



Bessemer Association for Neighborhood Development

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Dear Bessemer Resident:

Welcome to our second neighborhood newsletter in 2004. I hope it continues to be informative and educational. We received great comments and feedback on our March newsletter. By request, our important handout sheets are provided in both Spanish and English.

A special thank you to all the residents and businesses that became a member of BAND. Your dues monies will be used to further our progress in revitalization of our neighborhoods and business district. We appreciate all the letters, email and telephone calls that resulted from the first newsletter.

BAND and NHS (Neighborhood Housing Services) are well on our way to improving the 12 block target area. We are very proud to welcome NHS to Bessemer, they have purchased the Dollar Store in the 1200 block of Routt. This demonstrates their long term commitment to Bessemer, will revitalize one more empty building, plus will bring needed training services in home repair and home financing into the heart of Bessemer. Thank you NHS for your willingness to help us!

Enclosed is a very important article on a proposed Bessemer Conservation District. Please study this proposal and provide our neighborhood planner, Mr. David Cockrell, with your comments. Call or email him at 553-2249 or [dcockrell@pueblo.us](mailto:dcockrell@pueblo.us).

BAND is proud to introduce Karen LaBlond Pottery are our artist to again provide our memorial tiles in Old Bessemer Plaza. New orders and the fulfillment of old existing orders can now begin. The 4” tile will sell for \$35 and the 8” tile for \$140. Call 560-3333 or email to [tiles@goband.us](mailto:tiles@goband.us) to receive your order forms. Don't forget to provide your full name, mailing address, and return phone number.

BAND welcomes you to enjoy the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Colorado ICS Red and Green Chili Cook Off, to be held in Bessemer Park on Sunday September 12. Great food and fun for all.

Please help us! We need leaders and volunteers to further our mission. I ask that you consider applying for the Board of Directors, volunteer to help on a Solutions Team, work a fund raising event, or joining as a member. Each and everyone one of us has something extra to contribute to the success of Bessemer's revitalization. Those that are helping now, have discovered that their efforts do make a difference.

Please consider helping us.

With Regards,

Dave

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