

City of Blue Lake

Fire Hydrant Art Program

Adopt and Paint a Fire Hydrant



The City of Blue Lake’s Art and Heritage Commission, in partnership with the Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department, is pleased to announce the Blue Lake Adopt and Paint a Fire Hydrant Program. Help us enhance Blue Lake by beautifying our well-loved town hydrants and showcasing the artistic talent of our community.

This program seeks to add to the beauty of the City of Blue Lake by adding an artistic flair to our fire hydrant infrastructure. Your adoption will give you the opportunity to help turn our fire hydrants into works of art.

There will be no specific theme for the fire hydrants, but artists are encouraged to incorporate different elements of the community into their art. This program is open to **everyone!** We encourage artists of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, genders, and race to submit designs. We hope to utilize as many local artists as possible and look forward to seeing your ideas.

The City will open the adoption period starting September 1, 2024, with a first round closing date of September 30th. Interested parties are encouraged to submit a full proposal, including a signed commitment to comply with the painting rules and requirements, along with a commitment to maintain the hydrant for a period of at least 36 months.

The City’s Arts and Heritage Commission will review all proposals and will make selections at their Commission meeting on October 14th. The Commission anticipates scheduling a “Hydrant Paint Day” in the Fall.

How the Adopt and Paint-a-Hydrant Program Works

- Step 1: Fill out your application, including the design sketch form, and submit it to Blue Lake City Hall by 4pm on September 30th.
- Step 2: The Arts and Heritage Commission will review the submittals on October 14 and will make recommendations. The Commission may request modifications to designs in order to meet the required design guidelines.
- Step 3: If approved, you will be notified of your status and the City will work with you to ensure that all design parameters and adoption requirements are understood and agreed upon.
- Step 4: The City will announce the Hydrant Paint Day date and will work with the artists to facilitate the acquisition of painting supplies, drop cloths, etc...

Design Submission Period: September 1st-30th

Design Submission Close Date: 4:00 PM-September 30th

Design Submission Location: Blue Lake City Hall

Submission Selection: October 14, 2024

Hydrant Paint Date: Fall 2024

Please contact Mandy Mager, City Manager, at 707-668-5655 with any questions regarding the program. We look forward to seeing your submission and thank you for your interest and commitment to the community.





City of Blue Lake-PAINT-A-HYDRANT Program Rules, Regulations and Authorizations

SPONSOR / ARTIST REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Hydrants may be beautified using ONLY oil-based enamel paint for metal.
- 2) Property around the hydrant should be kept clean and neat when working on the hydrant. A drop cloth (provided) must be taped around the bottom of the hydrant covering the sidewalk, ground or any area adjoining the hydrant.
- 3) Paint may not prevent the functional use of the hydrant. The three openings and the top turning knob must all function. Hydrant threads may not be painted. Paint cannot seep into it to prevent operation.
- 4) Painting may not reduce the hydrant's visibility.
 - * Paint may not be all black, all white, dark camouflage green, or use patterns and/or designs that reduce the hydrant's visibility.
 - * Paint colors may not be the same color as the vegetation or items surrounding the hydrant.
 - * Black paint may not cover more than 20% of the overall hydrant.
 - * Red paint may not cover more than 50% of the overall hydrant.
- 5) Use bright, vibrant colors.
- 6) No attached or added objects may be used. Paint only.
- 7) Design must be appropriate for public places
 - * Paintings/art cannot endorse an individual or business.
 - * No offensive, derogatory or obscene graphics.
 - * No gang tags.
- 8) No logos, copyrighted or trademarked graphics.
- 9) No text is allowed anywhere on the hydrant except a 3"x3" area for the artist's signature
- 10) Sponsor may partner with an artist, art class, art school, etc. to design and execute the art. **Please contact Mandy Mager at City Hall for suggested resources if you need assistance.**
- 11) ONLY hydrants in the City of Blue Lake have been approved for this program.

AGREEMENT/HOLD HARMLESS: By signing below and participating in the Paint-A-Hydrant Program, you agree that you have the permission and authority to act as agent for the Sponsor. Additionally, you acknowledge that the City of Blue Lake, and their affiliates are not responsible in any way for any injury or property damage directly or indirectly associated with this program and/or event.

The design is approved for a 3-year period. During that time, Adoptee is available for the upkeep and maintenance of the design. If the hydrant is vandalized, the adoptee has 30 days to fix and maintain the original, approved design. If hydrant is vandalized with offensive, derogatory or obscene graphics, the City of Blue Lake hydrant crew reserves the right to paint over/remove the obscenity until the adoptee renews the approved design. If a hydrant becomes non-functional because of damage, the City of Blue Lake reserves the right to replace it with a new hydrant and the sponsor may elect to repaint it with the approved design during the 3-year period.

By signing this waiver, the hydrant adoptee is agreeing to all rules, guidelines, and criteria associated with the Paint-A-Hydrant Program and is responsible for communicating this information to those executing the design, and supervising the work on, their adopted hydrant.

Hydrant Adoptee Signature

Date Signed