

Communique



JUNE / JULY NEWSLETTER

2023

HELP US REFLECT, HONOR AND THANK OUR HEROES & BUSINESSES

2023 Business of the Year

The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce Presents

Remembrance, HONOR & AWARDS Day

TICKETS
\$320 table of 8
\$40 ea.

STAR SPONSORSHIP
\$1,500

SILVER SPONSORSHIP
\$1,000

Attire: Business Casual

Monday
09.11.23
12 pm ~ 2 pm
Bessemer Civic Center

Seating on a First Reserved Basis
Call 205.425.3253 or email
bessemerchamber.events@gmail.com
to make reservations

Sponsor/Registration/Ticket deadline: August 28th
Payment is required prior to the event and is non-refundable.

Join us as we commemorate 9/11, honor and award our first responders and local business of the year recipients.

The Bessemer Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce a special event that will bring honor and remembrance to a group of individuals that continue to sacrifice their lives to protect ours.

Remembrance, Honor & Awards Day for our HEROES will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023 from 12 – 2 pm at the Bessemer Civic Center. We are asking you to join us as we commemorate 9/11, honor our first responders and recognize our 2023 business of the year.

This will be a great day for the City of Bessemer. We all can attest to the fact that first responders endure hazardous conditions, traumatic events, and long hours on the job to secure our safety and in many incidents save lives.

We will not/cannot forget September 11th, a day that remains a point for reflection on the hijacked plane attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.



Register with form on page 12.

This event is set to bring the entire community together to reflect, honor and say thank you to our HEROES. Make your reservations today by calling the Bessemer Chamber at (205) 425-3253.

PLEASE NOMINATE YOUR COMPANY OR A COMPANY FOR THE 2023 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS.
See nomination form / past recipients on pages 13 & 14

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN YOUR CHAMBER

On Thursday, June 22, 2023 the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed over 100 members and community leaders to the annual Business After Hours Membership Appreciation Seafood Boil that was held at Frank House Municipal Golf Course. This event was sponsored by our 2023 Gold Corporate Partners: Amazon, Bessemer Utilities, Dex Imaging, Holt Insurance, Grade A Asset Management, Lawson State Community College and J. M. Smucker. We would like to thank our chamber

members for investing and partnering with us. **Supporting your local chamber allows this region to flourish economically.** We would like you to know that the Bessemer Chamber is working tirelessly to CREATE CONNECTIONS that will provide avenues for you (our members) to reach your goals. Thank you to Bessemer's Mayor and Bessemer City Councilors for seeing the value and providing support for this chamber.



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce Presents the City of Bessemer's



Marvel City Family Fun Fest, an enjoyable event that brings the entire community together. The festival will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 in downtown Bessemer in Debardeleben Park from 3pm until 7pm. This event provides vendors the opportunity to showcase and sell their products and services. We are excited to bring you 13 zones this year. Included are four new zones: Cancer Awareness, Greek, Domestic Violence Awareness and Faith-Based plus Entertainment, Marvel City Marketplace, Car Show, Information, Personality, Food Trucks/Restaurant Avenue, Kids/Education, Safety and Wellness/Healthcare. There will be something for everyone in the family to enjoy. The Entertainment zone will feature some outstanding local artists. The Chamber is accepting title/zone sponsors and vendors.

Bessemer
Area Chamber of Commerce

A community event for the whole family!

Presents

FREE ENTRY

MARVEL CITY FAMILY FUN FEST

Sunday
10.22.23 3-7PM

DOWNTOWN BESSEMER

Debardeleben Park - Between 2nd & 3rd Avenues and 16th & 17th Streets

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY

SIGN UP TODAY * DEADLINES: SPONSORS / VENDORS - OCT. 2nd

Title Sponsorship \$2,500.00 Zone Sponsorships \$500.00

(Limited to 2 sponsors per zone)

VENDOR FEE = \$75.00

Additional \$20 late fee required after October 2nd.

VENDOR ZONES:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| *Cancer Awareness | *Car Show | *Domestic Violence Awareness |
| *Entertainment | *Faith Based | *Food Trucks / Restaurant Avenue |
| *Greek* | *Information | *Kids / Education |
| *Marvel City Marketplace | *Personality | *Safety |
| | | *Wellness / Healthcare |

Contact the BACOC for more information at 205-425-3253

bessemerchamber.events@gmail.com

321 18th St. N., Bessemer, AL 35020

ONLY paid vendors will be allowed to campaign or solicit at their assigned vendor space.

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Partner with us as a

TITLE SPONSOR - \$2,500

Entertainment Zone sponsor, Zone Banner in your name, choice of preferred vendor space, representative to speak during event, Logo/Company name on car show awards, logo on video, company logo on Family Fun Fest shirt, complimentary souvenir items, company name/logo on advertising material.

OR A

ZONE SPONSOR - \$500

Zone banner in your name, company name on advertising material, vendor space, complimentary souvenir item

(limited to 2 sponsors per zone)

- Cancer Awareness
- Entertainment
- Greek
- Marvel City Marketplace
- Car Show
- Faith-Based
- Information
- Personality
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Food Trucks/Restaurant Avenue
- Kids/Education
- Safety
- Wellness/Healthcare



The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following businesses to the city of Bessemer:



Bessemer Chamber Member **H & R Testing** celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The property is located at 615 Ninth Avenue North, Bessemer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Acceptance Insurance

LaQuisha T Fisher

623 Bessemer Super Hwy, Midfield, AL 35228

lfisher@acceptance.com

PH 205-424-2810, F 205-425-6370

**Insurance*

Hackworth's Cleaning Service, LLC

Kevin Hackworth Jr

1201 Powder Plant Road Unit 23, Bessemer,
AL 35022

PH 205-643-4416

hackworthcleaningservice@gmail.com

www.hackworthcleaning.com

**Cleaning / Janitorial*

Welcome Dr. Dana

Arreola, Superintendent – Bessemer City Schools

Please join Bessemer City Schools for a welcome reception honoring Dr Dana Arreola, their newly appointed superintendent on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 3 pm at Bessemer City High School (4950 Premiere Parkway Bessemer, Alabama 35020).



Know Someone That Has an Antique Car, Corvette, Mustang or Slingshot?

Ask them to register for the car show during the Marvel City Family Fun Fest on Sunday, October 22nd



Judges will vote for the best antique / Corvette / Mustang / Slingshot

Winners will receive a trophy, post advertising and bragging rights!

COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Bessemer's Independence Day Celebration



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

This celebration was held on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 from 6 – 9 pm at Bessemer City High School. The High School parking lot was filled with hundreds of people that came out to enjoy the festivities and giveaways. This annual event is hosted by the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the City of Bessemer. Thank you to everyone that attended and made this event a huge success!



CHAMBER NEWS



The Chamber is excited about this group of individuals that will lead the chamber for 2023.

Our 2023 Chairwoman of the board, Dr. Cynthia Anthony, President of Lawson State Community College stated this year is going to be a BIG year for the Bessemer Chamber. Input, commitment, leadership, action and decision-making are the key elements that each individual brings to the board. These individuals have agreed to serve the chamber and have made the commitment to lead and direct the chamber of commerce and to represent the full membership of the Chamber in every capacity to guarantee that the organization achieves its mission.

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Cynthia Anthony, 2023 Chairwoman
Lawson State Community College

Mitch Avery, Immediate Past Chairman
Retired (Spire)

Carlton Jackson, Realtor, Finance Chairman Realtor,
ABR* - Building Areas of Excellence

Keith Pennington, 2023 Treasurer
Medical West

Micah Andrews, The Foundry Ministries
Mark Brown, Tennessee Valley Authority
Cortney Coleman, Bessemer Housing Authority
Charles King, Regional Paramedics (RAMS)
Antoinette Madison, Alabama Power
Reggie Mays, United Prosthetics & Orthotics
Claire Mitchell, Jefferson County Absentee Specialist
Bessemer Division
Shane Morris, Buffalo Rock
Nicole Newell, J. M. Smucker
Noah Rocker, The Fountain of Life Church
Katie Truss, Legacy YMCA
Devron Veasley, Bessemer Development Board



The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce office is located at 321 18th Street N., Bessemer, AL 35020

PH (205) 425-3253

www.bessemerchamber.com

Office Hours are Monday–Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

STAFF

LaTasha Williams IOM, President

lacock1@bellsouth.net

Mary Milan – Administrative & Accounting

bessemerchamber.events@gmail.com

Arliscia Dial – Membership & Event Coordinator

bessemerchamber.memberserv@gmail.com

AMBASSADORS

Minnie Roper, Retired
Ambassador Coordinator

Tamala Briggins, Oak Crest Health & Wellness
Lori Chisem, Lawson State Community College
Eric Crosby, ArtisticVisionz
Connie Fuell, Dex Imaging
Akilih Haley, Lawson State Community College
Denise Jackson, New Jerusalem Baptist Church
Donna King, D & K Lawncare LLC
Barnard Montgomery, Merrill Lynch
Daryl Owens
Dorian Waluyn, Lawson State Community College
Anna Wooten, First Financial Bank




JOBS, JOBS, JOBS



Chamber Members, send us your information if you're hiring and we will include it in the next Chamber newsletter.

NOW HIRING




THE J.M. SMUCKER Co

**McCalla, Alabama
Manufacturing Facility**

**COME VISIT US AND LEARN WHY WE
OFFER A WORKPLACE UNLIKE ANY OTHER**

JOB FAIR AT BESSEMER CIVIC CENTER
1130 9TH AVE SW
JULY 26, 2023 • 11:30 A.M. — 7:30 P.M.

- On-Site Interview and Contingent Job Offers!
- Hiring for a variety of roles including Production, Quality Assurance, Maintenance, Logistics, Engineering, Electrical and Management
- Offering competitive salary/benefits, opportunities to learn and grow and a workplace you will ENJOY!



TEXT MCCALLA TO 28203 TO APPLY TODAY!

JOIN THE UNITED TEXTILES TEAM

NOW HIRING

**Reply by direct message
on our Facebook page**













Full Time
Part Time

Starting Pay \$13 An Hour



To apply, visit medicalwesthospital.org/careers

CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

WE ARE HIRING!



New This Week:

- Housing Rehabilitation Specialist, Closing 07.28.23
- Morgue Technologist, Closing 07.28.23
- Deputy Coroner, Closing 08.04.23

Extended This Week:

- Deputy Director of Roads & Transportation, Closing 07.30.23

Closing 07.21.23:

- Planning Technician
- Senior Administrative Analyst

APPLY NOW!

WWW.JOBSQUEST.ORG

(205)325-5249

Jefferson County Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



DOING BUSINESS WITH THE GOVERNMENT

THREE PART SERIES

Our July Financial Literacy Series begins on July 19th. It is powered by a partnership between CARA, UA Lift, SBA, Operation Hope, PNC Bank. Register today!

Part 1 - UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF BUSINESS INSURANCE
July 19th at 8:30am

Part 2 - LOAN PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT
July 26th at 8:30am

Part 3 - DOING BUSINESS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (CONTRACTING) AND THE SBA CONTRACT LINE OF CREDIT PROGRAMS
August 2nd at 8:30am

REGISTER NOW



PHYSICAL ADDRESS

The Downtown Entrepreneurial Center
401 19th Street North
Bessemer, AL 35020
(205) 481-4800



WEDNESDAY JULY 19
WEDNESDAY JULY 26
WEDNESDAY AUG. 2
8:30 am

Doing Business With
the Government Series
Scan QR code to register

TUESDAY AUGUST 1
Bessemer Police
Department's National
Night Out
5 – 8 pm
Bessemer Recreation Ctr
Call Sgt Bruiser for more
information
205-417-3900

FUNDAY

HELP BUILD A STRONGER, SAFER COMMUNITY BY GIVING CRIME & DRUGS A GOING AWAY PARTY

FOOD! DRINKS! POPCORN! FACE PAINTING! LIVE DJ

TUESDAY
AUG. 1ST
5:00 - 8:00PM

PROUDLY CELEBRATING
NNO 40
YEARS
NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT
2023
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

FREE FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

SPONSORED BY THE BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

INFLATABLES! SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAYS & MORE!

BESSEMER RECREATION CENTER
100 14TH STREET SOUTH

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:
SGT. ALEXIA BRUISTER AT 205-417-3900

THURSDAY
AUG 24TH 8:30 AM - 3:30PM

Active Shooter Preparedness CONFERENCE

BESSEMER CIVIC CENTER

1130 9th Avenue SW
Bessemer, AL 35022

Free Lunch included

Presented By: At No Charge By:
InfraGard Birmingham Members Alliance
Bessemer Police Department
Department of Homeland Security/CISA
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Secret Service



For places of worship, small businesses and organizations that want to ensure their team is prepared to respond to an active threat with confidence and resilience.



Eventbrite Registration

THURSDAY AUGUST 24
Active Shooter Preparedness Conference
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Bessemer Civic Center
Scan QR code to register

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5
32nd Annual Golf FORE Progress Tournament
Tee time 12 pm
Frank House Golf Course
Registration at 10 am
Lunch served at 11 am



COMMUNITY NEWS



Tips to Stay Safe in Summer Months

Heat-related illness can be prevented. Learn these 4 simple steps you can take to keep from falling ill during hot summer months.

With summer fast approaching, remember that hot, humid weather can be a hazard to your health. In fact, hot weather causes more deaths than any other weather-related hazard. In hot and humid conditions, your body must work harder—just to maintain a normal temperature. Older adults and those with illnesses are at greater risk.

The good news is that heat-related illness and death can be prevented. There are simple steps you can take to keep from falling ill.

1. Stay Cool

- ~ Stay in air-conditioned locations as much as possible. If your home is not air conditioned find places in your community that are air conditioned. Find out if your community has a cooling center available during hot months.
- ~ Don't stay in a hot car (and don't leave pets in a hot car).
- ~ If you are outdoors, take breaks from the heat, especially during the hottest part of the day.
- ~ Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- ~ Cover your windows with drapes to keep out the hot sun.
- ~ Consider using attic fans to clear hot air from your house.

Note: When the temperature outside is over 95 degrees, don't use electric fans to try to stay cool. At this temperature, fans create a false sense of comfort, and do not reduce body temperature.

2. Stay Hydrated

- ~ Drink plenty of fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- ~ If you are on a special diet or if you have end-stage renal disease or advanced congestive heart failure, ask your doctor how to stay hydrated.

3. Stay Protected

- ~ Avoid strenuous or high-energy activities.
- ~ Wear loose and lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- ~ Wear sunscreen.
- ~ When outdoors, stay in the shade and wear a hat with a wide brim.

4. Watch for Signs of Heat Stress

On hot days, watch for signs of heat illness in yourself and others. Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are possible on hot days. Signs of heat-related illness include:

- ~ Muscle pains, cramps, or spasms
- ~ Heavy sweating, paleness, weakness, dizziness, headache nausea or vomiting
- ~ Confusion, fainting or unconsciousness
- ~ High body temperature (over 103 degrees) with dry skin (not sweating)
- ~ Rapid pulse

If you feel sick and suspect it may be heat-related, sip a sports drink. Get medical help if you still don't feel better. If you experience very high body temperature, rapid pulse, or dizziness it can be an emergency. Get medical help immediately.

By following these tips, you can reduce your risk of heat injury. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Provided by Landmark Health



4 Tips for a Healthy Summer



Find more tips for a healthy summer at landmarkhealth.org

COMMUNITY NEWS



Summer Safety Tips From Our Members

Wet Weather Driving Tips by AAA

Spring and summer showers may mean flowers, but wet pavement contributes to nearly 1.2 million traffic crashes each year.

Here are some tips you'll want to follow the next time you're caught driving in the rain.

Safety starts before you drive, and your goal should be to see and be seen. Replace windshield wiper inserts that leave streaks or don't clear the glass in a single swipe. Make sure all headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals are properly functioning so other drivers will see you during downpours. Turn on your headlights whenever you drive.

Proper tire tread depth and inflation are imperative to maintaining good traction on wet roadways. Check tread depth with a quarter inserted upside down into the tire groove. If you can see above Washington's head, start shopping for new tires. Check each tire's pressure, including the spare, at least once a month... and be sure to check the pressure when the tires are cold.

Avoid Cruise Control

Most modern cars feature cruise control. This feature works great in dry conditions, but when used in wet conditions, the chance of losing control of the vehicle can increase. To prevent loss of traction, the driver may need to reduce the car's speed by lifting off the accelerator, which cannot be accomplished when cruise control is engaged.

When driving in wet-weather conditions, it is important to concentrate fully on every aspect of driving. Avoiding cruise control will allow the driver more options to choose from when responding to a potential loss-of-traction situation, thus maximizing your safety.

Slow Down and Leave Room

Slowing down during wet weather driving can be critical to reducing a car's chance of hydroplaning, when the tires rise up on a film of water. With as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. At speeds as low as 35 mph, new tires can still lose some contact with the roadway.

To reduce chances of hydroplaning, drivers should slow down, avoid hard braking or turning sharply and drive in the tracks of the vehicle ahead of you. Also, it's important for motorists to allow ample stopping distance between cars by increasing the following distance of the vehicle in front of them and beginning to slow down to stop for intersections, turns and other traffic early.

Responding to a Skid

Even careful drivers can experience skids. If a driver feels their car begin to skid, it's important to not panic and follow these basic steps:

- Continue to look and steer in the direction in which the driver wants the car to go.
- Avoid slamming on the brakes as this will further upset the vehicle's balance and make it harder to control.

If you feel the car begin to skid, continue to look and steer in the direction you want the car to go. Don't panic, and avoid slamming on the brakes to maintain control.

Overall you want to be extra cautious in wet weather. Slow down, avoid hard braking or turning sharply and allow ample stopping distance between you and the cars in front of you. Also, do these things one at a time. Brake, then turn, then accelerate.



The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce Presents

Remembrance, Honor and Awards Day

Monday ~ 09.11.23

12 pm – 2 pm @ Bessemer Civic Center

STAR SPONSOR – \$1,500

TABLE OF 8 FOR YOUR COMPANY
2 TABLES OF 8 TO 1ST RESPONDERS DONATED IN
YOUR NAME
COMPANY NAME ON RECIPIENT'S PLAQUES
COMPANY LOGO ON THANK YOU HEROES BANNER
CEO/PRESIDENT SPEAKS FOR 2-3 MINUTES
FULL PAGE AD IN PROGRAM

SILVER SPONSOR – \$1,000

4 SEATS FOR YOUR COMPANY
1 TABLE OF 8 TO 1ST RESPONDERS DONATED IN
YOUR NAME
½ PAGE AD IN PROGRAM
COMPANY NAME ON ADVERTISING MATERIAL

TICKETS: Table of 8 - \$320 OR \$40 each

SPONSOR / TICKET / TABLE REGISTRATION

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: AUGUST 28TH

Please fill out the information below and be sure to indicate which sponsorship you are choosing.

Company: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

SPONSORSHIP TYPE: (INDICATE BELOW)

STAR (\$1,500) _____ **SILVER (\$1,000)** _____ **TABLE OF 8 (\$320)** _____ **INDIVIDUAL TICKETS (\$40)** _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE EVENT)

CHECK _____ INVOICE _____ DEBIT/CREDIT CARD _____ TOTAL PAID = \$ _____

DEBIT/CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____ CVV # _____ BILLING ZIP _____

I AUTHORIZE THE BESSEMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO CHARGE MY CARD FOR THESE FEES AND AGREE TO PAY THE ABOVE TOTAL ACCORDING TO CARD ISSUER AGREEMENT

PRINT CARDHOLDERS NAME _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO THE BESSEMER CHAMBER AT 321 18TH STREET N., BESSEMER, AL 35020

For additional questions, contact us at (205) 425-3253 or email bessemerchamber.events@gmail.com

The 30th Annual Bessemer Business Awards & First Responders Gala

Sponsored by the
Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce

The Bessemer Business Awards are presented each year to Bessemer area businesses that have achieved success in their respective industry and size category. Submitted information is strictly confidential and maintained by the independent judging committee of the Chamber. You are encouraged to nominate any business that is located in the city limits of Bessemer, or any business located outside the city limits of Bessemer that is an active member of the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce. Recipients from the past five years are ineligible (see reverse for recent recipients). Nominees must have been in operation for at least three years. **Nominations are due by Tuesday, August 15, 2023 before 5pm.** Finalists and recipients will be recognized at the **Bessemer Business Awards and First Responders Gala on September 11, 2023 at the Bessemer Civic Center.** For additional information call 205-425-3253.

NOMINATION FORM

Three award categories for the 2023 Business of the Year

Please check the appropriate category: [One recipient will be selected from one of the three categories below]

☐ **Category I** - Companies with 1 to 10 employees

☐ **Category II** - Companies with 11 to 50 employees

☐ **Category III** - Companies with more than 50 employees

Nominees will be asked to complete a brief information questionnaire. Judges will select considering the following areas: community / civic / charitable involvement, growth in employment, company stability, capital investment, general profitability, industry recognition. Nominees should attach recognition, press announcement, achievements, safety programs/awards and other supplemental materials to support the overall success of the business.

Company Nominated: _____ Type of Business: _____

Company Address: _____

of Employees: _____ Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail address: _____ Web address: _____

Reason for Nomination *(use additional pages if necessary)*:

Return Nominations To:
The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce
321 18th Street North * Bessemer, AL * 35020
Phone (205) 425-3253 * Fax (205) 425-4979

BUSINESSES OF THE YEAR

[Presented in 5 different categories through 2009]

CATEGORY I

1990 – WSMQ
1991 – OK Tire and Battery
1992 – B & C Rental
1993 – Coxco
1994 – Bessemer Fasteners and Supply
1995 – Bessemer Furniture Gallery
1996 – United Textiles
1997 – Anthony Underwood Automotives
1998 – Compliance Specialists
1999 – Engineering, Environmental & Forestry Service
2000 – Weaver Land Company
2001 – Advanced Cardiac Solutions
2002 – Farr Hardware & Food Shop
2003 – The Western Star
2004 – Brian's Carpet & Tile
2005 – Holt Insurance
2006 – Development Solutions, LLC
2007 – Loyle Seymour Jewelry
2008 – Tippi's Bakery & Deli
2009 – Eagle Vision Eyecare

CATEGORY II

1990 – The Bright Star
1991 – Bob Sykes Barbecue
1992 – First Federal Savings Bank
1993 – Holmes Oil Company
1994 – Dixie Nissan
1995 – Carr Cabinet Doors
1996 – Suburban Gas Company
1997 – National Belt Service
1998 – Moore Coal Company
1999 – Air Carriers
2000 – Fosco-Morval USA
2001 – Vulcan Materials Co.
2002 – White Industries
2004 – Baumann Coatings, Inc.
2005 – Fourth Avenue Supermarket
2006 – ADCO Boiler Company
2007 – The Hampton Inn
2008 – Builders Millwork LLC
2009 – ITT Technical Institute

CATEGORY III

1990 – Long Lewis Ford
1991 – Food Giant
1992 – Harbison Walker
1993 – Southern Ductile Casting Co.
1994 – Big B, Inc.
1995 – Trinity Industries
1996 – UNR - ROHN
1997 – Walmart Super Store
1998 – Jemison Steel
1999 – Masonry Arts
2000 – Buffalo Rock
2001 – Southern Ductile Casting Co
2002 – Town & Country Ford
2003 – First Financial Bank
2004 – Long-Lewis Ford
2005 – Noland Health Services
2006 – Alabama Adventure
2007 – Golden Living Center Meadowood
2008 – Premiere Chevrolet, Inc.
2009 – First Financial Bank

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

1999 – Bessemer State Tech College
2000 – Bessemer Area YMCA
2001 – Salvation Army
2002 – Bessemer Historical Homeowners Association
2003 – Flint Hill Baptist Church
2004 – Bessemer Development Board
2005 – Dunbar-Abrams Foundation, Inc.
2006 – Foundry Rescue Mission & Recovery Center
2007 – Legacy YMCA
2008 – Lawson State Community College
2009 – Flint Hill Christian School

SAFETY AWARD

1992 – Alabama Power Company
1993 – Harbison Walker Refractories
1995 – U. S. Pipe
1996 – Vulcan Painters
1997 – Certex
1998 – Bessemer Utilities
2000 – S & G Waldrop Electric
2001 – Southern Ductile Casting Co.
2002 – ROHN, Inc.
2003 – Buffalo Rock Company
2005 – Cintas Corporation
2006 – Coston General Contractors
2007 – Shirley & Sons, Inc.
2008 – Alabama Power Company
2009 – U. S. Pipe & Foundry

**Awards not presented in 2010 / 2011*

***Awards consolidated in 2012**

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

2012 – Medical West
2013 – Splash Adventure
2014 – Dollar General
2015 – Town & Country Ford
2016 – Oak Trace & Terrace Oaks Care and Rehabilitation Centers
2017 – Milo's Tea Company
2018 – BLOX LLC
2019 – William Parsons CPA
2022 – Chambers Funeral Home

DOCTOR OF THE YEAR

2014 – Dr. Sally Ebaugh, Medical West
2015 – Dr. Kevin Staudinger, Brookwood Medical Center
2015 – Dr. Danika Y Hickman, Medical West
2016 – Dr. David Denney, Medical West
2017 – Dr. H. Thomas Smith, Medical West
2018 – Dr. John Issis
2019 – Dr. Richard S. Stephen
2022 – Dr. Michael Burch

**The Doctor of the Year award began in 2014*

FIRST RESPONDERS AWARDS

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

2002 – Richard Ferguson

2003 – Perry Hurst
2004 – Monroe Adams
2005 – Jimmy Sims
2006 – Myford Little
2007 – Sgt. Gary D. Carmichael
2007 – Christian Clemons / Ernest Ryan
2009 – Arthur Bracy
2010 – Sgt. Roy Harris
2011 – Brent Miller
2012 – Daniel Glassco
2013 – Jeffrey Ioimo
2014 – Roger Eubanks
2015 – Det. Shadrack Williams
2016 – Det. Jennifer Hamburger
2017 – Sergeant Victor Lamar Cullen
2017 – Officer Dustin Lee Alford
2018 – Det. Justin Bruce Burmeister
2021 – Officer Jonathan Lee Brady

FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

2002 – Gary Carter
2003 – Tommy Cannon / Brian Sloan
2004 – Sam Ousley
2005 – Jeff Lowe
2006 – Stephen Parker
2007 – Lt. Tommy Cannon / Shondrick Davis
2008 – Lt. Michael E. Brannon
2009 – Markus Dunn
2010 – Todd Eddy
2011 – Daniel Sanford / Russell Bell / Josh Phillips
2012 – Robert Hallmark
2013 – Harold Wright
2014 – Evan Abbott
2015 – Capt. Gary Nix / Mason Parker
2016 – Capt. Carlton Jackson
2017 – AO Stephen Parker
2018 – Lt Stephen Parker
2021 – Capt. Stephen Parker

DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

2006 – Jacob Reach
2007 – Dep. Alan Rhea
2008 – Dep. Nathan Nichols
2009 – Jacob Bradley
2010 – Brad Dickey
2011 – Dep. Jeremy Barbin
2012 – Sgt. Wayne Curry
2013 – Brad Perry
2014 – Dep. LaDonna Houston
2015 – Sgt. Mike Saxton / Dep. Ladonna Houston / Dep. Wanda Oliver
2016 – Sgt. Randy Pate
2017 – Corporal Kenneth Bailey
2018 – Sgt. Ryan Strickland
2021 – Dep. Detective Jason DeRamus

AMBULANCE EMS OF THE YEAR

2019 – Edward McDonald
2022 – TaQuira Carter

**Awards not presented in 2020 / 2021*



THE BESSEMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2024 Magazine Rate Sheet [ad sizes and rate]

MEMBER				NON-MEMBER
Size	Non-bleed	Bleed	Color (M)	Color (NM)
2 Page Spread	14 x 10	16.75 x 11.125	\$2,800	\$3,000
Full Page	7 x 10	8.375 x 11.125	\$1,650	\$1,900
2/3 Page	4.625 x 10	NA	\$1,200	\$1,550
1/2 Page Horizontal	7 x 4.875	NA	\$1,000	\$1,250
1/2 Page Vertical	4.625 x 7.5	NA	\$1,000	\$1,250
1/3 Page Square	4.625 x 4.875	NA	\$ 675	\$ 925
1/3 Page Vertical	2.125 x 10	NA	\$ 675	\$ 925
1/6 Page Vertical	2.125 x 4.875	NA	\$ 500	\$ 750
1/6 Page Horizontal	4.625 x 2.25	NA	\$ 500	\$ 750
Business Card	3.25 x 1.75	NA	\$ 300	\$ 600



Premium positions

(full page 4-color, Members Only) 00000000

Back Cover	\$2,900
Inside Front Cover	\$2,000
Inside Back Cover	\$2,200
Page 1	\$2,200

Deadline

Space Reservation **Oct. 25, 2023**

Advertising Copy **Oct. 25, 2023**

Publishing Date **January 2024**

Payment terms

All rates are net. Payment terms:

100% payment with contract required

All checks made payable to:
Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce

Contact the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce with any questions at 205-425-3253 or LaTasha Cook Williams at 205-283-2659 or email bessemerchamber.events@gmail.com.

Email your high resolution PDF ad to bessemerchamber.events@gmail.com no later than October 25, 2023.

Business card ads should be sent as original design files in PDF format

Need to hire a graphic designer for your ad? The project's graphic designer can design your ad for \$50 per hour. Forward all text, logo, photos, etc. and any instructions to bessemerchamber.events@gmail.com for ad design when reserving your ad space. (This cost is in addition to your ad space cost) Advertiser will be given a proof, the option to edit at no charge and a revised proof. Additional changes to the ad after the revision will be charged at the rate of \$50/hour.

Specify Ad Information

Ad Size Required _____ Ad Cost _____ + Production Rate _____ = \$ _____
(if applicable) **TOTAL COST**

Company: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Method of Payment: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Check ☐ Cash

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV #: _____

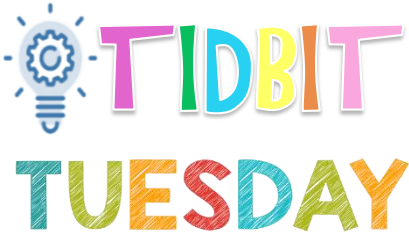
Billing Address (IF different from above): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Print Cardholder's Name: _____ Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

I authorize the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce to charge my credit card for ad rates and agree to pay the above total according to card issuer agreement.

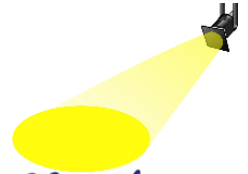
**Email OR mail completed form with payment to Bessemer Chamber
at 321 18th St. N., Bessemer, AL 35020 or bessemerchamber.events@gmail.com.**

MEMBER BENEFITS



Sign up today to have a free video made
to highlight your products & services on
Facebook!

We will accept a video you make
or come make one for you.
(no more than 2 minutes long)



Chamber Member **SPOTLIGHT**

Can you afford not to spotlight your
business free of charge?

Contact us today!

DID YOU KNOW?

Members in good standing are able to use the chamber's meeting room during business hours Monday through Friday
upon request (when available)



Groundbreakings / Ribbon Cuttings are
free to chamber members only!

Have you had one to celebrate your
opening or a complete renovation?



Do you have a company representative that is
passionate about your company and the
Bessemer area? They may be the perfect
candidate for our ambassador program.



Contact us for details and nominate them to
serve today!