



Home for the Holidays

Bessemer City Christmas Parade Friday at 4

BESSEMER CITY - Santa Claus will be star of the annual Bessemer City Christmas parade Friday at 4 p.m. and will lead children in a "Jingle Bell" parade, ringing bells and

singing Christmas carols. New this year is a movie to be shown in the Bessemer City Park downtown. Local school and school groups will be

performing seasonal music and a "Hey" ride, a live nativity scene, the Little Blue Choo Choo, pretty girls, and other entries will be in the lineup as the parade winds the down-

town area. All events are free. There will also be local non-profits who will provide food for purchase during the event. The public is invited.

BC's Christmas Tour of Homes Saturday

BESSEMER CITY - The 14th annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Bessemer City Saturday, Dec. 3, will feature four beautiful homes decorated for the holidays, the Bessemer City History and Arts Museum, Kiser Senior Center and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Tickets are available for \$10 from Sara Cash at Central Drug Store in Bessemer City. On Saturday the tickets are \$12 and all proceeds will be used for Museum improvements.

Bessemer City History & Arts Society is sponsoring the tour from 3-8 p.m. The Museum at 209 W. Washington Avenue is one stop on the tour and copies of the Bessemer City record are sure to be conversation pieces and will be available for visitors to examine. There will also be a silent auction and a hand-crocheted afghan which will be won by raffle.

The beautiful Kiser Senior Center is located at 123 W. Pennsylvania Avenue and the new Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, which began in a home in 1921, now located at 1420 Crowder's Mountain Road.

The beautiful traditional ranch style home of Julie and Beau Steele at 203 W. Gaston Avenue has the feeling of "down home" in

their style of decorating for Christmas. Retired from the military, the Steeles moved from Chicago to Beau's hometown of Bessemer City. Handmade ornaments, quilts, and vibrant colors add charm to the holiday spirit.

Pat Logan moved to her home at 305 North 13th Street four years ago and takes pride in decorating it and also helped her friends at Kings Mountain Hospital decorate several years ago. She collects art, antiques, toy soldiers, 1930's glass vases and pottery and will display them during the tour. Her residence is the former Tucker family home.

The home of Leigh Ann and Tim Rhinehart at 112 W. Washington Avenue was the homeplace of Lloyd and Lu Noblett. Also on tour, the home of Jim and Angela Barringer, 114 West Washington Ave, who live next door in the old First Baptist Church parsonage. Leigh Ann and Jim are grandchildren of Floyd and Lu Noblett and have remodeled and updated their homes, bringing the outside in for their Christmas decor. Vines, curly willow sticks, greenery, hanging wreath chandeliers, ad whimsical hand-painted figures visible everywhere.

"We invite the public," says publicity chairman Susan Jenkins.

Two KM houses on Saturday Home Tour

Are you ever curious as how others decorate for Christmas?

If so, the Cleveland County Arts Council's second annual holiday home tour, which includes seven Cleveland County residences, including two from Kings Mountain and one from Moss Lake, is a must see on Sat., Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This unique tour celebrates the interior design, architecture and holiday decor of area homes. Tickets are \$15 at the Arts Center, 111 S. Washington St., Shelby.

Two beautiful homes in Kings Mountain are on the tour - the home of Mary Ann and Paul Hendricks a 402 Downing Drive and the home of Aimme and Bob Coleman, 706 Oakland Street.

Also on the tour are homes of Suzi and John Kennedy, 49 Heritage Lane, Shelby; Freida and Rod Clouse, Moss Lake, 106 Lakefield Court, Cherryville; Sallie and Linton Suttle, 1306 Montrose D., Shelby; Pauline Cahill and Calvin Caunt, 225 Conifer way,, Shelby, and Myra and William Willis, 517 West Marion St., Shelby.

While you are touring, stop by the Art Center to check out "Handmade for the Holidays" gift gallery. The entire gallery will be transformed into a holiday gift shop filled

with artwork by local and regional artists, available to purchase as gifts or just to take home. Lunch will be available from \$5 from 11-2 p.m. at the Arts Center during the tour.

New this year is a chance to win a beautiful hand decorated artisan wreath. Two winners will be selected from those who attend the tour.

Other holiday events include "Holiday Happy Hour" - food, music, holiday demonstrations and a chance to begin shopping at Handmade for the Holidays Gift Gallery on Dec. 1. Tickets are \$10. Buy tickets for both the Holiday Happy Hour and Holiday Home Tour and save \$5.

From the outside of the Hendricks home, 408 Downing Drive, you would never guess that this beautiful contemporary home is actually very traditional on the inside. The home's true focal point is the recently remodeled kitchen which also serves as an intimate den. The master bath has recently been renovated with beautiful tile and granite. From the living room you can see the unique and relaxing water feature with several large koi, plus a wonderful view of the KM Country Club golf course lake and 5th green.

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Historic Howser Home



Standing in front of the Howser House are re-enactors Anita and Doyle Campbell talking to Mike and Jill Hensen. The Historic Howser House, only open to the public twice a year, was open last Saturday for tours on the grounds of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

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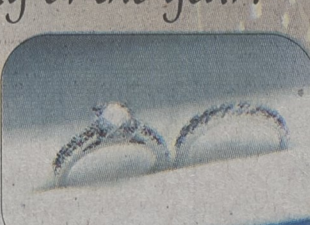
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