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Keep McAllen Beautiful Turns Standpipes into Works of Art *Artistry, inspiration, and community spirit at its finest!*

Some of McAllen's most inspiring works of art aren't found inside a gallery or museum. They're waiting to be discovered throughout the city at neighborhood intersections, along walking trails, and beside roadways, where ordinary irrigation standpipes have been transformed into vibrant works of public art.

Through Keep McAllen Beautiful's Public Art Project, these once-overlooked pieces of infrastructure now serve as colorful canvases that celebrate the culture, history, wildlife, and spirit of the Rio Grande Valley. Each mural tells a unique story while adding beauty, character, and a sense of place to the community.

Talented artists help bring McAllen's stories to life. Working alongside community partners and irrigation districts, artists transform functional structures into lasting landmarks that residents and visitors can enjoy year-round. For 10 years now, their creativity has helped create an outdoor gallery that belongs to the entire community.

As McAllen continues to grow, so does the collection. New standpipes create new opportunities for artists to leave their mark on the city while expanding an experience that is accessible to everyone. Protecting these murals and preserving them for future generations is a shared responsibility that helps keep McAllen beautiful.

Residents and visitors are invited to explore the more than 200 standpipes online through an interactive map that guides users to structures throughout the city. Each location features the story behind the artwork, artist biographies and immersive 360-degree views that bring the pieces to life.

Whether you're planning a weekend adventure, looking for the perfect backdrop for photoshoots or simply exploring, we invite you to experience McAllen through the eyes of local artists.

Visit a standpipe, snap a photo, share your favorite artwork on social media, and support public art that is transforming everyday spaces into memorable destinations.

Explore our project gallery today: keepmcallenbeautiful.org/public-art-project

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest-growing cities along the U.S.–Mexico border. Known as the “City of Palms,” McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley. Today, the city employs more than 2,600 dedicated public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. McAllen city leaders remain committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mcallen.net and follow us on social media @cityofmcallen