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NEW MURAL AT BEAVERTON CITY HALL ENCOURAGES HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES

BEAVERTON, Ore. – City Hall is the home of Beaverton’s newest mural. Sponsored by city’s Wellness Committee and Beaverton Arts Commission (BAC), Angelina Marino was commissioned to enliven the north stairway of City Hall with an 8-by-12 foot landscape mural to encourage more visitors and staff to use the stairs.

“Angelina has turned the stairwell into a welcoming, exciting space that will energize people into taking the stairs more often,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “It’s important that we strive for healthier behaviors and our Wellness Committee has come up with a very creative way to do so.”

Marino’s design depicts a walk through a park on a sunny day, with the suggestion of city buildings in the background. She included written words of noted poet, educator, editor and board member of Friends of William Stafford’s Newsletter, Tim Barnes.



“Having both worked in offices and lived in Oregon, I feel that this approach will be very welcomed by those who choose the stairwell,” said Marino.

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The mural guidelines established by the Wellness committee include three goals.

1. A welcoming and uplifting environment that encourages employees and the public to use the stairs
2. The promotion of healthy exercise
3. The introduction of art in an unexpected place

The mural will be dedicated on Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. during the BAC's month board meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

The \$2,300 mural was funded by the One Percent for Art program, which encourages public awareness and understanding of the arts. Established in January 1985 by the Beaverton City Council, the program dedicates one percent of the cost for major construction or alteration of certain city facilities for the acquisition and display of works of art in or around such facilities.

Marino has painted murals at dozens of other locations across Oregon, along with one in Northern California and another in New Jersey. Her work has been displayed at the University of Oregon and the University of Washington.

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ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a "**Smarter City**" **energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named **one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Most recently, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofbeaverton.

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