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NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR

### Planning/Zoning Board:

Monday, February 10th @ 6:30PM

### Bessemer City

#### Downtown Development

Monday, February 24th @ 9:30AM

### Utilities

Utility Bills Due: Monday,  
February 10th

## COUNCIL

### MEETINGS

Regular - Monday,

February 10th

@7:00PM

Work Session - Tuesday,

February 25 @3:00PM

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor, Becky S. Smith

Councilman

Dan Boling, Ward 1

Councilwoman

Kay McCathen, Ward 2

Councilman

Joe Will, Ward 3

Councilman

Sonny Boyd, Ward 4

Councilman

Alfred Carpenter, Ward 5

Councilman

Donnie Griffin, Ward 6

City Manager

James Inman

City Hall Annex-

125 East Virginia Avenue

City Hall-

132 West Virginia Avenue

Bessemer City, NC 28016

(704) 629- 5542

## Is Your Home Address Visible

The City of Bessemer City reminds you that displaying home address numbers is a requirement of Bessemer City Code of Ordinances.

### Why Are Address Numbers Important?

1. Medical emergencies, Police and Firefighters requiring E-911 service rely on house numbering.
2. The Public Works department uses address numbers to find the correct locations for utility repairs and emergencies.
3. Displaying address numbers makes it easier for everyone to navigate the city streets.
4. Bessemer City's Code of Ordinances requires buildings to be numbered.

### 150.002 NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS OR DWELLINGS

*(C) Owners to display numbers. Every property owner of improved property shall display in a conspicuous place on the property the (address) number assigned, and such numbers shall be clearly visible from the street.*

The minimum size for address numbers is 3". We would prefer 4" numbers for houses and 6" numbers for businesses and we recommend reflective numbers. The address numbers should be displayed on the corresponding structure but when the structure is not visible from the road, a roadside address sign will be acceptable. Call Bessemer City Code Enforcement (704) 629-5542 for details.

## 2020 Cemetery Clean Up

City crews will remove all arrangements from both Bessemer City Municipal Cemeteries during the clean-up week of Monday, February 24- Friday, February 28. If you have lots in the city cemeteries and they need to be filled, or other maintenance taken care of, please call Adora at the Kiser Senior Center at 704-729-6465 and a work order will be done for any maintenance the City performs. Please note, the City cannot repair the brick walls surrounding the older lots.



## 2020 Father & Daughter Dance

Bessemer City Parks & Recreation Department will host the 2020 Father-Daughter Valentines Dance on Saturday, February 1st at 5:30-7:30 PM at the Allan Farris Community Center. For \$30 each Father-Daughter couple will receive a special gift, balloons, party food & drinks. So, dress up in your best semi-formal/church attire and join the Recreation Department for a great time! (The Dance is open to ages 3-10 years, no jeans or flip flops). First 30 paid couples will be accepted, \$5.00 for each additional daughter. Pre-registration is required. Call 704-729-6465 or visit Kiser Senior Center for details and more information.



## Code Enforcement Reminders

The City of Bessemer City's Code Enforcement Division would like to remind you that all structures (pools, carports, storage buildings, sheds, etc.) require a zoning permit. Temporary tent type structures and front yard chain-linked fences are not permitted in Bessemer City. As a reminder, it is always required to have a permit before work starts. Check with your contractor to ensure compliance with the City's ordinances and permitting requirements. **You may be fined up to \$100.00 per day for non-compliance.** Have a question? Call Code Enforcement 704-629-5542 or visit us online at [www.http://bessemerncity.com/departments/planning-zoning/](http://bessemerncity.com/departments/planning-zoning/).

## 2020 Sounds of Summer Concert & Cruise-In Series

Mark your calendar for the first Sounds of Summer Concert & Cruise-In Series concert of 2020! Saturday, April 25th @ 6:00 PM featuring "Cat 5"! More details coming soon!

## Trash & Recycling Reminders

**TRASH-Every Week (highlighted in green)**  
Normal Trash Pickup for Mon., Tues., and Thurs. Routes.

**RECYCLING-Every Other Week (highlighted in blue)**  
Normal Recycling Pickup for Mon., Tues., and Thurs.

### February 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |

 Recycle on these days

## Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history. African American History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity. Those who advanced the cause of Civil Rights and strengthened families and communities.



## Police Department Reminders Stand Up To Bullying

Bullying in schools can be controlled early by parents identifying a problem. Sometimes children cannot effectively communicate due to fear of making bullying worse. As a parent try and educate yourself of signs of bullying. Here are a few helpful tips to notice signs:

1. If your child is showing signs of anger or aggression
2. Quietness, sadness, or dejected
3. If you ask your child a question like, "how was your day at school", and they rapidly change the subject or give a short response like "good" or "fine".
4. Sudden lack of interest in certain activities.
5. Suddenly start making changes in plans
6. Signs of abuse such as bruises

Children should feel safe at school. Parents help do your part to identify the problem and stand up to bullying.



We thank you for being a responsible citizen and making Bessemer City a great place to live!



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