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February 2026

City Newsletter

Brownfields Assessment



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EPA BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT

Consultants: THE ASIKO GROUP Terracon

Bessemer City has been awarded a $500,000 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant to support revitalization efforts. The grant supports environmental site assessments, cleanup planning, and public involvement activities, including Phase I assessments to review property history and identify possible concerns, and Phase II assessments to test for the presence and extent of contamination.

Residents are encouraged to attend the project kick-off community meeting on **Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 PM at the Allan Farris Community Center.** For more information, contact Jamie Watkins, City Planner/Stormwater Administrator, at 704-729-6510 or jwatkins@bessemercity.com

https://bessemercity.com/brownfieldsgrant/

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

Stay Connected with BC

Stay informed and connected with Bessemer City by visiting www.bessemercity.com or following the City on Facebook (@CityofBC) for the latest news, press releases, project updates, and more. Be sure to sign up for the City's Mass Communication System through Nixle to receive important alerts by phone call, text, and email.

https://local.nixle.com/register/

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/

Natural Gas Rates

Natural gas market prices have recently increased due to cold weather, ice storms, and regional supply concerns. As a result, upcoming monthly bills may be significantly higher than earlier this winter.

Customers are encouraged to read the full public notice on the City website for details and helpful information about what to expect.

https://bessemercity.com/natural-gas-rates-february-2026/

Strategic Plan

Bessemer City
STRATEGIC PLAN

A strategic plan is a roadmap for our city's future. It sets out the community's vision, goals, and priorities, and helps guide decisions about where we focus our time and resources. The plan looks at key areas like growth, public safety, infrastructure, and quality of life. By following the plan, the city can work toward shared goals, track progress, and make sure projects and services reflect what matters most to our community.

Visit bessemercity.com/strategic-plan for more information!

Development

Keep a check on growth in the community. Visit bessemercity.com/development-projects for project details.

Calendar

Events & Programs:
Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, February 23, 2026
*Tickets Required: contact (704) 629-5111 for details

Additional Events Under “Events”

Important Reminders:
City Utility Bill Due
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Public Meetings:
Planning Board/BOA (City Hall)
Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:00pm
City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Downtown Development (City Hall)
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm
ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, February 23, 2026 at 5:00 pm
City Council Work Session (City Hall)
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 3:00 pm
City Council Planning Retreat
Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27, 2026 at 8:00 am (both days)

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

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

Let's Connect

(704) 629-5542

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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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