



Valpo Seeks Artists for Utility Box Designs

The City of Valparaiso and its Art Advisory Committee seek designs from local artists to expand the utility box art program throughout the Valparaiso community. The utility box art program was created by the City's Redevelopment Commission in 2016 to promote public art and local artists. The program has supported 12 locations to date, primarily in the downtown area. In 2024, the goal is to expand the program to wrap more boxes throughout the community. Artists are encouraged to submit existing or new work to help color more corners of our community. The deadline to submit artwork is Dec. 31, 2023.

The City's volunteer Art Advisory Committee will evaluate artists' submissions and determine which will be selected for a utility box wrap, along with the location for each. Upon selection, the City will enter into an Artist Services Agreement with the selected artists. The artwork is anticipated to remain on the utility box for three to five years, depending on any wear and weather. To learn more about the public art program and how to submit designs, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ValpoArts>

Valparaiso's public art initiatives are funded by the City's Redevelopment Commission with support from private sponsors. Public art initiatives are recommended by the City of Valparaiso's volunteer Art Advisory Committee. Contact Maggie Clifton at the City of Valparaiso, MClifton@Valpo.us, to learn more about Valparaiso's public art programs or to propose new ideas.

Photo caption: Artist Kat Goodrich with her design at the corner of Indiana and Washington.