



March 2024 City Newsletter



Elected Officials:

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Michael Brooks, Ward 1

Nellie Floyd, Ward 2

Allen Hook, Ward 3, Mayor Pro Tempore

Brenda Boyd, Ward 4

Brent Guffey, Ward 5

Donnie Griffin, Ward 6

City Manager:

Joshua M. Ross, MPA



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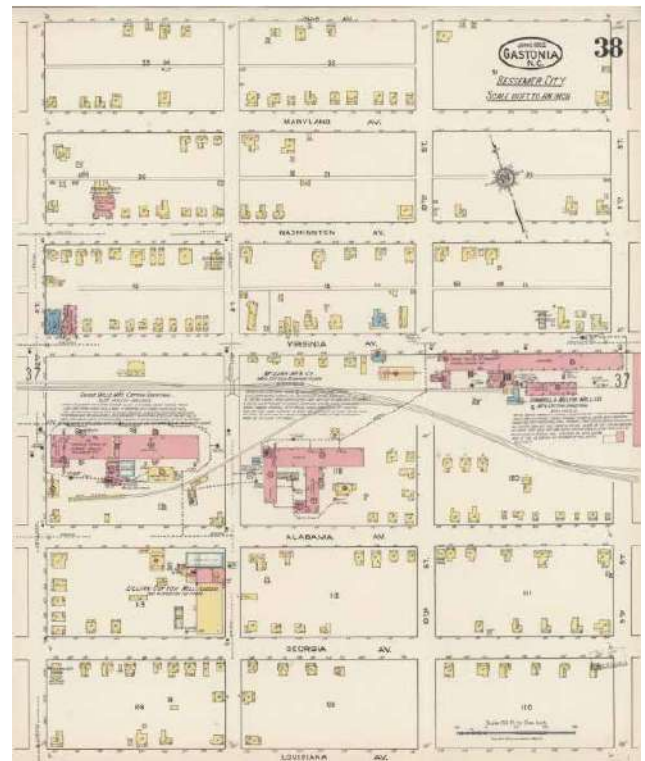
Bessemer City Turns 131

March 6, 2024 marks Bessemer City's 131st birthday as an incorporated municipal government. Before 1893, the Bessemer City area was originally settled in the mid 1700s when King George II of England granted land to James Ormand. The area's economy was primarily focused on agriculture but also iron ore mining. The old Ormand Furnace was the location for processing this iron and still stands today. The furnace is located outside of Bessemer City on Long Creek Road.



Quick Facts About Bessemer City History

- *Bessemer City originally developed around the Wooten Train Station.
- *Bessemer City was named after the Bessemer Process, a steel making process in tribute to the area's heritage.
- *Bessemer City's population was 70 residents in 1893. This grew to more than 600 by 1900.
- *Bessemer City was founded by John A. Smith. Mr. Smith also constructed the Southern Cotton Mill (Osage Mill).



131 YEARS OLD

Osage Mill Redevelopment

The Osage Mill redevelopment project continues to see consistent improvement as the developers stay on track. Within the last few weeks, interior construction has focused on individual apartment unit framing, common spaces, hallway corridors, window installation, and sky light improvements. The exterior of the project site continues to be graded for future vehicle parking while simultaneously continuing to install stormwater drainage improvements and utility improvements. Winn Companies has committed and continues to plan for phase one apartment leasing mid-summer 2024.

The Osage Mill project will include 139 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom workforce housing apartments. The project will also include 15,000-20,000 square feet of commercial space. This \$40,000,000 private investment in downtown Bessemer City will act as a catalyst for growth while preserving the City's most culturally historic landmarks.

Learn more about Osage Mill by visiting www.liveosagemill.com




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OSAGE MILL



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City Calendar

Events & Programs:

Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, March 25, 2024

Easter Egg Hunt (Stinger Park)
Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 4:00 pm

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

Important Reminders:

City Utility Bill Due
Sunday, March 10, 2024

Public Meetings:

Bessemer City Planning Board/Board of Adjustment (City Hall)
No Meeting in March 2024

City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Bessemer City Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Bessemer City Downtown Development (City Hall)
Monday, March 25, 2024 at 9:30 am

Bessemer City ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5:00 pm

City Council Work Session (City Hall)
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 3:30 pm

Quick Note

Is your contact information updated with the City's Customer Service Department?

Call today to make sure we have your updated number and email.

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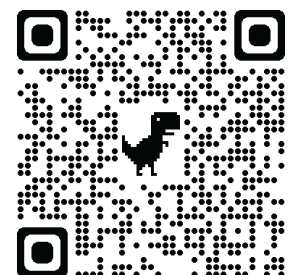
2024 Parks and Recreation Events

Month	Day	Event	Location	Time
March	28	Easter Egg Hunt	Stinger Park	4pm
April	27	Community Concert/Cruise In	Downtown	6pm
May	9	Down Home Festival (Family Night)	Downtown	6pm
	10	Downtown Home Festival (36 Years)	Downtown	6pm
	11	Downtown Home Festival (36 Years)	Downtown	12pm
	25	Community Concert/Cruise In	Downtown	6pm
	25	BC Pool Opens	BC Pool	1pm
June	14	Juneteenth Celebration	Downtown	6pm
	28	July 4th Celebration (Concert and Fireworks)	Downtown	6pm
July	27	Community Concert/Cruise In	Downtown	6pm
August	TBD	Back to School Event	TBD	TBD
	24	Community Concert/Cruise In	Downtown	6pm
September	20	Thank a Police Officer Day	TBD	10am
	21	Brew & Que Festival	Downtown	12pm
October	2	Touch-a-Truck	Stinger Park	4pm
	9	Senior Health & Resource Fair	First Baptist	10am
	26	Community-Wide Truck-or-Treat	Downtown	10am
November	24	Christmas in the City (Parade & Tree Lighting)	Downtown	3pm
December	14	Breakfast with Santa	Community Center	9am

Schedule and times are subject to change. Visit www.bessemercity.com for details.

Visit Parks & Recreation Department online!

www.bessemercity.com/parks-recreation/



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Easter Egg Hunt

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EASTER EGG HUNT

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

@ 4:00 PM

Stinger Park
555 Stinger Park Way
Bessemer City

FREE for Ages 12 & Under
BRING YOUR OWN BASKET



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Development Updates

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. This project will have two entrances: 1) the main entrance will be at the Todd Dr./Costner School Rd. intersection. 2) the secondary entrance will be off Arc St.

Stewart Crossings: a 99 unit single family home project located off Costner School Road. The site is currently being evaluated and engineering plans are being reviewed. This planned project will be located off of Costner School Rd directly behind the Ashley Park subdivision. This project is expected to have a pedestrian access bridge connecting residents to Stinger Park.

Surf and Turf Townhome Project: in 2021, City Council approved a 91 unit townhome project located off N. 14th St. beside of Surf and Turf Lodge on both sides. At this time, the project is expected to start in late 2024 or early 2025.

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Yellow Jacket Ln Townhomes: a developer is planning to construct 77 townhomes at the corner of Yellow Jacket Ln and Besstown Rd. This property is currently zoned as Urban Residential (UR). The developer is requesting to rezone the property to Urban Residential- Conditional District (UR-CD).

For More Information About Development Projects, visit:

<https://bessemercity.com/development-projects/>



Picture Above- General Concept for Yellow Jacket Lane Townhome Project

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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Your Water Department Reminds You To Keep Drains "FOG" Free



To ensure our sewer drains remain free of fats, oils, and grease which cause clogged lines and drains please try the following:

Use coffee grounds or kitty litter (or even some leftover powder laundry detergent) to absorb the oil and/or grease, and then dispose in the trash can. Use paper towels to wipe out greasy pots and pans after the fats, oils, or grease have cooled down.

Pour any leftover fats, oils, or grease into an empty coffee can or plastic container after they have cooled down and dispose in the trash can. Your children can have fun making a grease can by painting or coloring the outside of the can!

Please try to keep our sewer lines and drains clean and costs for clean-up and repairs at a minimum. Keep the Grease Gang away! Note: Please remember to let the fats, oils, or grease cool down before pouring into newspaper, cans, etc.

Questions?

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Who We Are

Vision, Mission, Values, and Goals

Vision:

Bessemer City strives to be a unique and welcoming community that connects people to economic opportunities and a higher quality of life.

Mission:

Bessemer City provides high quality public services in a responsible manner that creates success.

Values:

Accountability
Ethics
Respect
Commitment/Dependability
Open-Mindedness
Honesty

Goals:

#1 Promote a desirable place to live and work that provides a healthy quality of life.

#2 Ensure a safe and secure community for residents and visitors.

#3 Invest in high quality infrastructure to support a thriving and diverse economy.

#4 Provide opportunities for citizen engagement and promote volunteerism.


#5 Foster organizational sustainability that embraces innovation and creativity.





Let's Connect

City Hall and BCPD
132 West Virginia Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
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Police (non-emergency): (704) 629-2235

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125 East Virginia Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5542

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
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