

# Know Your Neighborhood



**Brought to you by the Bessemer, Eilers, & Grove Improvement Network (BEGIN)**

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# What Makes Us Unique?

The Bessemer, Eilers, and Grove neighborhoods are unique gems of our Steel City. These neighborhoods are rich with history and beautiful culture. The neighborhoods are filled with Italian, Slavic, Swedish, Hispanic and many other ethnic groups who came together during the push of the smelters and steel mill. Today, through the historic churches, you can still see the presence of these cultures. These three neighborhoods remain strong and united. Together, they create a wonderful place to live.

**This brochure was created by BEGIN to help inform you about groups, organizations, and resources available and how to get the most out of living in your neighborhood.**

## Get Involved in Your Neighborhood

### ***Bessemer Association for Neighborhood Development (B.A.N.D.)***



A resident-driven community organization promoting development, safety, and prosperity in Pueblo's Bessemer neighborhood

Email: [dericnsd@gmail.com](mailto:dericnsd@gmail.com)  
Phone: 719-281-6520

### ***Eiler Heights Neighborhood Association***

A resident neighborhood association working to improve the Eiler Heights/Bojon Town neighborhood.

Email: [eilerheights@hotmail.com](mailto:eilerheights@hotmail.com)  
Phone: 719-924-3050

## ***Eiler Heights/Bojon Town, Bessemer, and Grove Neighborhood Watch***

A neighborhood watch group dedicated to protecting the residents in the Bessemer, Eilers, and Grove neighborhoods.



Contact: Officer Brandon Beauvais

Email: [bbeauvais@pueblo.us](mailto:bbeauvais@pueblo.us)

Phone: 719-553-2484

## ***The Grove Neighborhood Association***

A neighborhood association in the Grove neighborhood dedicated to improving the community.

Email: [psrenfee@hotmail.com](mailto:psrenfee@hotmail.com)

Phone: 719-553-2484

## ***The Community Advisory Group for Colorado Smelter***

An independent, non-partisan group consisting of a balance of diverse interests affected by and concerned about the site and the cleanup process of the Colorado Smelter Site. The overarching goal of the group is to have an effective cleanup completed in 2019. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 5:30 – 7: 30 pm at NeighborWorks of Southern Colorado (1241 E Routt Ave, Pueblo CO 81004).

Email: [guerra.valeria@epa.gov](mailto:guerra.valeria@epa.gov)

Phone: 303-312-6508

## ***The Bessemer, Eilers, & Grove Improvement Network (BEGIN)***

BEGIN is a group of local neighborhood leaders working to increase physical activity, improve community safety, connectedness, and pride throughout the Bessemer, Eilers, and Grove neighborhoods.

The group's goal is to complete community development projects as well as provide tools and education to work with community leaders. The focus is to improve the built environment and implement systems and policy changes throughout the neighborhoods.

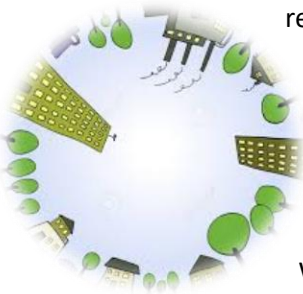
BEGIN meets every first Wednesday of the month from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm at NeighborWorks (1241 E Routt Ave. Pueblo, CO 81004). If unable to attend, there are other options for getting involved.

Email: [alexis.romero@pueblocounty.us](mailto:alexis.romero@pueblocounty.us)

Phone: 719-583-4480

## ***The Substance Use Response Ecosystem (SURE)***

A group of diverse individuals in Pueblo creating a collective effort to reduce the number of deaths, addiction related hospitalizations, and drain on community resources as it relates to substance use in the community.



Email: [ryan.turner@pueblocounty.us](mailto:ryan.turner@pueblocounty.us)

Phone: 719-583-4512

Website: [facebook.com/SUREPueblo](https://facebook.com/SUREPueblo)

# Advise City Council & Mayor

## ***City and County Boards and Commissions***

Did you know the Pueblo City Council has over 20 different boards and commissions advising on matters concerning the community? These boards and commissions are made of citizen volunteers advising the City Council and County Commissioners on various matters. Your voice can be heard on many matters regarding the City and County of Pueblo. To learn more, visit the city's website.

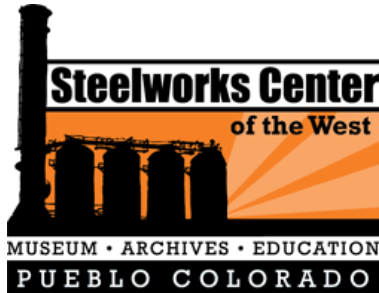
Website: [pueblo.us/84/Boards-Commissions](http://pueblo.us/84/Boards-Commissions)

City Clerk's Office: 719-553-2669

# Volunteer in Your Community

## ***Steelworks Museum of the West (Bessemer Historical Society)***

Volunteer and help the Steelworks Museum of the West (Bessemer Historical Society) to support and preserve the museum and archives of CF&I, which was important to the history and development of Pueblo and Southern Colorado.



Website: [steelworks.us/index.php/about/contact-us/](http://steelworks.us/index.php/about/contact-us/)

Volunteer Form: visit the website at the link above

Email: [info@steelworks.us](mailto:info@steelworks.us)

Phone: 719-564-9086 ext. 104

Give Your Input

## ***The Pueblo Volunteer Center***

The Pueblo Volunteer Center is a referral program funded by the Packard Foundation and SRDA to meet the needs of volunteers, public agencies, and non-profits in the community.

Website: [facebook.com/pueblovolunteercenter/](https://facebook.com/pueblovolunteercenter/)

Email: [cityvolunteer@srda.org](mailto:cityvolunteer@srda.org)

Phone: 719-553-3458

## ***Volunteer Match***

The Volunteer Match is a website that helps select volunteer opportunities for individuals wanting to help their community. Create a login, select your interests, and then get matched with volunteer opportunities near you.

Website: [volunteermatch.org](https://volunteermatch.org)

## ***CASA of Pueblo***

CASA of Pueblo is an organization dedicated to advocate for abused and neglected children by providing a voice in the courts and in the community through trained volunteer advocates.

Website: [casaofpueblo.org/home](https://casaofpueblo.org/home)

Contact Phone: 719-583-6326

# Parks and Open Spaces Near You

## ***Lake Minnequa Veteran's Memorial Park***

Large community park located near Bessemer neighborhood with a picnic pavilion, walking and biking trails, basketball courts, fishing, football fields, and ample parking for families and individuals.

Lake Minnequa Park & Open Space sits on approximately 270 acres.



Location: 3001 Palmer Ave,  
Pueblo CO 81005

Website: [puebloparks.us](http://puebloparks.us)



## ***Bessemer Park***

A large neighborhood park sitting on 7.33 acres of land located in northern Bessemer. The park has a softball field, gazebo, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, restrooms, and a swimming pool/splash pad.

Location: 715 Central Ave, Pueblo CO 81004

Website: [puebloparks.us](http://puebloparks.us)

## ***J.J. Raigoza Park***

A neighborhood park sitting on 7.5 acres in southern Bessemer. Located in the park are basketball courts, a horseshoe pit, playground equipment, and restrooms.

Location: 600 Maryland, Pueblo CO 81004

Website: [puebloparks.us](http://puebloparks.us)

## ***Benedict Park***

A neighborhood park sitting on 2.28 acres located in Eilers



Heights/Bojon Town. It has a baseball field, basketball courts, gazebo/shelter, and playground.

Location: 310 E Mesa Ave,  
Pueblo CO 81004

Website: [puebloparks.us](http://puebloparks.us)

## ***Stauter Field***

Just north of the Bessemer neighborhood is a park dedicated to youth baseball fields, basketball courts and restrooms. Pueblo's youth city t-ball games are played at this park. Take your family out to watch a game.

Location: 600 Abriendo Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004

Website: [puebloparks.us](http://puebloparks.us)

## ***Runyon Lake and Trail***

Sitting on thirty-five acres just southeast of the Grove neighborhood is a large lake where residents can fish for rainbow trout, saugeye, walleye, channel catfish, and black crappie. Floating tubes or carry-on crafts can be used or propelled by hand. There is also a river trail that circles the lake as well as connects to the Arkansas and Fountain creek trail systems throughout Pueblo, Colorado.

Location: 100 Locust St, Pueblo CO 81003

Website: [puebloparks.us](http://puebloparks.us)





## ***Moynihan Park***

A small neighborhood park sitting on 1.7 acres nestled in the Grove area. It is equipped with a basketball court and playground equipment.

Location: 309 Spring St, Pueblo CO 81003

Website: [puebloparks.us](http://puebloparks.us)

Moynihan Park sits  
on 1.7 acres.



Pueblo City Schools has partnered with Pueblo Parks and Recreation to allow the public to use school greenspaces and playgrounds when school is not in session.

**For more information about local parks, trails, and open spaces visit**  
[www.puebloparks.us](http://www.puebloparks.us)

## **Neighborhood Events**

### ***Our Lady of Mt Carmel Annual Church Festival in the Grove***

In the Grove, one historic parish hosts an annual festival for the entire community to attend. There is food, fun, music, friends, and celebration. Follow Our Lady of Mt Carmel for updates on fun events.

Facebook Page: [facebook.com/pages/Our-Lady-of-Mt-Carmel/111698205535501](https://facebook.com/pages/Our-Lady-of-Mt-Carmel/111698205535501)

Phone: 719-542-5952

Address: 421 Clark St, Pueblo CO 81003



## ***Annual Bessemer Extravaganza***

Once a year during the holiday season, Bessemer Academy partners with the Pueblo Poverty Foundation to make the Christmas season brighter for those less fortunate. The community helps provide kids stockings with toys and treats, a visit from Santa, and fun for the whole family to enjoy. Follow Bessemer Academy Facebook page for updates

Facebook Page: [facebook.com/BessemerAcademyPCS60/](https://facebook.com/BessemerAcademyPCS60/)

Email: [raguilera@pueblo.us](mailto:raguilera@pueblo.us)

Phone: 719-415-0400

## ***St Francis Xavier Festival***

The St Francis Xavier Church in the Bessemer neighborhood hosts an all nations festival open to the public where residents can spend time playing games, eating food, participating in raffles, and enjoying their neighbors' company



Website: [facebook.com/events/219250951924867/](https://facebook.com/events/219250951924867/)

Phone: 719-564-1125

Location: 611 Logan Ave, Pueblo CO 81004

**There are many other local neighborhood events, festivals, etc. happening year round. Talk to your neighbors or visit [www.puebloevents.net/](http://www.puebloevents.net/) and find out what's happening near you.**

If you know of any other local events happening in the Bessemer, Eilers, and/or Grove neighborhoods and wish to have them included in this brochure, submit them to [alexis.romero@pueblocounty.us](mailto:alexis.romero@pueblocounty.us)

# Places to Visit in Your Neighborhood

## ***Kadoya Gallery at Watertower Place***



A local art gallery that features the work of emerging artists from Pueblo, Southern Colorado, and beyond.

Location: 303 Santa Fe Ave, Pueblo CO 81003

Email: [info@kadoyagallery.com](mailto:info@kadoyagallery.com)

Phone: 719-320-6315

## ***Steelworks Center of the West***

The Steelworks Museum is a local museum that features exhibits on the history of mining, steel production, industrialization, and more.

Location: 215 Canal St, Pueblo CO 81004

Website: [steelworks.us](http://steelworks.us)

Phone: 719-564-9086

## ***Blo Back Gallery***

A local gallery that has a mission to *“Provide an uncensored platform that may challenge what we believe to be true.”* The gallery provides exhibits that range from solo to group shows, themed art exhibits, poetry, music, and performance art. New shows happening every month.



Location: 131 Spring St, Pueblo CO 81004

Website: [blobackgallery.com](http://blobackgallery.com)

Phone: 719-564-9086

**For more information about places to visit in Pueblo, Colorado, visit [pueblo.org/visit-pueblo](http://pueblo.org/visit-pueblo)**

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## More Local Resources

### ***Pueblo Parks and Recreation***

The Pueblo Parks and Recreation works to improve quality of life by offering many recreation and leisure opportunities, parks and recreation facilities, and partnerships to maximize resources.

You can find areas to bike, walk, play, and gather by visiting the website.



Website: [puebloparks.us](http://puebloparks.us)

### ***Choose Pueblo***

Many families and individuals have chosen to make Pueblo, Colorado their forever home. Choose Pueblo is a site dedicated to highlighting all the wonderful things our city has to offer and the amazing people in it. Visit their site to learn all the things there is to love about your home.

Website: [choosepueblo.com](http://choosepueblo.com)

### ***City of Pueblo***



City of Pueblo website includes anything you want to know about Pueblo, find frequently asked questions including public transit, city council meetings and minutes, and many other opportunities and resources.

Website: [pueblo.us](http://pueblo.us)

## ***Community Resources Directory***

If you are searching for resources and opportunities offered in Pueblo, you can find them listed on the Pueblo Step Up website. You can find resources and programs that help with healthcare, disability services, family services, youth organizations, housing and referral services, and much more. If you want to know what is available in your community, visit their website.

Website: [pueblostepup.org/pueblo-resources-directory](http://pueblostepup.org/pueblo-resources-directory)

Phone: 719-557-5886

Location: 1925 E Orman Ave Suite A640, Pueblo CO 81004

## ***NeighborWorks of Southern Colorado***

NeighborWorks is a registered non-profit organization offering financial education, home purchasing tools, and many other programs to help serve the Pueblo Community.



Website: : [nwsoco.org](http://nwsoco.org)

Phone: 719-544-8078

Location: 1241 E Routt Ave, Pueblo CO 81004



## ***Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment***

The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) is a local resource available to all residents of Pueblo County. The services provided include, but are not limited to; family planning services, immunizations,

health education programs, birth and death certificates, emergency preparedness and response programs, inspections and testing, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, and much more.

If you are interested in learning what PDPHE has to offer, visit the website or call for more information.

Website: [PuebloHealth.org](http://PuebloHealth.org)

Phone: 719-583-4300

Location: 101 W. 9th St, Pueblo CO 81003

### ***Colorado 2-1-1***

If you are looking for local, state, or national community resources, call or visit 2-1-1 to learn about resources available in your area. 2-1-1 has a large database of resources to search by service type, zip code, or key word.

Website: <https://211colorado.communityos.org/cms/home>

Phone: 719-583-6611 or 800-762-6169

Location: 230 North Union Ave, Pueblo CO 81003

## **Local Food Hot Spots and Businesses**

Interested in finding a new favorite restaurant or want to learn about local businesses in your area?

**Ask one of your neighbors to help guide you or visit [pueblo.us/31/Our-Community](http://pueblo.us/31/Our-Community)**

## Superfund Neighborhoods

From 1883 to 1908, nestled in a large ravine between the Grove and Eilers Heights was the Colorado Smelter. The smelter extracted silver-lead ore which helped bring many jobs and families to Pueblo. Since 1908 there has been concern about high levels of lead and arsenic in the surrounding neighborhood soils.

Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency, Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment, and Colorado Department of Health and Environment have been working together to recruit residents to get their yard soils tested and to get contaminated yards cleaned in the neighborhoods. There is a push to help revitalize the community after the clean ups.

**For more information about yard sampling, yard cleanup, revitalization efforts, contact Jasmine Guerra (EPA): 303-312-6508**

## The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment Lead Program

The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment Lead Program is dedicated to educate residents on how to prevent and reduce lead exposures in and around their homes. Lead effects everyone, however, the most at risk populations are children, women of child-bearing age, pregnant, or nursing women. The health effects of lead may not be easily seen or recognized and may last years. Schedule an appointment for testing at Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment or at your home. The test is a small finger prick that will show lead exposure for the past 30 days. Testing is important for all children 1-6 years, all children never tested up to the age of 16, women of childbearing age (11-44), pregnant or nursing women, or those living in the Superfund Neighborhoods. A healthy home assessment addresses possible lead exposure. The assessment includes interior and exterior paint evaluation, indoor dust wipe sampling, and consumer product testing. For questions or concerns about lead or if you live in the Superfund neighborhood, contact:

**Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment: 719-583-4307**

# Why I Love My Neighborhood

*“My neighborhood of Bojon Town/Eilers is a great place to live. There isn't a lot of noise, it is secure, but most of all, the neighbors are helpful, we help one another with snow removal from sidewalks, and pick up trash to keep our street clean, and we watch out for one another to keep our street safe. There is no place like home, and that is my neighborhood”.*

- Rick Romero, Bojon Town/Eilers

*“The Grove is a small, primarily residential, neighborhood located on both sides of South Santa Fe Avenue just south of the river walk. One of the first neighborhoods established in Pueblo in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It consists of single family residences, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and a small commercial district that runs on both sides of South Santa Fe Avenue.*

*The homes are a mix of longtime residents as well as rentals, almost all of which are of modest size and construction. The commercial area along Santa Fe is host to a range of businesses which include ABC Plumbing and Electrical Supplies, Fox's Garden Supply, Animal Kingdom, Sam's Carpet One Floor and Home, Adams Electric, Sonic Drive-In, Janessa's Gourmet Potica, Star Bar, Patty's Night Club, and the Grove Tavern among others.*

*Watertower Place, on Santa Fe Avenue, is currently redeveloping the ABC Packing plant into multi-use retail and commercial space that will be home to restaurants, art galleries, retail shops, and commercial uses. When completed this will be a great addition to both the Grove neighborhood and downtown Riverwalk. Also, the new Blo Back Art Gallery is located just down Spring Street.*

*Recreationally, there are several opportunities for outdoor pursuits right in the neighborhood. Runyon Lake is located just east of Santa Fe Avenue and they provide great opportunities for fishing, walking, biking, and all around outdoor experiences in the heart of the city. Also, located*



*in the Runyon Lake area is the Runyon Lake Sports Complex which is home to multiple baseball fields that provide a playing location for baseball players, softball players, parents, fans and is Southern Colorado's premier sports complex. Walking and biking trails surround the lake and link up to other paved walkways that in turn connect to the Arkansas River trail that goes along the river all the way to the Nature Center and Lake Pueblo.*

*I have lived in the Grove since 2007 and find it to be a very comfortable neighborhood, centrally located, convenient to services and composed of friendly, supportive neighbors."*

- **Paul Renfree, The Grove**

To learn more about community improvement projects happening in your neighborhood, please visit [nwsoco.org/what-we-do/ced/community-initiatives/begin.html](https://nwsoco.org/what-we-do/ced/community-initiatives/begin.html)

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