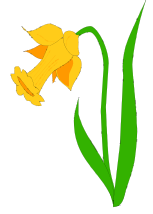


April  
2011

# OUR TOWN BESSEMER

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## Busy Bees

I know it is too early for bees, but I am speaking about the Spartan Committee and the DDA, who are busy as bees working on all the new town projects. And they are making progress, which we will all see in just a month or two.

### *Bessemer Ethnic Commons*

But the greatest news is that Bessemer has submitted a grant to the state to receive funding for The *Bessemer Ethnic Commons*. What is the Bessemer Ethnic Commons? Glad you asked! It is a complete redoing of Mary Street between Moore and Sophie Streets. In reality, it will be a block-long park, a common area for the people of Bessemer to come and visit a while, and also to be used for community gatherings. There will be benches, and picnic tables, and trees and flowers, and six special memorials honoring the ethnic origins of those who first settled in the area. There will even be an outdoor gazebo. There will be new sidewalks, curbs, streetlights, signage and more. It will be a first-class addition to our town. A picture of the proposed

site is on the backside of this paper. Now, it is not cast in stone, and can still be modified, but it is a picture of the proposed project.

Bessemer's Ethnic Commons will be a gateway to the new walking trails, which will surround Bessemer. It is so convenient to our downtown shopping and area restaurants. And, it will look so nice from Route 2. It will definitely help to beautify our downtown.

Coleman Engineering did all the legwork, and even wrote the grant. Denise Stephens put in scores of hours on this, and Tom Chatel too. This grant had to be submitted by April 1st, and these people made the deadline. We just can't thank them enough for giving of their time, which is their life, to see Bessemer become once more not only a great place to live, but a thriving community for all.

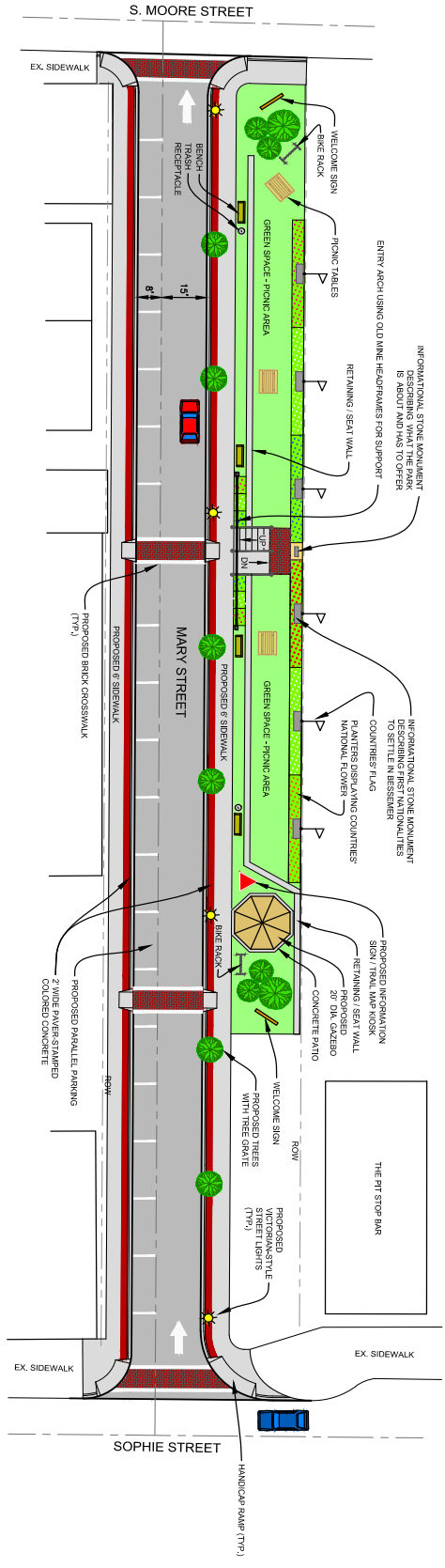
And there is still time to give monies to help us purchase benches and flowerpots. Any size contribution will be received with gratitude. Just stop in at City Hall to make your donation.

### **Beautify Bessemer One Spot at a Time.**

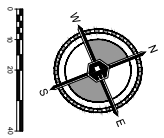
Yes, let's make that our motto—If you are a homeowner, beautify your little spot. Pick those weeds, plant a few extra flowers, paint the trim. Brighten your spot. If we all brighten the spot where we live, won't Bessemer be a beautiful town?

Yes, if you are a business owner, beautiful your business. How about fixing the outside of your store to make it more attractive, not only for your customers, but those who walk or drive by it? Clean up the surrounding area, whether it be land or sidewalks. There is nothing pretty about weeds growing between the sidewalk cracks.

If we all just do our own part, we can make a difference together. And, those of us with elderly neighbors, who just might not be able to pick their weeds, why not lend a neighborly hand? Let's make Bessemer a picturesque community of well cared for homes and businesses. And what will that say about us? That the people of Bessemer have community spirit and pride, and they care about their community and care about each other. Won't you join in to *beautify Bessemer one spot at a time*?



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 SITE PLAN VIEW

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PROPOSED SITE PLAN  
 MARY STREET ETHNIC COMMONS AND REGIONAL RANGE  
 TRAILHEAD PROJECT, BESSEMER, MICHIGAN

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