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Newton Community Pride Issues Call for Art Entries for “Celebrate Newton” Due January 17th

December 13, 2022/NEWTON, MA – Newton Community Pride (NCP) is currently accepting design submissions for **Celebrate Newton**, a spring 2023 public art banner initiative designed to enliven and brighten our city, inspire civic pride, and introduce art to more public spaces.

Celebrate Newton will involve the installation of creative, bold, and vibrant images on approximately 100 light poles celebrating the culture, history, diversity, values, and/or beauty of the City of Newton. Designs can be any form of 2D art, including photography. The images submitted by local and regional artists will be printed on 30” x 60” vinyl banners and hung in several village centers and along major thoroughfares throughout the city. A jury will select the artists whose artwork will be shown in multiple locations across the city.

Artists are invited to submit applications and images to participate in this juried initiative no later than January 17, 2023, and winners will be selected on or about February 1, 2023. An honorarium of \$1,800 will be given to each artist chosen.

“We are thrilled to once again highlight the talent of our local and regional artists and bring a city-wide public art initiative to the city this spring,” stated Meryl Kessler, Public Art Committee Chair of Newton Community Pride. “After a long winter, it is uplifting to all to bring color and creativity to our main streets and village centers and celebrate all that our community offers through vibrant, creative, and colorful banners,” added Kessler.

“Newton Community Pride is thankful for the collaboration with the City of Newton to bring public art to our main streets and village centers,” stated Gloria Gavis, Chair of the Board of Directors of NCP. “The city’s embrace and understanding of public art is important to the vibrancy of our community”, added Gavis.

For Official Rules and to submit a design or image, please go to celebratenewtonbanners.org.

The Celebrate Newton spring public art banner initiative is presented by The Village Bank with support from the City of Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department.

Newton Community Pride is a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to build community through free and accessible arts and culture programming, public art, beautification and volunteer initiatives. For more information about Newton Community Pride, please go to www.newtoncommunitypride.org.