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Event This Month



Celebrate Community Spirit at the 38th Annual Down Home Festival! Mark your calendars! Bessemer City's favorite tradition returns this May for three days of family fun, live music, and heartfelt living. From May 7th through May 9th, Downtown Bessemer City will transform into a vibrant hub of activity. Whether you're here for the thrilling festival rides on Pennsylvania Avenue, the unique finds from our craft vendors, or the delicious food, there is truly something for everyone. Don't miss the Miss Down Home Festival Pageant and live entertainment on the Main Stage all weekend long!

- When: Thursday, May 7 (6–9 PM), Friday, May 8 (6–10 PM), and Saturday, May 9 (12–10 PM).
- Where: Downtown Bessemer City
- Highlights: Festival rides, craft & food vendors, live music, and the annual pageant.

https://bessemercity.com/dhf/

Volunteer Banquet

Last month, we gathered to celebrate the heart and soul of our community, our amazing volunteers! It was an evening filled with gratitude, great company, and some very well-deserved recognition.
We are especially proud to announce that Nancy Capps has been named our Volunteer of the Year! Nancy has dedicated over 22 years of service to our Parks and Recreation department. Her passion, commitment, and decades of hard work have made an immeasurable impact on our city and our programs.



Drought Notice

Bessemer City is currently under Stage 1 Voluntary Water Conservation due to extreme drought conditions, asking residents to limit lawn watering, car washing, and showers to 4 minutes or less, and run appliances only when full. A statewide burn ban also remains in effect until further notice — all open burning is prohibited and previously issued permits have been canceled. Violations carry a $100 fine plus court costs. Grills and barbecues are still permitted.

https://bessemercity.com/stage-1-water-conservation/

Fats, Oils, & Grease

Fats, oils, and grease clog sewer lines and drains. Here's how to dispose of them properly:

- Absorb it — Use coffee grounds, kitty litter, or powder detergent to soak up grease, then trash it. Wipe out greasy pots with paper towels first.
- Can it — Pour cooled grease into an old coffee can or container and toss it in the trash.

Always let grease cool before disposal. Together we can keep our sewer lines clear and repair costs low!

Stay Connected with BC

Stay informedand 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/

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!

Budget Development

The annual City Budget is the City's policy document that aims to achieving goals and service delivery as established by the Mayor and City Council's priorities. The development of the annual budget is a collective effort from elected officials, City Manager, and department heads.
For more information about the budget development process, please visit:
www.bessemercity.com/budget

Events and Programs

Youth & Adult Calendar



Senior Calendar



The City of Bessemer City is an equal opportunity provider

Calendar

Important Reminders:
City Utility Bill Due
Sunday, May 10, 2026

Memorial Day Closure
Monday, May 25, 2026

Public Meetings:
Planning/BOA/Stormwater Board (City Hall)
Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:00pm
City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Downtown Development (City Hall)
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm
ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm
City Council Work Session (City Hall)
26-27 BUDGET SESSION III
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 2:00 pm

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

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

Let's Connect

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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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