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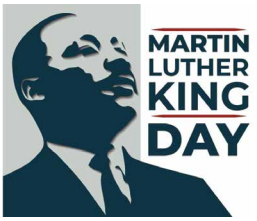
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City Newsletter

MLK Day

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — A Day of Service



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reminded us that "everybody can be great, because everybody can serve." On this MLK Day, we invite our community to honor his legacy through heartfelt living—choosing compassion, kindness, and service in our everyday actions.

Whether it's volunteering, helping a neighbor, or simply showing care where it's needed most, each act of service strengthens our city and reflects Dr. King's vision of a more just and loving community. Let us live his message not just in words, but through meaningful action.

Get Involved

Start the new year off by getting involved! Explore volunteer opportunities with the City of Bessemer City and with organizations in the Bessemer City Community. Visit the link below to sign up today!

bessemercity.com/volunteer

Office/Facility Closures

City facilities and offices will be closed:

New Years Day- Thursday, January 1, 2026.
(Thursday Trash route moved to Friday)

MLK Day- Monday, January 19, 2026.

Brad Kelly Service Award

The City of Bessemer City is happy to announce the recipient of the Brad Kelly Service Award for 2025, Mr. **Brandon Willis** of the Parks and Recreation Department! Visit the link below for the full press release.

Bradford H. Kelly Service Award

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 Options (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/

Elected/Re-Elected Council

We are proud to welcome Manny Tsambourniery (Ward 5), Chris Harmon (Ward 6) and Nellie Floyd, [(Ward 2) (re-elected)] to the City Council.

These leaders join the Mayor and fellow Council members in a shared commitment to public service, teamwork, and meaningful progress for our city.

Aligned with Bessemer City's Strategic Plan, our Council is committed to fulfilling the city's mission of providing high-quality public services in a responsible manner that creates success and advancing the vision of a unique and welcoming community that connects people to economic opportunities and a higher quality of life.

City Council stands united in service and driven by a vision of Heartfelt Living that strengthens our neighborhoods, supports families, and creates opportunities for every resident. We look forward to a future of growth, collaboration, and success for all who call Bessemer City home.







Swearing-In Ceremony of Nellie Floyd, Ward 2 (top left), Manny Tsambouniery, Ward 5 (top right), and Chris Harmon, Ward 6 (bottom left).

Calendar

Events & Programs:
Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, January 26, 2026
*Tickets Required: contact (704) 629-5111 for details

Additional Events Under “Events”

Important Reminders:
City Utility Bill Due
Saturday, January 10, 2026

Public Meetings:
Planning Board/BOA (City Hall)
Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:00pm
City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Downtown Development (City Hall)
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm
ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:00 pm
City Council Work Session (City Hall)
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 3:00 pm

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

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

The City of Bessemer City is an equal opportunity provider

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Elected Officials:
Becky S. Smith, Mayor
Bill Whitmire, Ward 1
Nellie Floyd, Ward 2
Allen Hook, Ward 3
Brenda Boyd, Ward 4
Manny Tsambouniery, Ward 5
Chris Harmon, Ward 6

City Manager:
Josh Ross

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