



Painted Intersections

Building Community in the Street

The City of Milwaukie recently approved the **Neighborhood Intersection Painting Program**, an initiative aimed at increasing community social capital within Milwaukie neighborhoods through the creation of street murals.



Photo Credit: Ardenwald-Johnson Creek, Bryan Dorr

Why Painted Intersections?

Painted Intersections use art to bring people together. The shared objective of creating a street mural helps build relationships, empowers people to build public spaces, and encourages creative expression.

According to City Repair, a Portland Organization behind many of the painted intersections in Portland, “intersection art naturally elicits a sense of pride and identity for all that pass through” the neighborhood.

Painted intersections become shared community landmarks that serve to improve the overall quality of life in the community.

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Sherrett Street Intersection Painting

In 2015 the Ardenwald– Johnson Creek Neighborhood came together to create the first painted intersection in Milwaukie. Located at the intersection of Sherrett St. and 30th Avenue on the border between Milwaukie and Portland, the mural features a dogwood for Milwaukie and a rose for Portland, along with perimeter drawings representing different facets of the community. The artwork is both a way to celebrate within the neighborhood as well as welcome newcomers.



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How do I get a Painted Intersection in my Neighborhood?

In order to obtain the required Right of Way permit residents must complete the Right of Way Permit Application and include the following:

1. Completed Arts Committee (artMOB) Painted Intersection Design Review Application including artwork designs
2. Signed approval petition of 80% of all residents living within 400 feet of the chosen intersection.

Other considerations:

- Location - Painted Intersections must be on “local” streets and not on designated Public Transit Routes as well as 5 feet from traffic control devices such as stop signs.
- Materials - Intersections must be painted using approved traffic paint
- Maintenance - Permit applicant(s) are responsible for future maintenance and repair of artwork paint.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on Painted Intersections in Milwaukie please visit our Painted Intersections web page or contact:

Web Page: <http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/economicdevelopment/painted-intersection-program>

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For more general information and examples of painted intersections in Portland visit www.cityrepair.org



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