

Call to Artists – Request for Proposals
Tree Trunk Public Art Piece
Deadline for Submissions: September 14, 2020

Project Description

The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network (SSJNN) is accepting applications from artists (or artist teams) for a unique public art opportunity in Erie. The finished artwork for this project will be constructed in autumn of 2020 out of the tree trunk on the site of SSJNN's "Field of Dreams" lot, 331 W. 18th Street. This project will add to many initiatives aimed at empowering and revitalizing this neighborhood. The Design Committee will review proposals and choose an artist based on the work, references and applications submitted.

Project Goals and Scope

The goal of this project is to create public art that will transform the remaining approx. 7 ft. of a maple tree. The project is open to carving or other creative transformations that align with the mission of SSJNN and the use of this field. Review of the attached photos and research regarding the mission and use of this space is encouraged to aid in submissions.

SSJNN Mission Statement:

The SSJ Neighborhood Network, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, provides leadership, advocates for local residents, and partners with the broader community to develop opportunities for both personal growth and neighborhood revitalization.

Current and projected use of lot:

This "field of dreams" where homes once stood, has been the site of the Little Italy Farmers Market for several years. The market began to incentivize healthy eating for residents within this food desert, build community, and aid in the revitalization of the area. From June – September each year farms from the City and surrounding areas showcase their produce, including that grown by neighborhood teens at the SSJNN Urban Farm. The space also has a decorative, interactive fence, landscaping, and a mural depicting gardening and markets through the years in the neighborhood. The lot is valuable greenspace and is also occasionally used for SSJNN children's programs and potentially will be the site for other community events in line with the SSJNN mission.

Application Requirements

- Biography, contact information, artist statement and website or social media
- Sketch of idea(s)
- Proof of qualification
 - photographs of completed pieces including dates and client/project name
 - customer references
- Timeline to completion
- Budget

Submit by September 14, 2020 to:

SSJ Neighborhood Network
425 West 18th Street
Erie, PA 16502

Questions: Contact Gretchen Gallagher Durney at 814-454-7814 x 210 or gdurney@ssjnn.org

