



CALL TO ARTISTS

The Pawtucket PAINTBOX Project: Artists Enhance Utility Boxes in City Neighborhoods

Mayor Donald Grebien and the Department of Planning and Redevelopment invite artists to incorporate visual art on municipal infrastructure equipment with the goal to increase cultural expression and promote public engagement throughout various neighborhoods in Pawtucket.

Project Overview

The Pawtucket PAINTBOX Project, organized by the Advisory Commission on Arts and Culture, is intended to recognize and celebrate local artists. Artists are asked to paint City of Pawtucket utility boxes with original designs. Once professionally painted, these utility boxes in various neighborhoods will contribute to the vitality and attractiveness of the urban streetscape and deter graffiti.

Process

- Artists must live in or have permanent office or studio space in the State of Rhode Island.
- Artists must be 18 or older.
- Up to 3 designs by each artist will be considered.
- Selections will be made by the members of the Advisory Commission on Arts and Culture.
- Artists will be notified if and when their designs are selected.
- **Deadline for submissions is March 6, 2017.**

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Participating artists may receive a \$300 stipend for the cost of all materials required to complete and protect their artwork.

Design Guidelines

- Artwork must be original.
- Artists must avoid dark palettes in order to prevent boxes from overheating in the sun.
- Designs may be representational or abstract but must respond to the urban context and be appropriate given the location and audience.
- Utility box size may vary; selected artists must be willing to adjust designs to their particular box.

Pawtucket PAINTBOX Application

Please submit up to 3 designs with a completed application and appendices by either:

Email to:

jrosa@pawtucketri.com

Subject: Pawtucket PAINTBOX

Mailed to:

OR

Pawtucket PAINTBOX

City of Pawtucket Planning & Redevelopment

137 Roosevelt Avenue

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Artist or Organization Name: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website URL: _____

Application checklist:

- Completed application with artist signature
- Designs (up to 3), including color scheme and materials list
- Artist statement of intent, description of concept and approach
- Preferred PAINTBOX Location(s)
- Curriculum vitae (Optional)

* Please note the operational use of the boxes (hinges, vents, locks and keyholes) cannot be painted over. Artists must avoid dark palettes in order to prevent boxes from overheating.

Other Items to Consider:

- The City maintains a list of preferred PAINTBOX locations/neighborhoods [enclosed]; however, consideration will be given if the artist proposes a specific location that is not included on this list.
- The utility boxes must be scraped, cleaned and primed before the artists can begin painting. We suggest taping over functional areas and spraying automobile primer.

- Only durable materials may be used in the creation of the artwork. Artists must avoid dark palettes in order to prevent boxes from overheating in the sun.
- Artists must supply their own water.
- Drop cloths should be used at all times while painting.
- Applied paint must not interfere with the operation of the box's hinges, vents and locks, in addition to the legibility of any cautionary text on the box.
- Artists are responsible for protecting their work from the elements and possible vandalism with a protective varnish and coating of wax (Butcher's Wax may be applied manually and buffed to a finish).
- Passage on the sidewalk for pedestrians must be maintained at all times. Blocking traffic or lanes of the street may only be done in coordination with project staff and City officials.

Terms of Agreement

All artists selected for the Pawtucket PAINTBOX project must agree to the following:

- The work submitted by the artist is original, solely owned by the artist and reproduction will not violate the rights of any third party. Since the artistic designs leading up to and including the final design and dimension of the artwork are unique, the artist shall not make any additional, exact duplicate reproductions of the final design and dimension nor shall the artist grant to a third party the right to replicate the artistic designs and dimensions of the artwork without the written permission of the City.
- The accepted artwork developed under this contract shall be the exclusive property of the City of Pawtucket.
- The artist grants to the City of Pawtucket an irrevocable license to make reproductions of the artwork and the final designs to be used in brochures, media, publicity and catalogs or other similar publications.
- The artwork may be removed and/or destroyed at any time without notification of the artist to accommodate utility box replacement.

I am willing to waive the stipend for all boxes I am applying to paint:

YES NO

I am willing to waive the stipend for additional boxes if I am granted a stipend for one box:

YES NO

I understand that the City of Pawtucket has the right to paint over my design if, in the future, the appearance deteriorates due to weather or vandalism.

Artist Signature

Date

Please contact Jay Rosa at Jrosa@pawtucketri.com with questions.

Please use this utility box template to illustrate your design proposal in color. Sketches must be submitted electronically or on standard 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

**The dimensions of the template do not accurately represent all utility box dimensions; therefore, the proposed design must be adjustable.*

Artist Name: _____

Title: _____

Materials: _____

Proposed site: _____

Please feel free to include a photograph of the proposed box.

Preferences for specific boxes and/or neighborhood will be considered but cannot be guaranteed.

Top

The diagram shows a large rectangle divided into four quadrants by a vertical line and a horizontal line. The quadrants are labeled on the right side of the rectangle: 'Top' (top-left), 'Bottom' (top-right), 'Left' (bottom-left), and 'Back' (bottom-right). The labels are oriented vertically.

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Locations
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Location	Cross Street (s)	Neighborhood	Box Number
Public Library	Summer St / High St	Downtown	1
Centennial Towers	Dexter St / Goff Ave	Downtown	2
George St Overpass	Grace Street / Pleasant St	Downtown	3
George St Overpass 2	Cedar St / George St	Downtown	4
Pine St Overpass	Pine Street / Cedar Street	Downtown	5
Train Station	Weeden St / Conant St	Barton	6
Beech Street	Beech St. / I-95	Woodlawn	7
McDonalds	Mineral Spring Ave / Lonsdale Ave	Woodlawn	8
72 Bus Stop	Power Drive / Anderton Ave	Fairlawn	9
Imondi Florist	Smithfield Ave / Piave St	Fairlawn	10
RI Coalition for the Homeless	Main St / Campbell Terrace	Woodlawn	11
Bucket Brewery	Pawtucket Ave / William St	Woodlawn	12
Job Lot	Pawtucket Ave / Ann May St	Woodlawn	13
Varieur School	Pleasant St / Lyman St	Oak Hill	14
McCoy	Columbus Ave / Bacon Street		15
Tolman High School	Blackstone Ave / Fountain St	Downtown	16
Oak Grove Cemetery	Central Ave. / Sabin St.	Quality Hill	17
Crescent Circle	Crescent Rd / Warwick Rd	Darlington	18
Benefit Auto	Broadway / Roosevelt Ave	Pleasant View	19
Honey Dew	Newport Ave / Cottage St	Pinecrest	20

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