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Calling All Artists: Announcing the Storm Drain Murals Pilot Project

The City of Burlingame is launching a new Storm Drain Murals Pilot Project and is seeking digital artwork for these murals. Since storm drains often go unnoticed, the murals provide a unique learning opportunity to educate the public about the importance of preventing litter, pet waste, and other waste water from entering these drains.

This pilot project will also test the durability of using outdoor decals, which have an average life span of up to 12 months. This mural contest is open to California residents, all ages are welcome.

When designing artwork, artists are encouraged to consider the following themes (exact phrases do not need to appear in the mural):

- Water Quality: Clean Water Starts with You
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Only Rain Down the Drain
- San Francisco Bay and Estuary: Keep It Clean We're All Downstream

The winning designs will have their artwork printed on a 3' x 2' mural. These murals will be on display in the commercial areas of Burlingame with high pedestrian activity. Artists will be announced on the project's website at www.burlingame.org/murals. Each eligible entry will be automatically entered in a drawing to win a free goody bag of sustainable products, including metal straws, bamboo utensils, reusable bags, etc.

The deadline to enter in this murals contest is Saturday, April 30, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. PDT. Interested applicants can visit www.burlingame.org/murals for more information.

Storm drains are the entryway to local creeks and the San Francisco Bay. Every time it rains, pollutants (such as litter, pet waste, sediment, pesticides, motor oil, and other urban chemicals) flow into storm drains which connect directly to waterways. By creating these murals, artists can help raise awareness that stormwater is not treated so everything that goes down a storm drain will reach the San Francisco Bay. The message is simple: only rain down the drain.

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