



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: **Naperville City Council**

By: City Manager's office

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Source:

1. Dawn Portner
City Clerk

Subject:

Call for Teen Artists

Action:

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**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 27, 2025
TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager
FROM: Dawn Portner, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Call for Teen Artists

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Mayor and City Council about a Call for Teen Artists – “Art in the Heart of Naperville.”

BACKGROUND:

Public art plays a significant role in creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere throughout Naperville. To beautify Naperville and expand public art, the Community Services Department is asking Naperville high school students to submit their artwork. Six artwork submissions will be selected, and the artwork will be showcased on six streetlight controller boxes located near Naperville North and Naperville Central high schools.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Naperville is conducting a Call for Teen Artists. The artwork will be showcased on six streetlight controller boxes located near Naperville North and Naperville Central high schools.

Only one artwork submission is allowed per person. The artists must be Naperville high school students aged 13-18 years old. All types of artwork can be submitted (e.g., painting, graphic design, mixed media, drawing). The artwork must meet the measurement guidelines outlined in the call for submissions. Political or profane artwork is not allowed.

The call for submissions began March 1, 2025, and continues through April 30, 2025. Final art selections will take place in mid-May, and the artists will be notified on May 20, 2025. The artwork will be installed by June 30, 2025.

Funding for this project comes from the Community Services Department as part of the City’s general budget. The City will cover the cost of printing and installation.

The goals of the project include recognizing and promoting Naperville's public art and celebrating the city's diverse local teen talent.

The selected artwork will transform City equipment into eye-catching public art. This project allows students to share their unique talents and leave a lasting impact on their community.

The guidelines are minimal, and there are no submission fees or costs, eliminating barriers that could limit creativity or discourage participation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please distribute this memorandum to the City Council through the Manager's Memorandum.

Please note: Once the artwork has been selected, another Manager's Memorandum will be sent to the Mayor and City Council to inform them of the final designs and to acknowledge the artists.