



Call to Artists

Tarpon Springs Storm Drain Mural Project

Deadline for Submissions: Wednesday, February 4th, 2026

The City of Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (PAC) is seeking artists to design and paint storm drain murals at several locations in the city. The locations are:

1. 167 Tarpon Avenue
2. Dodecanese & Athens Intersection, North Side
3. Safford Ave. & E. Spruce, west of the Stormwater baffle box on East side of Safford
4. 401 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive - in Front of Union Academy Family Center
5. Pine St & N. Grosse, SW corner on City Hall side (we have an idea to use this location for a City Staff design competition to build interest and engagement)

BACKGROUND:

This project's purpose is to raise awareness about stormwater pollution; when it rains stormwater runs over sidewalks, paved streets, yards and picks up oil, litter, chemicals, yard waste and various other pollutants that then flow into stormwater pipes. Those pipes then drain into our waterways without treatment. That water can also have products of illicit dumping such as trash, paint, cigarettes, plastic wrap, and many other disposed of items which make their way into those waterways, thereby damaging the flora and fauna.

DESIGN THEME:

The Storm Drain Murals must be geared toward environmental awareness and incorporate the slogan "ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN". This project is not to be used for promoting businesses of any kind; animals and plants depicted in the murals must be indicative of native species found in Tampa Bay or the Anclote River/Gulf watersheds.



COMPENSATION:

An honorarium of \$200 will be given as compensation for the selected artwork at each location. Painting kits will be provided for each location, consisting of paints in primary colors, brushes/rollers and protective gear.

SUBMISSIONS:

The Storm Drain Mural project is open to artists of all skill levels and all ages, including clubs, groups and students (middle school and High school). There is no fee to enter; you do not have to be a resident of Tarpon Springs to enter. Design samples should be bold, original, strong artistic designs that address the theme of "Only Rain Down the Drain", stormwater pollution, environmental and local ecosystem protection. Artists are welcome to submit more than one design. Submissions must be received by Wednesday, February 4th and selected artists will be notified by email by Thursday, February 12th. Storm drains must be painted by June 1, 2026.

Each design must be submitted as an individual image and emailed to PAC Vice Chair Martha Hickey at MarthaDHickey@gmail.com. In the title of your email, please put the address of the storm drain to be painted. In the body of the email, please put your name, group/school/club name if applicable, email address, mailing address, phone number and art affiliation if applicable.

By making a submission to this project, you are assigning Tarpon Arts and the Public Art Committee of Tarpon Springs the permission to display the artwork in city publications and any other related materials.