



**ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES UPDATES TO COMMUNITY MURAL CONTEST
Glen Rock's "Splash of Community" Beautification Project Aims
to Bring Color and Design to Municipal Pool**

GLEN ROCK, N.J., February 25, 2026 – In an effort to create community togetherness and bring a design aesthetic to a popular local stomping ground, the Arts Council of Glen Rock (ACGR) is excited to announce a "Call to Artists" for a new mural project at the Glen Rock Municipal Pool.

There are several updates to this project:

1. The new deadline to submit artwork is now Tuesday, March 3.
2. Artists age 9 and up are eligible to enter.
3. To make sketching/designing easier, there are 3 templates - drawn to scale – available on the ACGR website for entrants to use.

The goal of this initiative is to create lasting public art that reflects our community's unique culture and spirit and enhances its residents-only aquatic center. The Glen Rock Pool is managed by Glen Rock Recreation, and features a main pool, water slide, and kiddie area.

"We want to engage the local arts community and provide a visible platform for talent while contributing to the beautification and cultural landscape of the town," said project leader Michele Keller, an ACGR Board member and local artist, lifelong resident and art educator. "The murals will serve as an attractive entryway to a popular destination in our community."

There are three mural design sites. Local artists are invited to submit their design concepts for one or all three murals. The design locations (photos are in the submission form) are:

- the one rectangular red brick wall space behind the bike racks at the pool exit/entrance
- the two white, textured rectangular exterior spaces (facing the parking lot) beneath the restroom's windows.

The town council will be part of the jurying process for the designs. A panel of Arts Council judges, including Ms. Keller and Heather Corey, a 2026 ACGR Board member and local artist, resident, community volunteer and art educator, will select the winning design. Selection will be based on interpretation of the theme, originality, overall artistic quality and transferability, i.e., the ease of scaling up the artwork for transfer to the wall.

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The winner(s) will be announced on Monday, March 16, and the mural is expected to be completed by Friday, May 15.

Contest Details & Submission Guidelines:

- **Theme:** This project's theme is "Glen Rock's Splash of Community," and artists are encouraged to submit designs that explore or bring to life elements such as local history, community, and nature.
- **Eligibility:** The contest is open to all established and emerging artists aged 9 and up who are from Glen Rock or reside in Glen Rock now. You do not have to be a member of the Arts Council to enter.
- **Prizes:** The artist(s) selected will be recognized for their work and contribution to this public art initiative. Details TBD.
- **Submission Requirements:** Submissions should include a digital mock-up of the proposed mural, and an artistic vision statement.
- **Deadline:** All entries must be submitted by **12 noon on Tuesday, March 3**. All submissions should be made electronically. See the link below for details about submission size, format and the role of the artist in the project. Templates are available on the ACGR website.
- **How to Enter:** Submissions and full contest details are available at artscouncilgr.org or https://form.jotform.com/Arts_Council_Glen/mural-contest-a-splash-of-community

Arts Council of Glen Rock is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its purpose is to promote, support, and celebrate all forms of the arts. The aim is to provide artistic experiences throughout the year for the community, guided by three priorities: expanding arts opportunities, cultivating awareness, and energizing community support and attendance. For more information and to join, visit artscouncilgr.org.

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