



COMMUNIQUE

Celebrating 99 Years

1922 - 2021

NOVEMBER

One of Alabama's Largest Christmas Parades is Back!

The City of Bessemer's Christmas Parade is making a return to the streets of downtown Bessemer on Saturday, December 11th starting at 2pm! After being cancelled due to the pandemic in 2020, the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to resume hosting one of the state's largest Christmas parades, with the theme "A Cure for Christmas". Participants are asked to decorate their vehicles, floats, etc. in the honor or remembrance of someone who has or had cancer. Bessemer Chamber President LaTasha Cook Williams, a cancer survivor, has been selected to serve as the grand marshal for this year's parade!



Take advantage of this great opportunity to partner with the Bessemer Chamber in one of our biggest events of the year! Sponsorships are available for \$300; parade entries are \$30 each. We all know someone personally or know of someone who has survived or lost their courageous fight with cancer. Join us as we dedicate this day in honor or memory of those we love, care about, and miss!



Bessemer Chamber President
LaTasha Cook Williams,
2021 Christmas Parade
Grand Marshal



BESSEMER CHRISTMAS PARADE



"A Cure for Christmas"

DOWNTOWN BESSEMER

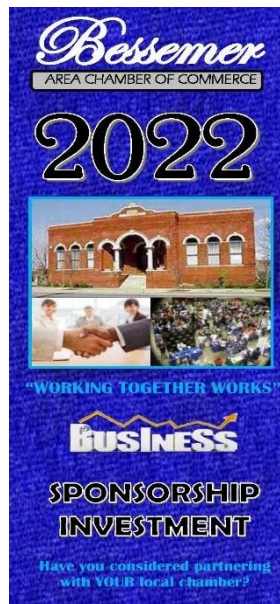
THE PARADE WILL START ON 19TH ST & 1ST AVE @ 2PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 2 PM



CHAMBER NEWS

2022 Bessemer Chamber Corporate Sponsorships Now Available!



The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce looks to celebrate 100 years of service in 2022! Consider partnering with the chamber as a corporate sponsor for this special centennial anniversary, as well as the many exciting events planned all year long! Investments from corporate sponsors helps the chamber to organize and secure funding for yearly programs and events! Sponsors receive an array of benefits for numerous chamber events based on one of the 5 levels of sponsorship chosen: Diamond (\$10,000), Platinum (\$7,500), Gold (\$5,000), Silver (\$3,000), and Small Business Partners (\$1,000). Take the time to review and complete the 2022 Corporate Sponsorship Investment application on page 9! The 2022 Bessemer Magazine will kick off the chamber's celebration at the top of the year! Complete the sponsorship application by Monday, November 15th to be listed and advertised as a 2022 Corporate Sponsor in the Bessemer area's only publication!

Support your local chamber by partnering with us as a corporate sponsor! The Bessemer Chamber is continuing to build relationships within the community that will produce opportunities to create, enhance, and promote the business community and the city of Bessemer!



McCormick's Barber Shop / Performance Auto LLC

Prentice McCormick
730 19th Street North
Bessemer, AL 35020
PH: (205) 368-1393
Email: pmccormick71@gmail.com
*Barber
*Automobile

FedEx Ground

Janett Sanders
3200 Rodeo Court
Bessemer, AL 35022
PH: (659) 235-6682
Email: eric.reese@fedex.com
*Logistics

Dothan Lodge No. 112 Free & Accepted Masons – Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Alabama

Mr. John D. Harris, Jr.
2009 Carolina Avenue
Bessemer, AL 35021
PH1: (205) 401-3775
PH2: (205) 585-8654
Email: dothanlodge112pha@gmail.com
*Non-Profit Organization

Are you a BACOC Member looking to be featured in the Chamber Member Spotlight? Complete the questionnaire on Pages 15-16 today!

Take advantage of FREE advertisement by participating in "Tidbit Tuesdays" specials! For more information, review questionnaire on Page 14

Bessemer
Area Chamber of Commerce
MEMBER

Are you opening a new business and would like to celebrate with a ribbon cutting or groundbreaking ceremony?

Contact the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce to receive and complete the Ribbon Cutting/Groundbreaking Registration Form today! Ceremonies are complimentary on behalf of the BACOC.



CITY/COMMUNITY NEWS

Bessemer City Officials Participate in Program Aimed to Enhance Economic Development



A group of Bessemer city officials are taking part in a new program being offered by the Alabama League of Municipalities. The Economic Development Academy was launched in 2021 by the ALM and is specifically designed to "educate and engage municipal officials on the essential elements and phases of economic development while highlighting their vital role in economic initiatives and projects within their communities."

Councilors (from l to r) Cynthia Donald, Donna Thigpen, Jesse Matthews, and Mayor Kenneth Gulley attended the Academy orientation this morning in Montgomery and will take part in the program, which will include four sessions in 2022 all aimed at helping the city develop strategies to enhance economic development. City leaders taking part in the program will be required to develop a community program/project and will be eligible to graduate from the program with state-recognized certifications in the fall of 2022.

Bessemer City Schools Host 2021 Homecoming Celebration

The Bessemer City HS Purple Tigers received major support as they hosted the Bessemer City Tiger Jam Homecoming Block Party on October 22, 2021! The celebration began at 11am with tailgating at the Bessemer Board of Education, followed by one of the largest homecoming parades to ever hit the streets of downtown Bessemer! The parade concluded at the board of education, where the Purple Tigers held a pep rally before the hundreds in attendance visited the dozens of food trucks and vendors were set up in the area! The Bessemer Chamber staff and a few volunteers were able to show their support by decorating a flatbed and participating in the festivities! Thank you to Wheeler Wrecker for assisting the chamber, and Dr. Autumm Jeter and the Bessemer Board of Education for organizing a wonderful event in the city of Bessemer!



The Bessemer Recreation Center Celebrates Anniversary

The Bessemer Rec Center celebrated their 5th anniversary by hosting a carnival on October 14, 2021! Families and friends in the Bessemer community were able to come out and enjoy free food and candy, music/live DJ, games, prizes, and much more! Food trucks and vendors were on site, as kids also had the opportunity to enjoy a train ride around the park, the center's splash pad, and carnival rides! Congratulations on 5 years of serving the Bessemer community!



For information on upcoming events in the city of Bessemer, view page 6!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ENERGY SAVING TIPS FROM BESSEMER CHAMBER MEMBER, ALABAMA POWER



HEATING

- Buy the right size of heater for the room or area you plan to heat.
- If you've got a programmable thermostat, set it to automatically increase about 10 or 15 minutes before your alarm goes off in the winter, so you can start your day without shivering.
- If you have a fireplace, keep the flue closed when the fireplace is not in use.
- Make sure your heating outlets and return air registers are free from obstructions like furniture or draperies. Vents should be cleaned regularly with a vacuum cleaner or broom.
- Program your thermostat to a temperature setting of 68 degrees or lower during the day and even cooler at night while you're sleeping and snuggled under the covers.
- Have your equipment checked by a qualified dealer each year before the heating or cooling season begins. Even the best insulated home will waste energy unless special attention is given to the efficiency of its mechanical equipment.
- Close all louvers and vents in the attic or foundation walls during the winter.
- Zone heat — only use portable electric space heaters in the room or area you are in. Buy models that are thermostatically controlled.
- Turn the space heater off when no one is around. Unattended, the space heater wastes energy and is a potential fire hazard.
- Set your ceiling fans to the clockwise direction in colder months to help pull the heated air down to the living areas of your home and keep drafts at bay.
- Open your drapes or blinds to take advantage of the sun's rays during the day to help heat your home. Close them on the shaded side of the house and at night.

INSULATION

- Make sure the insulation in your attic is 10-12 inches deep to help keep your home comfortable, and if you have a crawl space or basement, use an insulation wrap to help blanket your living areas.
- Strategically place carpet and rugs in high-traffic areas/rooms of the home. They will help keep bare feet warm.
- Add insulation to your attic. Increasing attic insulation can save up to 30 percent on your heating and cooling costs.

SEALING

- Use weather stripping around areas where frequent movement occurs, like doors and windows. You have some choices to make when it comes to weather-stripping. You may need spring metal, rolled vinyl or adhesive backed weather-stripping, depending on the type of windows and doors you have. Weather-stripping can be purchased by the foot or in kit form, and there is a special kind for double doors, which often are hung with a substantial gap where they meet, so the doors can swing freely.
- Check the weather stripping around your garage door and replace if needed.
- Consider a "door sweep" for the bottom of doors, especially doors leading to the basement and outside.

WATER HEATER

- Use your hot water efficiently each month. Your water heater is the second-largest energy user in your home.
- Increase the insulation around your electric water heater to decrease heat lost to the surrounding air. The thicker the insulation you use, the more energy you will save.
- Install low-flow fixtures to use less water per minute.

WASHER

- Knowing what water temperature to use is key to saving energy while doing the wash. Cold water cleans many fabrics and soils just as well as warm water. Heavily soiled fabrics may require hot water.
- Don't use too much soap. It will make your washer work harder and may require a second wash to remove excess soap. Avoid a second wash by using a presoak product on heavily soiled fabrics.



COMMUNITY NEWS

GENERAL

- Save time and energy by using one oven to prepare the entire meal. A pie or cake can go into the oven as a main dish is removed.
- Choose to buy new equipment instead of repairing it if it's more than 15 years old and has had continuing major repairs. Today's energy-efficient equipment can save enough in operating costs to make up quickly for the initial expense. Consider a heat pump, the most advanced and efficient heating and cooling system available today.
- When cooking on the range, choose pots and pans that evenly cover the heating elements. Use pans with flat bottoms, straight sides and tight-fitting lids that hold heat and permit lower settings.
- Clean range-hood grease filter to ensure proper ventilation.
- Use night-lights, which are low wattage, instead of leaving larger-wattage hall or room lights on at night.
- When cooking fresh or frozen vegetables, use only enough water to produce steam and prevent sticking. Reduce to simmer and cover tightly, so vegetables retain vitamins and minerals - and taste better, too.
- Use lights with a motion sensor and timer or photocell that will automatically turn on at dusk and off at dawn.
- Change air filters more frequently if you have pets.
- Make it a habit to turn off lights that are not being used. It's a good way to avoid wasted energy.
- Get your duct system inspected and repaired if necessary.
- Consider installing task lighting over workbenches and desks to eliminate the need for whole-room lighting.
- Lamps with three-way switches are a good buy. You can lower the settings when less light is required.



- Oven cooking is more economical than surface cooking. When you have both a large and a small oven, use the small one whenever possible.
- Use a slow-cooker or crockpot to cook stews and other single-dish meals. You'll save energy, time and effort.
- Switch out your old holiday lights with LEDs, which use less energy and generally last much longer.
- Consider using a microwave oven, small portable electric frying pan, grill, or toaster/broiler instead of the oven. These small appliances use about 1/3 the power of an oven broiler.
- Install dimmers to allow control of illumination.
- Consider investing in one of today's "smarter" cooking systems. They pair with your smart devices and have automation features to help you cook at the perfect temperature and time, so you're never overcooking a meal.

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR WINTER STORMS FROM BESSEMER CHAMBER MEMBER, BESSEMER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season! To make sure you're prepared, do the following:

- Make sure your furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months.
- If you have a chimney, cleaning needs to be done at least once a year.
- If you have a fireplace, you should have a covered metal container ready to use to dispose cooled ashes from the fireplace.
- If you have an ash container, it should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.
- Make sure children know to stay at least 3 feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters, and that they're always placed at least three feet from anything that can burn like bedding, paper, walls, and even people.
- Test smoke alarms and make sure they are working. Make sure you have them on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area.
- Test carbon monoxide alarms, and make sure they are working. Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

As we move into the holiday season, check out these events happening in the Bessemer area!

**CITY OF BESSEMER
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE
Lighting**
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 28, 2021
DEBARDELEBEN PARK
1623 2ND AVE NORTH
BESSEMER, AL 35020
SPECIAL GIFT GIVEAWAY BY
MAYOR KENNETH E. GULLEY
TICKETS FOR DRAWING
WILL BE GIVEN OUT
BETWEEN 4:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.

BESSEMER CHRISTMAS PARADE

DOWNTOWN BESSEMER
THE PARADE WILL START ON 19TH ST & 1ST AVE @ 2PM
Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 2 pm



Theme: A Cure for Christmas

*They ALL matter * Support Cancer Awareness*

Lymphoma Childhood Cancer Bladder Cancer
Liver Cancer Sarcoma/Bone Cancer
Prostate Cancer Kidney Cancer
Cervical Cancer Ovarian Cancer
Thyroid Cancer Colon Cancer Uterine Cancer
Pancreatic Cancer Leiomyosarcoma Esophageal Cancer
Brain Cancer Melanoma Lung Cancer Testicular Cancer

SPONSOR FEE \$300 **ENTRY FEE \$30**

Decorate your entry in honor of or in memory of someone who has or had cancer...

For more info: www.bessemerchamber.com Facebook page or call 205.425.3253

The City of Bessemer Christmas Parade is hosted by the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce

NURTURING GOLDEN HEARTS
Presents
WITH A HOST OF GREAT PARTNERS
DRIVE-THRU
Meet & Greet
Santa
Saturday
December 18th
10 A.M - 12 P.M.
Bessemer Civic Center Front Entrance
1130 9th Ave SW
Bessemer, AL 35022
Please Follow the Drive Thru Signs
*Masks Are Required
*Treats for the Kids
And Special Surprises
*To participate please email
Nurturinggoldenhearts@gmail.com
or call 205-417-0053
For More Info Please Call
Nurturing Golden Hearts:
205-417-0053
nurturinggoldenhearts.org

PARTNER WITH Nurturing Golden Hearts FOR THE HOLIDAYS
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Adopt A Little Golden Heart
GIRLS- INFANT TO 14YRS
BOYS - INFANT TO 14YRS
Choose your Heart Online at
Nurturinggoldenhearts.org
or
Nurturing Golden Hearts
125 Hueytown Plaza
Hueytown, AL 35023
TO DONATE:
Cashapp: \$NgoldenH
or mail to
P.O. Box 1511
Bessemer, AL 35021-1511

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Chamber Leadership Team



Carlton Jackson
Bessemer Fire Dept.
Chairman



Mitch Avery
Spire
Chairman Elect



Charles King
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Antoinette Madison
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Finance Chairman



Dr. Reginald Calvert
New Jerusalem Baptist Church



Cortney Coleman
Bess. Housing Authority



Bryonda Collins
Chambers Funeral Home



Katie Dugas-Truss
Legacy YMCA



Dr. Autumm Jeter
Bessemer City Schools



Deaunka L. Webster
Individual



Kem L. Marks
Just In Time Legal Solutions



Maj. Cleveland Moore
Jeff. Co. Sheriff's Office



Sheriff Mark Pettway
Jeff. Co. Sheriff's Office



Robert Pollard
Premiere Chevy



William Smith
Marco's Pizza – Bessemer



Paul Teasley
Buffalo Rock



LaVada Varner
Alabama Technology Network



Devron Veasley
Bessemer Development Board

AMBASSADORS



Standing – Left to Right

Daryl Owens (New Jerusalem Baptist Church), Danielle Matthews (Matthews & Associates), Minnie Roper (Retired), Tamala Briggins (Oak Trace Care & Rehabilitation), Donna King (D & K Lawncare), Cathy Ackerman (First Financial Bank)

Sitting – Left to Right

Sarah Belcher (Retired), Claire Mitchell (Retired), Sarah Beasley (Joe Beasley Memorial Foundation, Inc)

Not pictured

Denise Jackson (New Jerusalem Baptist Church), Anna Wooten (First Financial Bank), Sebrana Davis (Salvation Army), Lori Chisem (Lawson State Community College), Dorian Waluyn (Lawson State Community College), Akiliah Haley (Lawson State Community College), Connie Fuell (Dex Imaging)

Ambassadors are the key resource in extending hospitality in the Bessemer area and are experienced in business, community, and promotional arenas.

An Ambassador must serve as an active public relations arm of the Chamber and be prepared to meet visitors, local businesses, and various forms of the media.

We encourage you join the ambassador program. The ambassadors meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 12 pm at the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce.

2021 CORPORATE SPONSORS

PLATINUM SPONSOR



GOLD SPONSORS



**Bessemer
Utilities**
City of Bessemer
Electric & Water
Services

SILVER SPONSORS



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EEFS
ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL &
FORESTRY SERVICES COMPANY

**District Attorney
Lynneice Washington**

SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERS

AMERICA'S FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
CHAMBERS FUNERAL HOME
COMFORT CARE HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE
JUST IN TIME LEGAL SOLUTIONS, INC.
LEGACY YMCA
REGIONAL PARAMEDICAL SERVICES
JULIE BELL, AGENT - STATE FARM INSURANCE
WILLIAM PARSONS, CPA

Diamond SPONSORSHIP \$10,000.00

100th Annual Meeting – Primary Seating of 8 and ½ page in program
Sponsor of Community Service Scholarship
29th Annual Bessemer Business Awards and First Responders Gala
- Primary Seating of 8 and 3 VIP passes or sponsor another chamber premiere event
2 page ad in the 2022 *Bessemer Magazine*
1 page Story in the 2022 *Bessemer Magazine*
Title Sponsor for the Golf Tournament or Membership Event
Plan a Business After Hours on your behalf (Not to exceed \$750)
Up to \$750 credit toward annual membership dues
6th Annual Taste of Bessemer Sponsor and 5 tickets
Marvel City Family Fun Fest Title Sponsor
Spotlight in Chamber Newsletter *The Communique*
4 Full page ads in Chamber's *Communique* throughout the year
Company Logo with website link on Chamber website
Logo recognition at all major events
Chamber listing for up to 3 company representatives
Sponsor for City of Bessemer Christmas Parade
- includes one entry in parade and listing on promotional materials
Pre/Post event advertising

Platinum SPONSORSHIP \$7,500.00

100th Annual Meeting - Table of 8
29th Annual Bessemer Business Awards and First Responders Gala
- Table of 8 and 1 VIP pass or sponsor another chamber event
1 full page ad in the 2022 *Bessemer Magazine* (preferred spot)
½ page story in the 2022 *Bessemer Magazine*
Sponsor for the Golf Tournament or Membership Event
Sponsor of a business after hours on your behalf (Not to exceed \$500)
Up to \$500 credit toward annual membership dues
6th Annual Taste of Bessemer Sponsor
Marvel City Family Fun Fest Title Sponsor
2 full page ads in Chamber's *Communique* throughout the year
Company Logo with website link on Chamber website
Chamber listing for up to 3 company representatives
Sponsor for City of Bessemer Christmas Parade
- includes one entry in parade and listing on promotional materials
Pre/Post event advertising

Gold SPONSORSHIP \$5,000.00

100th Annual Meeting - Table of 8
29th Annual Bessemer Business Awards and First Responders Gala
- Table of 8 or sponsor another chamber premiere event
1 full page ad in the 2022 *Bessemer Magazine*
Silver Sponsor for Golf "FORE" Progress
Plan a business after hours with other gold sponsors (Not to exceed \$250)
Up to \$200 credit toward annual membership dues
6th Annual Taste of Bessemer – 4 tickets
½ page ad in chamber *Communique*
Company Logo with website link on Chamber website
Chamber listing for up to 3 company representatives
Pre/Post event advertising

Silver SPONSORSHIP \$3,000.00

100th Annual Meeting - Table of 8
29th Annual Bessemer Business Awards & First Responders Gala – 2 tickets
1/6 page ad in 2022 *Bessemer Magazine*
Golf "FORE" Progress Golf Tournament
- Team of 4 and Name/Logo on all promotional material)
6th Annual Taste of Bessemer – 2 tickets
¼ page ad in Chamber *Communique* newsletter
Company Logo with website link on Chamber website
Chamber listing for up to 2 company representatives
Pre/Post event advertising

**Any events that are held but not listed will incur an additional cost.*

2022 Sponsorship Investment

SPONSORSHIP INVESTMENT FORM

Please complete the form below and mail to:

321 18th Street North, Bessemer, AL 3502
or fax to 205-425-4979

**Please email a JPG copy of your company logo to
mmilan1@bellsouth.net at this time.**

Company: _____

Contact (1) _____
(2) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

PH: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

ANNUAL INVESTMENT

Diamond _____ (\$10,000) Platinum _____ (\$7,500)

Gold _____ (\$5,000) Silver _____ (\$3,000)

Small Business Partner _____ (\$1,000)

APPROVED BY:

PRINT NAME AND JOB TITLE:

Your signature indicates your agreement to pay the entire
amount owed. Balances not paid in full by July 15, 2022
will be turned over to a collection agency.

CHOOSE METHOD OF PAYMENT

_____ Annual (January 2022)

_____ Semi Annual (January & July 2022)

Payment Options: _____ Check _____ Credit Card

CC# _____

Name on Card _____

Exp. Date _____ CVV# _____ Billing Zip _____

Small Business Partner SPONSORSHIP \$1,000.00

100th Annual Meeting (2 tickets) with option to upgrade
Business card ad in the 2022 *Bessemer Magazine*
Golf "FORE" Progress Golf Tournament – Hole Sponsorship
Business Card ad in one issue of the *Communique* newsletter
6th Annual Taste of Bessemer – 1 ticket
Chamber listing for up to 2 company representatives
Pre/Post event advertising

CELEBRATING

100

YEARS

Save the Date

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

12:00 PM



**The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce invites to
join us as we celebrate our 100th Annual Meeting.**

Bessemer Civic Center at 1130 Ninth Avenue, SW

205-425-3253

www.bessemerchamber.com



Charles A. Long, Sr. Outstanding Civic Award

2022 Nomination Form

Charles A. Long was a devoted business and civic leader whose inspiration and guidance was of tremendous influence during, and after, his long years of leadership and service to Bessemer. The Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce annually presents the prestigious Charles A. Long, Sr. Outstanding Civic Award to a deserving recipient who has served the community in the tradition of Mr. Long. Any living man or woman who has provided leadership and service to the business and civic interests of Bessemer is eligible for nomination. {Past recipients are not eligible for nomination – see page 2 for past winners}. This award will be presented at the 100th Annual Banquet on February 3, 2022.

Complete and Submit Nomination Form to the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce by:

MAIL: PO Box 648, Bessemer, AL 35021

FAX: 205-425-4979

EMAIL: mmilan1@bellsouth.net

Nomination Deadline: Friday, January 14, 2022

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Business/Occupation/Profession _____

Number of Years _____

I. COMMUNITY SERVICE (as evidenced by membership/leadership/support of organizations such as YMCA, YWCA, Boys Club, Girls Inc., Scouts, others)

A. Community Organizations Served (If known, list length of service.)

B. Leadership Roles held in Community Organizations (as evidenced by serving as an officer, chairing committees, serving on special committees, etc.)

II. CIVIC SERVICE (As evidenced by membership/leadership/participation in civic organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, others)

A. Civic Organizations served (If known, list length of service.)

B. Leadership Roles in Civic Organizations (as evidenced by serving as an officer, chairing committees, serving on special committees, etc.)

III. VOLUNTEER SERVICE (as evidenced by participation in activities supportive of Red Cross, Easter Seals, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Cancer Society, American Heart Association, hospitals, nursing homes and public schools, others)

A. Organizations for which Volunteer Service was provided (If known, list length of service).

B. Leadership Positions held with volunteer organizations (as evidenced by serving as an officer, chairing committees, serving on special committees, etc.)

IV. **HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS** the Nominee has received for business, civic, professional, volunteer and/or leadership service.

V. **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT.** Please state in detail why you feel the nominee is deserving of this award.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

VI. **REFERENCES.** Please provide the names and contact information of up to three individuals who can provide additional information in support of this nominee.

VII. PERSON OR ORGANIZATION MAKING NOMINATION

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone Number _____
Signed _____ Date _____

PAST RECIPIENTS

1965 - Charles A. Long, Sr.
1966 - Locke H. Jones
1967 - Norman Fountain
1968 - Jack Lunsford
1969 - Evans Smithson
1970 - Rev. F. E. Jordan
1971 - John R. Lathram
1972 - Milton J. Brooks
1973 - Sara Huey Lewis
1974 - Frank S. Sachs
1975 - Dr. LeRoy L. Holt
1976 - Rev. N.R. Edwards
1977 - Buddy Sokol
1978 - John B. Harris
1979 - Jim Moore
1980 - Vaughn Burrell
1981 - Earl Usher
1982 - Jerry I. Cherner

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1983 - Fred Blackerby
1984 - Tom Gloor
1985 - Ann Self
1986 - John Vines
1987 - Jason Dean
1988 - Ed Kean
1989 - Rev. Cecil E. Nelson
1990 - Ruth Toner
1991 - Jane Mulkin
1992 - Dr. Earl H. Pate, Jr.
1993 - Bonnie Buckner Lipscomb
1994 - Rev. Gerald Price
1995 - A.W. "Gus" Kuhn
1996 - Bessie Pippens
1997 - Margaret Snider
1998 - Ora H. Foster

1999 - Frank D'Alessandro, Jr.
2000 - Dr. Merdith Byram
2001 - Syble R. Shoults
2002 - Don Holmes
2003 - Priscilla Dunn
2004 - Diane Hyché
2005 - Quitman Mitchell
2006 - Anthony Underwood
2007 - Helen Cooley
2008 - Gene Cochran
2009 - Hank Tyler
2010 - Van Sykes
2011 - Nelda Pate
2012 - Joni Holt
2013 - Sarah Beasley
2014 - Ronald W. Acker
2015 - Keith Pennington
2016 - David C. Darby
2017 - Dr. Perry Ward
2018 - Jim Ed Mulkin
2019 - Claire Mitchell

2020
Charles King
2021
Covid
(not awarded)

**Return nominations to the Bessemer Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 648,
Bessemer, AL 35021 or fax to 205-425-4979. Questions? Call us at 205-425-3253**

The Alabama Chambers Benefit Program helps members reduce health benefit costs by providing a unique, specialized program tailored to small and mid-sized businesses that emphasizes wellness, cost saving education, and concierge-level service.

Program Eligibility:

- Each chamber must be a member of the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama and businesses must be a member of a local chamber
- Employees must be working full-time (at least 30 hours a week)
- Company must have two or more employees to apply
- Independent contractors are not eligible

Program Features:

- Customer service team dedicated to delivering an exceptional experience
- Stable health benefit costs
- Access to Smart Health 360 which equips members to live healthy
- 24/7 access to a Doctor through Teladoc with a \$0 copay
- Utilizes the VIVA HEALTH Network

Benefits to Chambers

- Enhanced member satisfaction and retention
- Attractive healthcare program to offer as a member benefit

Benefits to Members

- Easy access to customer service and resources
- Lower and stable health benefit costs

Benefit Program administered by



info@ironrehealth.com



334-245-1099



ccaabenefits.com



TIDBIT TUESDAY

“TIDBIT TUESDAYS” IS A WEEKLY VIDEO HIGHLIGHTING BESSEMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS AND THEIR SERVICES. THE PURPOSE OF THE WEEKLY VIDEOS IS TO EMPOWER AND INFORM VIEWERS ABOUT CHAMBER MEMBERS’ PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

Options for Filming:

1. Record your video (no more than 2 minutes) on your cellular device and submit along with this form to Micole Dudley at bessemerchamber.memberserv@gmail.com.
2. Schedule on site filming, allowing chamber staff to come out and film for you. Contact chamber staff to schedule day and time.

Company: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email address: _____

Quick History of Business: _____

Hours of Operation: _____

Summarized Tuesday Tidbit tips: **(Keep in mind that your useful tip(s) needs to be relevant and tied to the product/service being promoted! See example on back.)**

() Product OR () Service:

Please feel free to add additional pages if needed!

“Tidbit Tuesdays” is a product of the “BUY BESSEMER” Campaign sponsored by:



Bessemer

Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Member

SPOTLIGHT

Your spotlight will be featured in the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter and on the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM, ONE PHOTO AND YOUR COMPANY LOGO, IF APPLICABLE, ASAP.

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Hours of Operation: _____

Owner(s)/Contact Representative(s): _____

Phone (include fax number): _____

E-mail: _____

Website/Social Media: _____

How did your business get started (Brief history)? _____

What products and/or services do you offer? _____

Why did you choose to open your business in the Bessemer area? _____

What is your favorite part about living and/or working in Bessemer? _____

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