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Chamblee Invites Artists to Participate in Utility Box Project

Stipend Given to Selected Artists

May 8, 2023 — The City of Chamblee invites artists and teams to submit portfolios for consideration for an exciting painted utility box project.

Kicking -off on August 19th, five utility boxes located throughout the City of Chamblee will be painted with beautiful images that speak to the spirit and nature of Chamblee to be completed by mid-September. Interested artists are encouraged to submit their portfolios (up to 5 images) for consideration!

“The City of Chamblee is a strong supporter of the arts,” said Mayor Brian Mock. “This is an exciting opportunity for artists to create a design that represents Chamblee’s identity and diverse culture while enhancing our public spaces with vibrant works of art.”

This invitation is extended to all qualified artists/teams with experience in painting. There is no entry fee. Applicants may be under 18 if a parent or legal guardian will execute a contract on their behalf. For non-local or regional artists that apply, there is no travel compensation. Artists are not required to have public art or mural experience, but it is highly encouraged as all painting is on-site, outdoors, and accessible to the public. All artwork must be appropriate for all ages. Artists/teams will be selected based upon their quality of work and experience.

“Chamblee’s City Council has made support for the Arts in our community a key part of the city’s growth plan,” said Elmer Veith, District Four City Councilmember and Public Art Commission Member. “Creating the Public Arts Commission to foster and promote this goal has shown dividends throughout the area and this new project will do even more to integrate art into the fabric of our neighborhoods. I am excited to see what members of the art community bring to our streets and our lives.”

Selected artists will receive a \$2,000 stipend for the execution of their work paid in two installments (70% upon execution of the contract and 30% upon successful completion of the work). This includes the submittal of sketches once location and theme are final, priming and prepping the box, and providing color key information once completed. All utility boxes for this project are owned and maintained by the City of Chamblee.

Artists can submit their portfolios starting **June 1st – June 29th**. For more information on the request for qualifications on painted utility boxes with the City of Chamblee, please visit www.chambleega.com/519/procurement.

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit www.chambleega.gov for more information.