



# Beautifully Bessemer

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**Welcome to Bessemer,  
Neighborhood  
Housing Services!**

**We look forward to  
many great things  
happening in  
Bessemer!**

### Quote of the Day

“A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.”

Henrik Ibsen



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## Operation Paintbrush is Coming to Bessemer—September 11th

Is your home in need of exterior painting? Or does one of your neighbor’s homes in need of painting? If so, give Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) a call.



NHS is holding their 21st Annual Operation Paintbrush this September 11th. NHS will paint 30 homes, with 20 of these homes located in NHS’ Bessemer pilot neighborhood. This pilot neighborhood is on Pine and Spruce Streets between Northern and Summit.

Through this program, a group of volunteers will paint your home . In addition to receiving the benefit of volunteer painters, you may qualify to receive the paint for your home at no charge to you. If you are low-income, elderly, or disabled, or know of someone in your neighborhood that could use a helping hand, call Sandy at NHS at 544-8078 to obtain an application. Applications are due to the NHS office at 825 N. Greenwood Avenue by Wednesday, July 14th.

## Bethlehem Baptist Church

Bethlehem Baptist Church is pleased to offer a new program for young girls. The Debutant Program, which is held every other Monday from 5pm to 7pm for girls ages 10 through 17 is a mentoring program that prepares young ladies for adulthood. The main focus of this program is “True Love Waits”—a program that encourages abstinence. To participate, call Bethlehem Baptist at 542-0420.

Bethlehem Baptist is proud to host the Bessemer youth in Parks & Recreation activities. Parks & Recreation is held at the church Monday through Friday beginning at 10 am to noon and 1pm to 3pm. Free lunch program is provided by members of the church.

Dear Bessemer Friends, Neighbors and Residents

I hope you are having a great summer. I wanted to recognize Mr. Paul Arriaga and his Recreation Solution Team for all their hard work in putting together a whole menu of summer activities for kids. To those of you who have kids, grandkids, nephews, nieces and neighbors I am begging and pleading — Please don't let your kids sit in front of a television set all summer. It's unhealthy for you and unhealthy for your kids. We have swimming classes at the Bessemer Park Pool. There are tennis lessons at Central High School's brand new tennis courts. Your children can get books everyday from 12:00 to 3:00 with the Pueblo Public Library in Bessemer Park. Girls can participate in a Girl Scout program 2 days a week in the Bessemer Park on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 to 12:00. Then there is basketball and baseball at Stauter Field. CSU Pueblo's base ball coach will be hosting a FREE baseball clinic in the Bessemer Park in early July—watch for details.

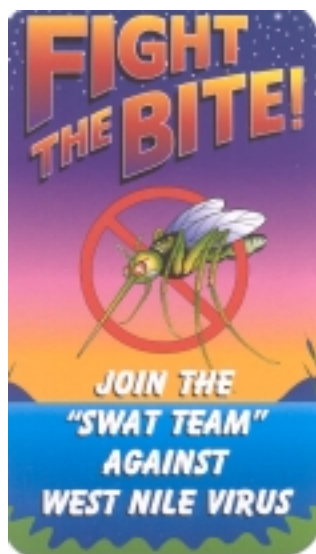


Congratulations to the Joe Santos family for the re-naming of the Bessemer Baseball Field to the Joe Santos Baseball Field.

We are excited that Neighborhood Housing Services is going to be moving into a building on the 1200 block of E Routt.

Hope you have a Great Summer !

Ray Aguilera, City Council D4



Defend yourself against mosquitoes:  
**DRAIN** standing water around the house weekly since it's where mosquitoes lay eggs, including tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, toys and puddles.  
**DUSK & DAWN** are when mosquitoes that carry the virus are most active, so limit outdoor activities or take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.  
**DEET** is an effective ingredient to look for in insect repellents. Always follow label instructions carefully.  
**DRESS** in long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk or in areas where mosquitoes are active.  
**WEST NILE VIRUS SYMPTOMS** include fever, severe headache, weakness, stiff neck and a rash. If you develop these symptoms, contact your health care provider immediately.  
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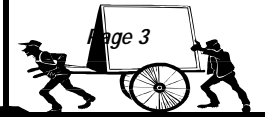


**DESAGUE** agua estancada alrededor de la casa (en llantas, cubos de basura, macetas, canalones y charcos) pues ahí ponen huevos los mosquitos. Corte la hierba y arbustos y no riegue demasiado.  
**AL ATARDECER Y AMANECER** están más activos los mosquitos que portan el virus. Evite actividades afuera o tenga precauciones para prevenir picaduras.  
**"DEET"** es un ingrediente que deben tener los repelentes de insectos para que sean efectivos. Siga las instrucciones.  
**VISTASE** con camisas de manga larga y pantalones cuando esté afuera en la tarde o al amanecer o donde haya muchos mosquitos.  
 Los síntomas del virus Nilo Occidental incluyen fiebre, dolor de cabeza severo, debilidad, cuello rígido y sarpullido. Si usted desarrolla estos síntomas, póngase en contacto con su proveedor de asistencia médica inmediatamente.  
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Crime Stoppers — 542-7867 — **Always confidential** to report any crime, suspicious activity or information.  
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Finance Department, Lara Barett, 1 City Hall Place, 81003 — 553-3625  
Fire Department, Chief Greg Miller, 1551 Bonforte Blvd, 81001 — 553-2830 or **911 for emergencies**  
Health Department, 151 Central Main, 81003 — 583-4300  
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Parkview Hospital, 400 W 16th St., 81003 — 584-4000  
Police Department, Chief James Billings Jr, 130 Central Main, 81003 — 553-2538 or **911 for Emergencies**  
Pueblo County Commissioners, 215 W 10th St, 81003 — 583-6536  
Pueblo City/County Library District, 100 E Abriendo, 81004 — 562-5600  
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Public Bldgs — 566-1445; Traffic Maintenance — 553-2319; Wastewater — 553-2298  
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revitalize neighborhoods & promote affordable housing.*

*"BAND's Mission is to develop Bessemer into  
a clean & safe neighborhood that promotes quality of life  
for its residents, prosperity for its businesses and  
education for our future."*

**Please RSVP for Dinner to 560-3333**

**BAND Neighborhood Meeting**

Zaragosa Hall — 1339 E Routt

(Special Thank You to the McCulley Family)

6 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

7 p.m. Meeting

**Tuesday July 27th**

**Our Program —LEAD Hazards and Safety**

**West Nile Virus Information**

Please attend to learn

**Recreations Solutions Team Meeting**

6:30 p.m. Wed Aug 11th — Minnequa Park Fountain

**Operation Paintbrush**

Sept 11 — 7 a.m.

Volunteers Needed to paint 20 homes

**26th Annual Southern Colorado**

**ICS Chili Cook-Off**

Minnequa Park

Sept 12th — Great Family Fun