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Council Swear In Ceremony

Newly elected Council Members will be sworn into office on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Regular City Council Meeting. The following individuals will be sworn in for four (4) year terms:

*Nellie Floyd- Ward 2
*Manny Tsambouniery- Ward 5
*Chris Harmon- Ward 6

Office/Facility Closures

City facilities and offices will be closed:

Christmas- Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26, 2025.

New Years- Thursday, January 1, 2026.

December Events

Check out the Bessemer City Parks and Recreation Facebook Page for events and programs during the month of December.

https://www.facebook.com/bessemercityparksandrec

https://bessemercity.com/parks-recreation/

Bill Pay Reminders

Did You Know... There are multiple options for customers to pay utility bills?



In-Person Options (City Hall Annex Lobby)
--Cash, Check, Debit/Credit (3% Merchant Fee), drop box (outside City Hall Annex)

In-Person Option (City Hall Annex Drive-Thru)
--Cash, Check, Credit (3% Merchant Fee)

Online Options
--Credit/Debit ($2 Fee + 3% Merchant Fee)
--ACH Automatic Draft (No Fees)

Mail Options
--Check or Money Order mailed to: 125 E. Virginia Ave., Bessemer City, NC 28016

*Merchant Fees come from third-party financial services for payment convenience. These fees do not go to Bessemer City.

bessemercity.com/finance/

Brownfields Assessment

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded Bessemer City with a $500,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant. The funding will support creation of a comprehensive site inventory in the Center City Corridor, as well as completion of 20 Phase I and 10 Phase II environmental assessments. It will also fund the development of four cleanup plans and community-engagement activities.

More information will be posted soon online. A public information meeting is scheduled for February 2026. More information will be posted soon!

Visit bessemercity.com/ for more information!

Lead and Copper Study

Bessemer City is currently conducting a federally required inventory of all water service lines to identify whether they are made of lead, galvanized steel, copper, or another material. This effort is in response to EPA Lead & Copper Rule Improvements, which mandate that water systems know what each service line is made of.

Bessemer City believes most lines are Type K copper, and there are no confirmed lead service lines in use. The work is expected to take several months and is largely funded through grants.

If you received a notification about “unknown” service line material and want to check, please call the City at (704) 629-5542.

Visit the link below for more information:

bessemercity.com/lead-copper-service-inventory-project/

Calendar

Events & Programs:
Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, December 15, 2025
*Tickets Required: contact (704) 629-5111 for details

Additional Events Under “Events”

Important Reminders:
City Utility Bill Due
Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Public Meetings:
Planning Board/BOA (City Hall)
Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6:00pm
City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Downtown Development (City Hall)
To Be Announced
ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, December 22, 2025 at 5:00 pm
City Council Work Session (City Hall)
Canceled

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

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

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(Sine Die) Elected Officials:
Becky S. Smith, Mayor
Bill Whitmire, 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

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