



November 2023

City Newsletter



Elected Officials:

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Dan Boling, Ward 1

Kay McCathen, Ward 2

Joe Will, Ward 3

Brenda Boyd, Ward 4

Brent Guffey, Ward 5

Donnie Griffin, Ward 6 , Mayor Pro Tempore

City Manager:

Joshua M. Ross, MPA



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Bessemer City Granted \$2,150,000 for Capital Improvements for Police and Fire (Public Safety)

Bessemer City has been granted \$2,150,000 from the State of North Carolina, as part of the State Budget, for public safety improvements. The City is currently conducting a feasibility study that will identify current and future public safety needs in the community, i.e. fire, police, etc. This study is focused on facility needs as the City continues to invest in a full-service fire department and as the police department grows.

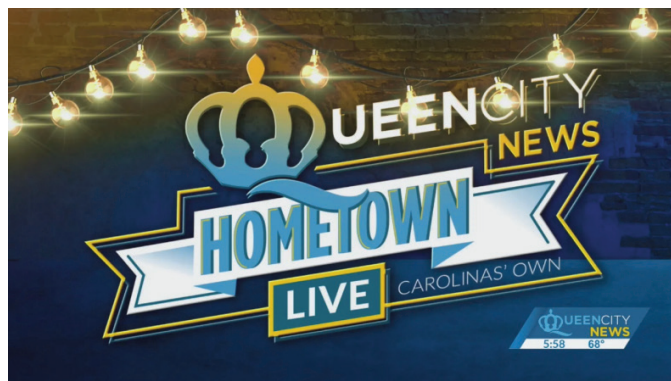
In October 2023, Mayor Smith, City Council, City Manager, Josh Ross, Public Safety Director/Police Chief, Tom Ellis, and Fire Chief, Brent Gordon thanked local legislators for their advocacy and effort to include funding for Bessemer City in the State Budget. State Senator Brad Overcash and State Representative Kelly Hastings continue to advocate for Bessemer City's interests and needs. We are also thankful for House Speaker Tim Moore's support for Bessemer City!

Bessemer City is committed to providing quality public safety services to citizens and businesses for current and future growth.



Queen City News' "Hometown" Segment Features Bessemer City

In October, Queen City News (QCN) chose Bessemer City to feature in their "Hometown" Segment. On Thursday, October 4, 2023, QCN highlighted stories about local residents and businesses, interviewed Mayor Smith, and reported live from Centennial Park and Stinger Park during the City's Touch-a-Truck Event. The newscast featured interviews with local residents and businesses and their positive impact in the community. The segment also included an interview with Mayor Becky S. Smith who explained the City's goals for growth, preservation, and the community's quality of life.



To watch and read these stories, please visit:

<https://bessemercity.com/queen-city-hometown-bessemer-city/>



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Remembering Kay C. McCathen

February 4, 1946-October 17, 2023

With a heavy heart, the City of Bessemer City announces the passing of City Council Member Kay McCathen. Ms. Kay McCathen served more than 27 years on the Bessemer City Council and in many other community-based organizations and initiatives that bettered the City. Ms. Kay McCathen was whole-heartedly committed to the success of Bessemer City. She loved this City and always supported doing the right thing. She was fully committed to serving others in everything she did.

She cared about her family.

She cared about citizens.

She cared about Bessemer City Staff.

She cared for everyone.

Please continue to pray for Ms. Kay McCathen's family, friends, BC Staff and Council, and community members as we all mourn this incredible loss to our community. May we all remember Kay's spirit and commitment to loving others. Kay held the City with a Heart close to her own heart.

By Proclamation, Mayor Smith ordered all flags in Bessemer City to be lowered to half-staff in honor of Council Member Kay McCathen from Tuesday, October 17, 2023-Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

**The City asks all citizens to share
your fondest memory of Council
Member Kay McCathen online at:**

www.bessemercity.com/remembering-council-member-kay-mccathen



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City Calendar

Events & Programs:

Veterans Lunch

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Senior Bingo* (Community Center)

Monday, November 20, 2023

*Tickets Required; contact the Parks and Rec. Department for details (704) 629-5111

Christmas in the City (Parade and Tree Lighting)

Sunday, November 19, 2023; 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Important Reminders:

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

City Utility Bill Due

Friday, November 10, 2023

Bessemer City Fire Department

Annual BBQ Sale

Friday, November 10, 2023 (10:00 am-8:00 pm)

Saturday, November 11, 2023 (10:00 am-6:00 pm)

Closings:

Veterans Day

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023 in observance of Veterans Day.

Thanksgiving

City Offices will be closed Thursday, November 23, 2023 and Friday, November 24, 2023 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Public Meetings:

Bessemer City Planning Board/Board of Adjustment (City Hall)

Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

City Council Regular Session (City Hall)

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Bessemer City Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Bessemer City Downtown Development (City Hall)

Monday, November 27, 2023 at 9:30 am

Bessemer City ABC Board (ABC Store)

Monday, November 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm

City Council Work Session (City Hall)

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 3:00 pm



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123 W PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BESSEMER CITY

WE HONOR VETERANS



LUNCH



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

All Veterans are invited to attend for a FREE lunch. Please call the Kiser Senior Center at 704-729-6465 to RSVP by November 6.

Event Sponsored by
The City of Bessemer City, Whiskey Mill &
The Family Pizza Galli



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**Bessemer City Fire Department
Annual BBQ Sale**



**BESSEMER CITY FIRE DEPT
ANNUAL BBQ**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023 10AM-8PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2023 10AM-6PM**

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**(WILL DELIVER 10 OR MORE)
CALL 704-629-5396 TO ORDER**

Thank You for your continued support over the years!

Christmas in the City



Sunday, November 19th, 2023
Downtown Bessemer City

Food & Vendors: 3:00PM-6:00PM

Parade: 4:30PM-5:30PM

Tree Lighting: 6:00PM-6:30PM

Visit www.bessemercity.com for details!



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General Reminders from the City

Utility Payments: Utility bills are due the 10th of each month. Late fees are assessed on the 11th (15%) and utility cut off occurs after the 19th of the month. The City provides multiple options for utility payment:

In-Person: cash, check, debit and credit (note- 3% merchant fee applies for debit and credit payments) are accepted at the City Hall Annex during business hours (M-F 8am-12:30 pm & 1:30pm-5:00pm)

Drop Box: cash, money order, and checks can be placed in the night-drop box outside of City Hall Annex. Please include account number and address with payment.

Drive-Thru: cash, check, money orders and credit payments can be accepted at the City Hall Annex drive-thru during business hours (M-F 8am-12:30 pm & 1:30 pm-5pm)

Online Bill Pay: debit and credit payments are accepted through our online bill pay system (\$2 + 3% merchant fee). Visit us online at www.bessemercity.com for details.

ACH Draft Payments: setup automatic ACH payments with your financial institution with the City. The City and its third-party administrator does not charge for this service.

Code Enforcement: The City's Code Enforcement Division works diligently to address all code violations in accordance to local ordinances and North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS). To report a violation, please call (704) 629-5542 and selection option 4.

For more information on City codes, including the Code of Ordinances and Land Development Code (LDC), visit:

bessemercity.com/administration/city-codes/



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Garbage & Debris Collection:

Garbage

- *Bag all garbage before placing in cart (this prevents litter).
- *Only bags placed inside garbage cart will be picked up.

Bulky Items

- *Items too large to fit inside your garbage cart are bulky items (such as furniture, mattresses, etc.).
- *Bulky items are picked up weekly on your normal service day.
- *Place bulky items beside cart.
- *No electronics or appliances.

Yard Waste Collection

- *The City will pick up yard waste weekly usually on your normal service day.
- *Branches must be no more than 6 inches in diameter and less than 5 feet long.
- *Do not mix other debris with leaves.
- *Loose leaves will be collected from October 1 – March 1.
- *Bagged leaves will be collected March 2 – September 30.
- *Limb Collection Reminder – City Ordinances require that limbs be no longer than 5ft. in length, and no larger than 6 inches in diameter. We cannot collect limbs if other debris is mixed with them, or if they exceed the required length & size. We are seeing an increase in contracted work being placed at curbside for collection. We do not collect yard waste resulting from any type of contracted work.

For more information and to view a garbage route map, please visit:

bessemercity.com/public-works-garbage-debris-collection/

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Development Updates

Visit www.bessemercity.com/development-projects/ for more details on these projects and others!

Kintegra Health: 10,000 square foot medical (medical, dental, and pharmacy) complex along E. Virginia Ave. Project is currently under construction.

Foundry Commercial: 280,000 square foot industrial project has been completed and awarded a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.). This space is currently being marketed for lease.

Edgewood 85 Commerce Park: a 1,000,000 square foot industrial park scheduled to start in 2024 located off of Edgewood Road in Bessemer City.

Lennar Homes: a 162 unit single family home project located off Costner School Road. The site is currently being graded and infrastructure install is scheduled to start in 2024.

Development Spotlight: The Lofts at Osage Mill

The Lofts at Osage Mill: Development continues on the restoration of the Historic Osage Mill in Bessemer City. This private investment serves as a catalyst for new growth, small business development, and historic preservation in Bessemer City. Osage Mill was built in the late 1800s (1896) by the City's founder, John Smith.

The Lofts at Osage Mill will provide a new diverse living experience in Bessemer City. Walls that once employed hundreds of workers will soon house hundreds of residents. A portion of units are expected to be finished summer 2024, with the remaining units finishing in 2025. Approximately 20,000 square feet of the mill (facing Alabama Avenue) is planned for future commercial development.



To learn more about this project, visit www.bessemercity.com/development/osage-mill/; or www.liveosagemill.com/



Business Spotlight: Deluxe Nail Bar

Deluxe Nail Bar officially opened September 25th, 2023. The City of Bessemer City, Bessemer City Downtown Development, and the Bessemer City Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 welcoming this new business to Bessemer City's growing downtown. Owners Shadeah Reed and Emily Blake are happy to be in Bessemer City as downtown continues to grow.

127 W. Pennsylvania Ave. (Deluxe Nail Bar's location) was previously owned by the City. The City purchased the property in 2017 and used a grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce to entice private investment to renovate the space, create jobs, and add to downtown Bessemer City's streetscape.

Deluxe Nail Bar adds value to downtown Bessemer City and provides a new service to residents. Visit them online at www.facebook.com/DeluxeNailBessemer/.



Business Spotlight: Mustafa's Place



Bessemer City welcomed Mustafa's Place in September 2023 to downtown! Mustafa's Place is an American and Turkish Cuisine Restaurant located at 128 W. Virginia Ave. Owner Mustafa Kocaman is happy to open their third location in the Charlotte region here in Bessemer City.

Mustafa's Place offers a unique dining experience with flavorful food and a friendly atmosphere. This is one of very few Turkish restaurants in the Charlotte region!

Mustafa's Place offers lunch and dinner options Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. More information about Mustafa's Place can be found on their website at www.mustafasplacebessemercity.com/.



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Bessemer City, NC 28016

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Police (non-emergency): (704) 629-2235



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Bessemer City, NC 28016

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Bessemer City Fire Department

119 West Washington Avenue

Bessemer City, NC 28016

(704) 629-5396

Allan Farris Community Center

220 South 14th Street

Bessemer City, NC 28016

(704) 629-5111

Kiser Senior Center

123 West Pennsylvania Avenue

Bessemer City, NC 28016

(704) 729-6465

J.V. Tarpley Water Treatment Plant

298 Logan Street

Bessemer City, NC 28016

(704) 629-5542

Bessemer City Public Works

405 North 9th Street

Bessemer City, NC 28016

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