

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 27, 2021 6 pm**

Member(s) Present: Eddie Bass, Nick Bert, Janice Hart, Jenny Stone and Dwight Vickers

Member(s) Absent: Decorkus Allen and Warkeen Jordan

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hart.

Invocation was led by Councilman Vickers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2021 Special Meeting for the State Revolving Fund to approve Resolution No. 2021-04R was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2021 Regular Council Meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Mr. Jerome Harris, 131 East 11th Avenue, advised that he has a new organization called Havana SPAIN (Special Project Against Illiteracy and Neglect). Mr. Harris gave an overview and mentioned he will be working with the Gadsden County Judicial System, the Havana Police Department and Sheriff's office to assist people in need of transitioning back into society. Havana Spain is before the council seeking assistance with funding. Mayor Hart thanked Mr. Harris for his presentation.

Ms. Thelma Hickman, Principal for Havana Magnet School and Ms. Deborah Schaffer, Assistant Principal, introduced themselves and stated they look forward to partnering with the Town.

Mrs. Terri Paul, Wanderings, stated her concerns regarding the dumpster service for the downtown merchants. Her request is for the Town to continue collecting dumpster payments and have all dumpster moved to the parking lots.

Ms. Stacy Henderson, 331 4th Street SE, appeared before the council to voice her concerns regarding the utility billing process and procedures. She also questioned the town's extension policies. After a lengthy discussion, Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve a one-month extension for the month of August. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

*Hart requested / reminded
to get 3rd quote*

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Karen Kent, Downtown Improvement Committee member, stated she is requesting to gift three lighted sculptures to add to the Christmas décor. Wayfinding signs were also discussed. During the discussion, an example of the wayfinding signs was presented to the council by Mrs. Edna Hall Whitehead. Councilwoman Stone mentioned the signage seemed too large for the areas and inquired if they can be reduced in size. The committee members will contact the vendor.

Mrs. Kent stated she is also seeking approval to increase the annual payment to the Christmas Tree Farms for the upkeep and maintenance of the lighted sculptures. The amount will increase to \$1,000 which will come from the Downtown Improvement committee funds. Motion to approve the increase to the Christmas Tree Farms was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

Mr. Wayne Durrett, James Moore and Company, thanked the council for the opportunity to present the 2018-2019 financial audit. Mr. Durrett also thanked the town manager and all involved in the process. After his presentation, Mr. Durrett inquired if there were any questions or comments. With there being no comments, motion to approve the 2018-2019 Financial Audit was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the fire hydrant painting project and advised Havana Main Street and the Town are working to beautify the town. The fire hydrant painting designs were reviewed by the Town Manager, Chief of Police and Fire Chief. Motion to approve the fire hydrant designs was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilwoman Stone. Motion carried.

Chief Tracy Smith stated Havana Main Street presented several Special Event Permits for approval. They are requesting to host Wood Fest, Pumpkin Festival, A Quilt Show and Winterfest. Chief Smith advised he recommends approval. Chief also mentioned an additional permit that was submitted from Blessings of Hope Empowerment Outreach. Blessings of Hope is requesting to host a barbeque giveaway on this Saturday at 11am. Motion to approve the special event requests was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bert. Motion carried.

Chief Smith gave a brief update on the concerns for the appearance of the old elementary school. Contact was made with the owners to clean up the property. Chief stated he is also in contact with the owner of the car lot on US 27. He explained the difficulty of contacting owners that are out of town. Mayor Hart mentioned a

constituent contacted her in regards to an old mobile home on Salters Street. Chief Smith advised that he will follow up.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:

Mr. Johnson mentioned the Waste Pro changes. Starting September 1, 2021, all commercial customers with dumpster service will contract directly with Waste Pro. All downtown businesses were notified of this change.

There are opportunities in the county to receive funding for broadband and infrastructure needs. Gadsden County Government is planning and discussing the potential use of federal funds for both infrastructure and broadband projects. Mayor Hart and Town Manager Johnson attended a meeting and will continue to update the council on the County's role in increasing broadband throughout Havana and all of Gadsden County. Mr. Johnson also reported that the Wastewater Facility Plan and Lift Station projects were submitted to the county's contactor that is assisting them with federal projects and funding.

The Town applied for a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Technical Assistance Grant to fund a feasibility study for a bike trail in Havana but did not receive an award. Mr. Johnson advised that Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) has maintained focus on this project as a priority and will be working to conduct the feasibility study.

Mr. Johnson mentioned he attended the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) annual conference. The conference was held on July 20th - 22nd and advised during the board meeting legislative matters were discussed. Currently, members of the Florida Legislature are contemplating proposing policies that would limit what local governments could transfer from the electric utility fund to fund general government operations. This is an issue that FMEA's legislative team are working to mitigate. Mr. Johnson advised that he will monitor this matter and report any changes.

Congratulations to Mr. Howard McKinnon for being the second longest serving board member for Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA). During the FMPA board meeting that ran concurrent with the FMEA conference, Mr. McKinnon was recognized for serving fifteen (15) years as a board member for FMPA.

On July 13, 2021 the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) conducted a Regional Floodplain Management meeting. This training was mandatory for all local governments. The training was held to inform communities of the current assessment to update Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) in our area. The training is to ensure compliance with local governments that opt into the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Johnson stated Havana is in compliance and he is working with FDEM on

updating our flood ordinance to ensure consistency with new state and federal flood provisions.

There are several areas on 12th Avenue East that the crew has been working on for some time now due to the erosion and washout on the street. Mr. Johnson advised the areas are barricaded for safety. The Town's engineers are working with the town crew to find the problem. Also, an application was submitted to repave 3rd Street SE in 2020, but not funded. Mr. Johnson stated the application was resubmitted for funding in 2021, and the Town is now waiting to see if it will be awarded.

Mr. Johnson reported on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). There is no official word on the actual date as to when to expect the federal COVID relief funds that will be allocated to Havana. Mr. Johnson advised he will provide updates as they occur.

The July edition of the Apprise newsletter went out with this month's utility bills.

The annual Florida League of Cities (FLC) conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, August 12th - 14th. All council members that are interested in attending and have not registered must contact the Town Clerk or Town Manager.

Mr. Johnson gave a brief update on the plans for the construction of the new Havana Police Department. Plans are still under review and being drawn by the architect and engineer. All updates will be reported accordingly.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

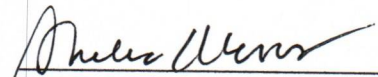
Mayor Pro Tem Bert stated that Blessing of Hope Empowerment Outreach placed a thank you article in the newspaper.

Motion to pay bills was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Janice L. Hart, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk

HAVANA S.P.A.I.N., INC.

(SPECIAL PROJECT AGAINST ILLITERACY AND NEGLECT)

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Janice Hart, Mayor
And the Town of Havana Council Members
711 North Main Street
Havana, FL 32333

Dear Town of Havana Mayor and Council Members

Please allow us to briefly introduce Havana S.P.A.I.N., Inc. to the Town Council Members. SPAIN is the acronym for Special Project Against Illiteracy And Neglect. SPAIN is a registered with the State of Florida as an intervention, prevention, mentoring, tutoring, improving lives, special events hosting Organization (see SPAIN brochure and other SPAIN handout for the details).

SPAIN will work with the Town of Havana Police Department, Gadsden County Sheriff Department, Gadsden County Judicial System, Department of Juvenile Justice, Restoring Families Programs, targeting youths, ages 8-16, who are broken home with one or both parents incarcerated. Also, Sheriff Young's goal extend DJJ's Restoring Families Programs to Havana under the auspices Havana S.P.A.I.N., Inc.

Havana S.P.A.I.N., Inc. is requesting a \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) contribution from the Town of Havana to assist with the expense that Havana S.P.A.I.N., Inc. anticipates encountering.

Thank you very much for your time and attention given to this urgent request.

Respectfully yours,

Rosa Hall,
President of
Havana S.P.A.I.N., Inc.

HAVANA S.P.A.I.N., INC. BOARD MEMBER

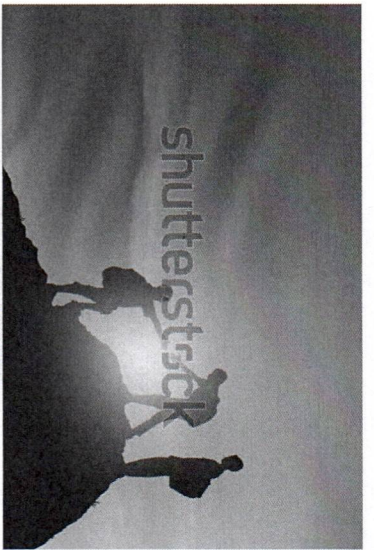
Marjorie Hall, PhD – 3rd VP/Board Member

Rosa Hall - President/Chair

Minister Jerome Harris – 1st VP/Board Member

Cathy Johnson – 2nd VP/Board Member

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What We Believe

As long as you have breath in your body, you can dream dreams. It's never too late or too early to set goals, or have a vision for your life!

"A change is thought about because ordinary people DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS."
President Barack Obama

Who We Are

Havana S.P.A.I.N., Inc. (Special Project Against Illiteracy and Neglect) is a prevention, intervention, development, recreation, and mentoring program. There is no age limit - it is for any persons who might desire to benefit from the services that are offered by S.P.A.I.N.

Projects are offered in age groups and stage/status in life. For K-12 school children S.P.A.I.N. will be after school offering tutoring, assistance with school home assignments, goal settings (it's never too early), teen-challenges groups' discussions, and recreations. S.P.A.I.N. is a safe haven for children who are without adult supervision before and after school, particularly due to working parents and or households with only one parent.

Havana S.P.A.I.N. is a non-profit (501(c)3) organization established primarily to wage war against illiteracy, poverty, health disparity, juvenile delinquency, external school suspension, criminal injustice, and negligence of children and individuals born in impoverished, underserved, and social-economically challenged communities. To come to the aide of families who wish to overcome challenges encountered (when their earned income just isn't enough), by informing (resources), educating, and demonstrating to individuals how to break the cycle and sustain a better quality of life for themselves, their family (household), and their posterity. S.P.A.I.N. will assist in guiding and changing lives in this small town of Havana for the best.



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HAVANA
S.P.A.I.N.,
INC.
(Special Project Against Illiteracy and Neglect)



The Road Ahead

Our Mission

S.P.A.I.N. is established for adolescents and adults who have found themselves in opposition of the law of the land, and or individuals who are feeling a bit helpless or hopeless due to their status in life. S.P.A.I.N. is also established for adolescents who are having difficulties identifying with their parents, people in authoritative positions, and or themselves entering

adulthood and are overwhelmed by taking on expected responsibilities.

I. SPAIN's number one (1)

objective is to make a positive difference in the lives of people in Gadsden County and the surrounding communities; to give residents more than one chance; to believe in, encourage, and inspire people that the first step toward success is in the mindset. Development and transformation of the MIND!!

II. With donated funds, SPAIN intends to

- GED/Adult Education
- Road trips to NASA, visit various companies in Corporate America, Courthouses, Museums, jails, parks, prisons,
- Host Cotillion (22+ years of age), Debutante (ages: 17-21), Quinceañera (ages: 15-16)

"At the end of the day, it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished; it's about what you've done with those accomplishments, it's about you've lifted up, who you've made better; it's about what you've given back!" Denzel Washington

"A person has to remember that road to SUCCESS is always under construction. You have to get that

through your head it is NOT ALWAYS EASY BECOMING SUCCESSFUL!"
Steve Harvey



This is just what we do ...

SPAIN Offers

- Adult Education/GED Program
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Rites of Passage - a ceremony or event marking an important stage in a person's life
- Goal/Vision Encouragement
(REMEMBER: It's too late or too soon to think about what you want to do in life!)
- Goal setting/Vision Planning
- Journaling

SPECIAL PROJECT AGAINST ILLITERACY AND NEGLECT

S.P.A.I.N., INC. PROJECT SCOPE

10 JANUARY 2021

OVERVIEW

1. Project Background and Description

Special Project Against Illiteracy and Neglect (hereafter referred to as **S.P.A.I.N.**) is a prevention, intervention, development, recreation, and rehabilitation community center. There is no age limit - it is for any and all persons who might desire to benefit from the service(s) that are offered by and via S.P.A.I.N. Projects are offered in age groups and stage/status in life. For K-12 school children S.P.A.I.N. will be open before, during and after school offering tutoring, assistance with school home assignments, goal settings (it's never too early), teen-challenges groups' discussions, and recreations. S.P.A.I.N. will be a safe haven for children who are without adult supervision before and after school, particularly due to working parents and or households with only one parent.

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2. Project Scope – Development

For students K-12 the following preventive measures will be offered:

- Mentoring
- Tutoring: Assistance with school home assignments and projects (if needed)
- Study halls focused on
 - Literacy
 - Arts and art expressions
 - Cultural affairs (becoming multicultural competent)
- Language arts
 - Voice and diction
 - Grammar
- Arts & Cultural
- College prep
- Developing the mind and body to the greatest extent possible
- Reading, writing, arithmetic (math on all levels)
 - Contests with rewards will be held

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- For students who have received an external suspension from school (intervention)
 - Get /stay ahead of classroom work and home assignments.
 - Getting to the bottom of the matter (reason for the suspension)
 - Recognizing mistakes, taking responsibility, and not repeating same mistake (gaining knowledge)
- Proper etiquettes
- Critical thinking
- Journaling
- Paying it forward
- Visions and planning (Desires and actions) Whatever we focus our attention, we become.
- Teen challenges

For adults, services available will be as follows:

- Assistance with obtaining GED (only if needed and or desired)
 - Basic adult education (TABE)
- Assist with completing FAFSA application,
- Critical thinking
- **Dreams** versus **Visions**
- Journaling (recording)
- Servanthood (It's Harvest Time) and Stewardship (Blessed to be a blessing)
- Visions and planning (Desires and actions)
- Group discussions/encouragement
- Desires and actions – It's never too late!
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Preventive actions: For older children who have not experienced with "mature" matters, topics will be addressed such as . . .

- Life preparedness (delinquency prevention)
- Goal setting
- Loving and respecting God, self, and others
- Taking good care of the temple (yourself) mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually)
- Nutrition, fitness, health and wellness
- Self-care (take control of own health and wellness)
- Proper etiquette
- Recognizing and counting blessings
- Matters of the Heart
- On Becoming
- Faith in Action (FIA)
- Road trips (NASA, Colleges/Universities campuses, Corporate America, courthouses, jails, prisons)
- Teach Entrepreneurship

3. High-Requirements

No child or adult will be turned away.

4. Deliverables

S.P.A.I.N. will host Cotillions, Debutantes, Rites of Passage, and or Quinceaneras science and technology fairs, art exhibitions, block parties, multicultural Street Scenes, Love Out Loud Town Events, Harvest-time events, and other educational and cultural events and activities. entrepreneurship

Havana Main Street – Design Committee Wayfinding Sign Presentation – July 13, 2021

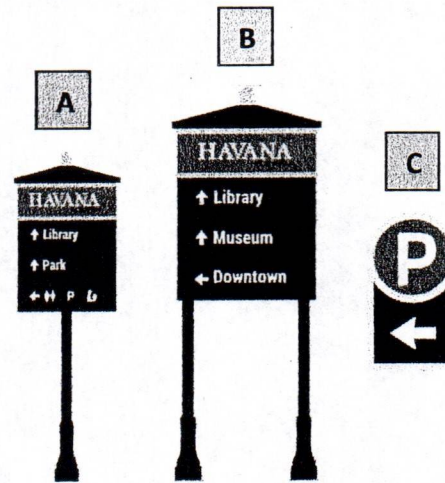
Why WAYFINDING SIGNS?

- Directional signage (Wayfinding signs) have become an increasingly important element of creating positive visitor and customer experiences. People want to know exactly where they're going with no confusion.
- Havana's business landscape is a perfect example of why Wayfinding signs are valuable because we have a very short distance to capture the attention of people as they drive through Havana, and
- Many of Havana's treasures are lost behind the solid row of brick on Hwy. 27.
- Unfortunately, Havana does not have pedestrian friendly "store fronts" on the main highway to advertise and invite people in.
- Most visitors and MANY locals do not realize Havana's shopping and dining opportunities.
- We need to let people know what's ahead before they get to the turnoffs.
- Wayfinding signs "speak" to visitors and locals, making people feel invited to explore; they make people feel like they are welcomed and feel like they belong.
- Wayfinding signs have many benefits, including boosting local businesses, promoting the use of local amenities and providing the nearest location for facilities, such as parking.

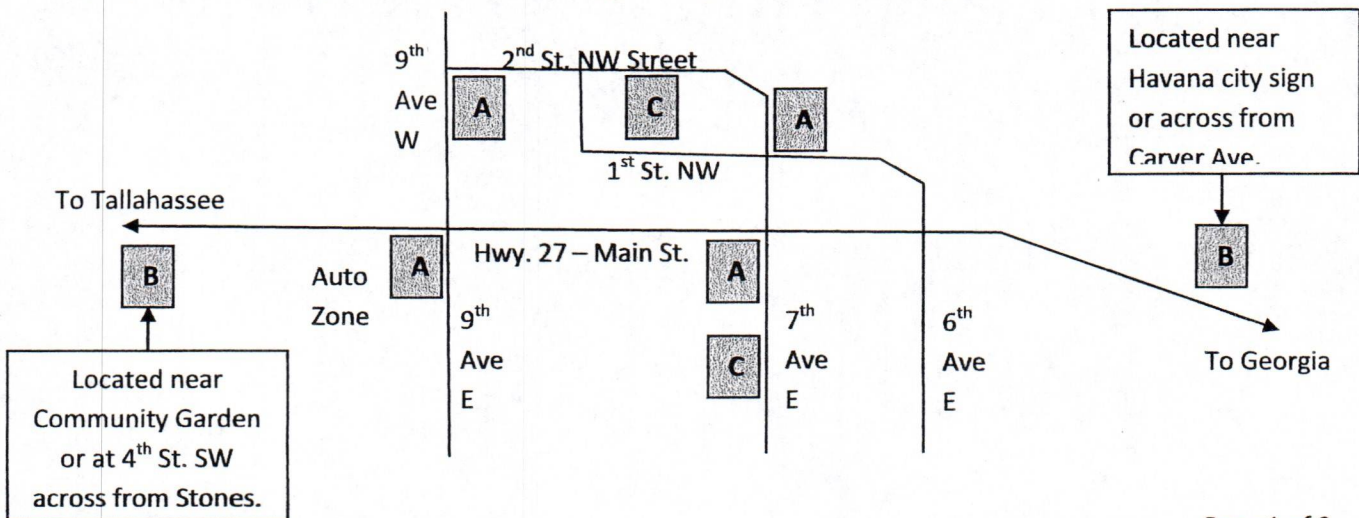
Havana Main Street Branding Suggestions

The results of the branding project provided us with sign designs and those are what we are proposing. The estimates received are based on these designs. At this time we are proposing three different sign types/sizes:

- Sign Type A – These signs are 56" x 46.5" and will be located in the downtown area.
- Sign Type B – These signs are larger, 67" x 57.5", and one will be located on "each side" of Havana coming into town on Hwy. 27
- Sign Type C – Parking signs, 23"5 x 14



The wording on the signs will be different from those shown above; these were just for estimate purposes. The map below shows the suggested placement of the signs.



Havana Main Street – Design Committee Wayfinding Sign Presentation – July 13, 2021

Estimates Received

We reached out to multiple companies and received two estimates. One local (Tallahassee) company said they could not handle the work and the others did not respond. Copies of the estimates are attached. Prices may have changed slightly since these estimates. We also may only need four (4) sign A's and we asked for an estimate for five (5).

Estimate 1 – Apogee, Havana, FL - \$17,440

Estimate 2 – Ax Signs, Rancho Santa Fe, CA - \$12,195

We were able to meet with Apogee in person since they are a local company. The signs they proposed appear to be of better quality than Ax Signs. Apogee's estimate includes obtaining any permits needed (we would have to pay for the permit) where as Ax Signs does not include that investigative and potential work. Apogee's estimate includes putting the posts in concrete; Ax Signs specify "anchored into the concrete".

For the reasons above, we plan to meet with Apogee to finalize their estimate and the finite details of the work to be done.



1 Hour Signs Inc dba Apogee Signs

251 Fortune Boulevard
 Midway, FL 32343
 Ph: (850) 224-7446
 FAX: (850) 224-8936
 Web: <http://ApogeeSigns.com>

Estimate #: 30507

Created Date: 3/3/2021 11:01:00AM	Prepared For: Havana Main Street
Salesperson: Alex Ross	Contact: Janice Eakin, Project Manager
Email:	Cell Phone: (850) 524-1818
Not Specified: (850) 224-7446	Email: mrspurplefrog@earthlink.net
Not Specified: (850) 224-8936	Address: PO Box 346, Havana, FL 32333
Entered by: Alex Ross	Address: Havana, FL 32333

Description: Way Finding Signage - Installation Included

		Quantity	Price	Unit Price	Subtotal
1	Product: Sign Type A Description: x1 - 15' Black 4" Fluted Pole x1 - 300-4, 4" Black Base x1 - Black Dome Finial x2 - Black Sign Collar x1 - 56"x46.5" Painted w/ Computer Cut Vinyl .125" Aluminum Face Installation - Installed Three Feet in the Ground w/ Concrete (Includes utility locates , asphalt & concrete cutting, concrete pouring and finishing) • 5 Ea., Sign Type A	5	\$12,060.00	\$2,412.00	\$12,060.00
2	Product: Sign Type B Description: x1 - 15' Black 4" Fluted Pole x1 - 300-4, 4" Black Base x1 - Black Dome Finial x2 - Black Sign Collar x1 - 67"x57.5" Painted w/ Computer Cut Vinyl .125" Aluminum Face Installation - Installed Three Feet in the Ground w/ Concrete (Includes utility locates , asphalt & concrete cutting, concrete pouring and finishing) • 2 Ea., Sign Type B	2	\$5,160.00	\$2,580.00	\$5,160.00
3	Product: Parking Signs Description: x1 - 23.5"x14" Aluminum Composite Sign w/ Digitally Printed & Laminated Vinyl x2 - Pole Mounting Strap & Bracket • 2 Ea., Parking Signs + Mounting Hardware	2	\$220.00	\$110.00	\$220.00

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Notes

50% Deposit, 25% Production Completion, 25% at Completion of Installation
Install Locations Must be Pre Approved by the City
Utility Locate for Install Locations Required Per Florida Law
Structural Engineer Drawings not Included - Billed if Required

Estimate Total: \$17,440.00
Subtotal: \$17,440.00
Total: \$17,440.00

Payment Terms: Balance due upon receipt.
We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.
Refund Policy: All sales are final.
Delivery Policy: Upon production of your sign we will schedule installation.
Privacy Policy: We do not sell, trade or transfer customer information to third parties.

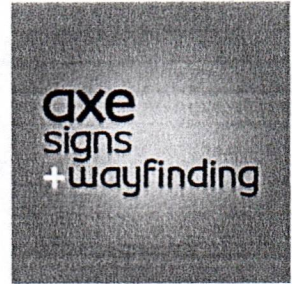
Client Reply Request

Estimate Accepted "As Is". Please proceed with Order.
 Changes required, please contact me.

Other: _____
SIGN: _____ Date: / /

Axe Signs + Wayfinding

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Estimate

ADDRESS

Janice Eakin
Havana Main Street
Hwy 27
Havana, FL

ESTIMATE # 1441

DATE 03/27/2021

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Sign A Directional ACRYLIC WAYFINDING SIGNAGE DOUBLE SIDED SIGNAGE WITH CAST IRON DECORATIVE BASE. VINYL DIRECTIONALS TO BE PLACED ON TOP ACRYLIC 1 POST ANCHORED INTO THE CONCRETE Height: 56" Width: 46" 3 YEAR WARRANTY	5	1,495.00	7,475.00
Sign B Directional ACRYLIC WAYFINDING SIGNAGE DOUBLE SIDED SIGNAGE WITH CAST IRON DECORATIVE BASE. VINYL DIRECTIONALS TO BE PLACED ON TOP ACRYLIC 2 POSTS ANCHORED INTO THE CONCRETE Height: 67" Width: 57" 3 YEAR WARRANTY	2	2,295.00	4,590.00
Parking Sign DOUBLE SIDED ALUMINUM PARKING SIGNS WITH BRACKETS FOR POLE MOUNTING Height: 18" Width: 12"	2	65.00	130.00
Installation INSTALL SIGN PYLON DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE ANCHORED INTO THE CONCRETE	1	0.00	0.00
Permit Acquisition NOT APPLICABLE	1	0.00	0.00
Tax	1	0.00	0.00

ACTIVITY

QTY

RATE

AMOUNT

NO TAX, SIGNAGE BEING SHIPPED TO
FLORIDA, AUTOMATIC SAVINGS OF 7.50%

TOTAL

\$12,195.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Havana Fire Hydrant Painting Project Update

- Havana Main Street and the Town of Havana announced the contest on May 20th
- Deadline was June 24th with one extension through July 3.
- Every effort was made to reach the entire population of Havana, newspaper, social media including webpage, Facebook, emails, hand delivery of applications and phone calls.
- Of the **200** Fire Hydrants within the Havana town proper, **10** were identified for the **first run** of the project.
- **Six Hydrants** were selected to concentrate the impact in the downtown area:
 - The Hazel Baker Community Center
 - Blooming-Deals
 - Coastal Lumber formerly H&H Furniture
 - Subway Subs
 - The Veteran Stage
 - Havana Main Street Offices - Poppy's Coffee
- National Fire Hydrant standards were researched and addressed in the rules.
- **Eleven Designs** were received.
- Judges were selected:
 - Chief of Police Tracey Smith
 - Fire Chief Patrick Coyne
 - City Manager Brad Johnson
- **Six Designs** were selected by majority rule.
- The remaining designs will be retained for submission into the second round.
- The top six are presented here to the Town Council for approval
- Artists will be notified of their winning design and matched to each Hydrant by the judges
- Water Pressure Identification will be addressed at that time with the artists and any necessary design alterations will be made to ensure the hydrants are readily identifiable and the safety of the community is ensured.
- The Town of Havana will supply the paint and some brushes for the project, clean and prep the hydrants.
- Winners will receive a certificate and awards as are available.
- Schedules for painting will be arranged between the town and the artists.

Havana fire hydrants to get a new look

Community artists asked to submit hydrant designs

By Ashley Hunter
editor@prioritynews.net

The fire hydrants throughout the Town of Havana are due for a fresh coat of paint, and the town is partnering with Havana Main Street, and local Gadsden County artists, to make that happen.

Starting this week, Havana Main Street is inviting artists with a vision to design their own fire hydrant as part of a Fire Hydrant Painting Event that will bring a fresh coat to the hydrants, as well as an artistic splash of color into the town.

Through June 24, Havana Main Street will be accepting design proposals from artists in the community.

The goal is to see each hydrant given its own, unique look while allowing the hydrant to still function as an important part of Havana's safety.

Each design proposal should be whimsical, interesting or humorous, as the goal is to catch the eye of visitors and residents to the town. The designs should still be functional and should make sure the

hydrant is clearly visible to firefighters.

No politically-themed or offense designs will be considered.

Any design that pays homage to the hydrant's surroundings or connects the hydrant to an element of the town are preferred.

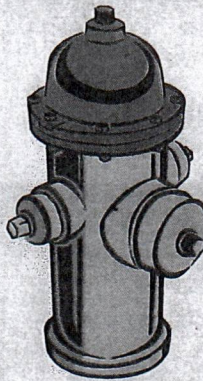
Every artist who submits a design proposal should be prepared to also paint their proposed plan, should it be selected at the end of the selection and judging process.

All designs will be approved by the Havana Town Council.

Prizes for Most Whimsical, Most Patriotic, Most Creative, and Judges Choice awards will be presented.

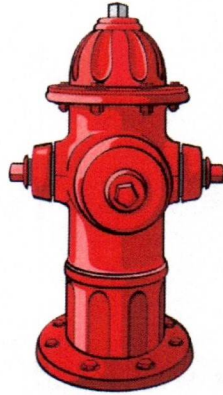
Judges will select winning design proposals based on the plan's creativity, originality, imagination, and appropriateness.

For more rules about the Fire Hydrant Painting Event, to pick up a packet (including a hydrant template to showcase your design plan), or to ask questions about the event, contact Ann Kozeliski at Havana Main Street's office, ann.havanamainstreet@gmail.com or (850) 755-2999



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Fire Hydrant Painting Event



RULES

The design should be appropriate for a public space and should not be political in nature or be offensive in any way. Potential design themes include:

- o Designs with a whimsical or humorous twist that will make viewers smile.
- o Context-sensitive designs that would uniquely connect a particular fire hydrant with its immediate surroundings.
- o Colorful, abstract designs.
- o Selected designs are subject to Town Council approval.
- o Selected designs will be subject to the National Fire Prevention Services (NFPS) color coding, this will be reflected in the colors used on the top and caps.
- o Each Hydrant will be required to have an assigned number clearly marked to be easily recognized from the town of Havana's water system grid.
- The public and private space immediately around the fire hydrant should be kept clean and neat when not directly working on the fire hydrant. **Please respect the property.**

Registration is open From **May 20th. till June 24th.** Proposed designs must be submitted during this period, along with a completed application. Winning applicants will be notified by **June 30th.**

Painting of fire hydrants will begin upon notification of your assigned hydrant from Havana Main Street and approval of the Havana town council and must be completed within 24 hours of the agreed upon start date.

Paint only on the assigned fire hydrant. The caps must be able to open after the paint dries. You must use only the paint provided. Nothing can be attached to the fire hydrant.

If words are included in your design, all words must be approved as a part of the design.

You may use stencils, air brush with masking tape, or freehand your design.

You must apply the design submitted in this application. If you desire to make changes, you must seek approval from Havana Main Street staff prior to changing your design.

If rules are not followed your hydrant will be painted over.

Prizes will be awarded for most whimsical, most patriotic, most creative, and judges' choice.

Any questions should be addressed to: Ann Kozeliski, Havana Main Street at 850-755-2999 or ann.havanamainstreet@gmail.com. Rules will be posted on www.havanamainstreet.co/events as well as on the Havana Main Street Facebook page.

Selection of designs to painted on the hydrants will be based on creativity, originality, imagination, and appropriateness. All decisions on applications are final.

By participating in the Fire Hydrant Design Event, you acknowledge that the Havana Main Street Program and the Town of Havana Florida and their affiliates are not responsible in any way for any injury or property damage directly or indirectly associated with this event.

By signing you acknowledge that participants are aware of all rules, guidelines and criteria associated with this event.

Authorized Person's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Fire Hydrant Painting Contest

APPLICATION

Name of Individual/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

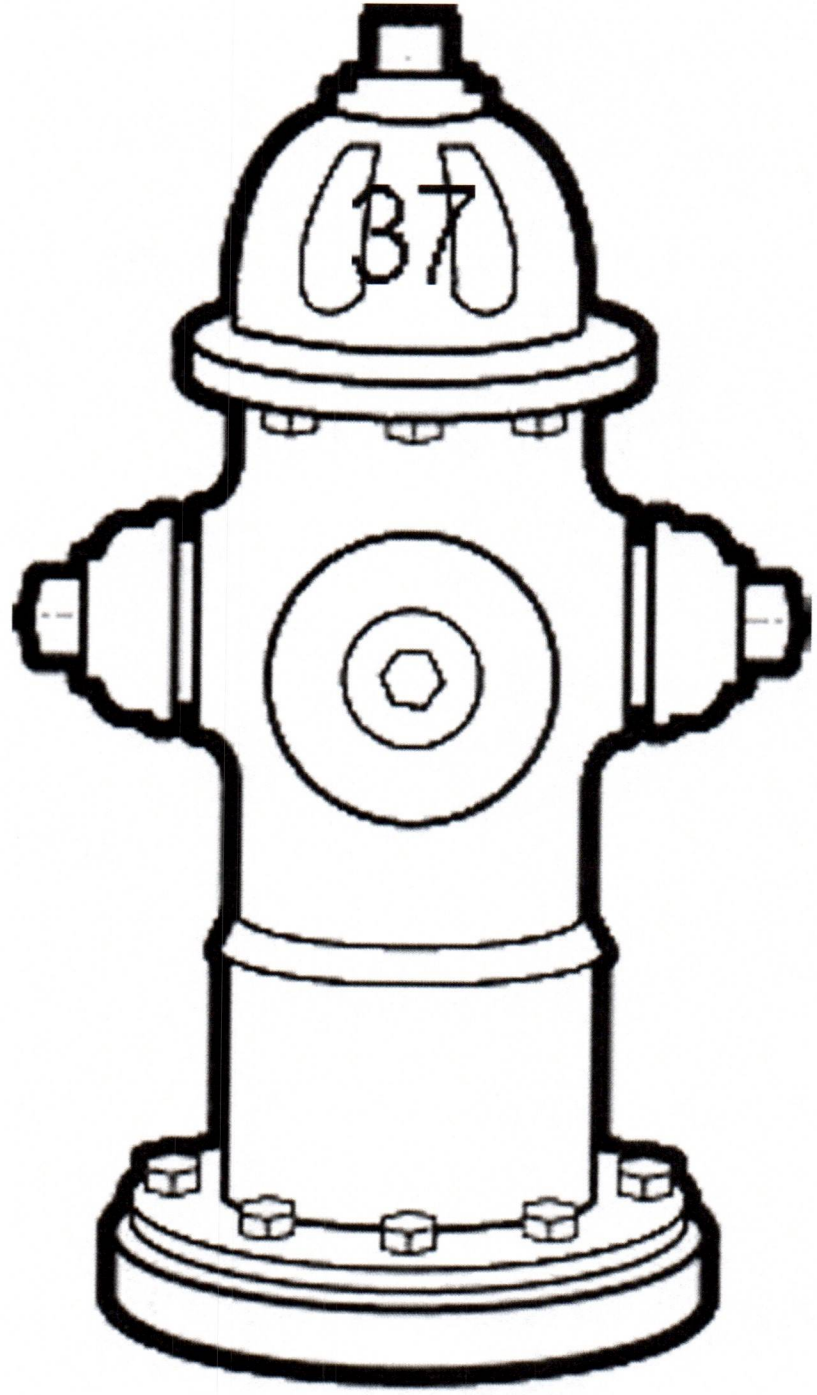
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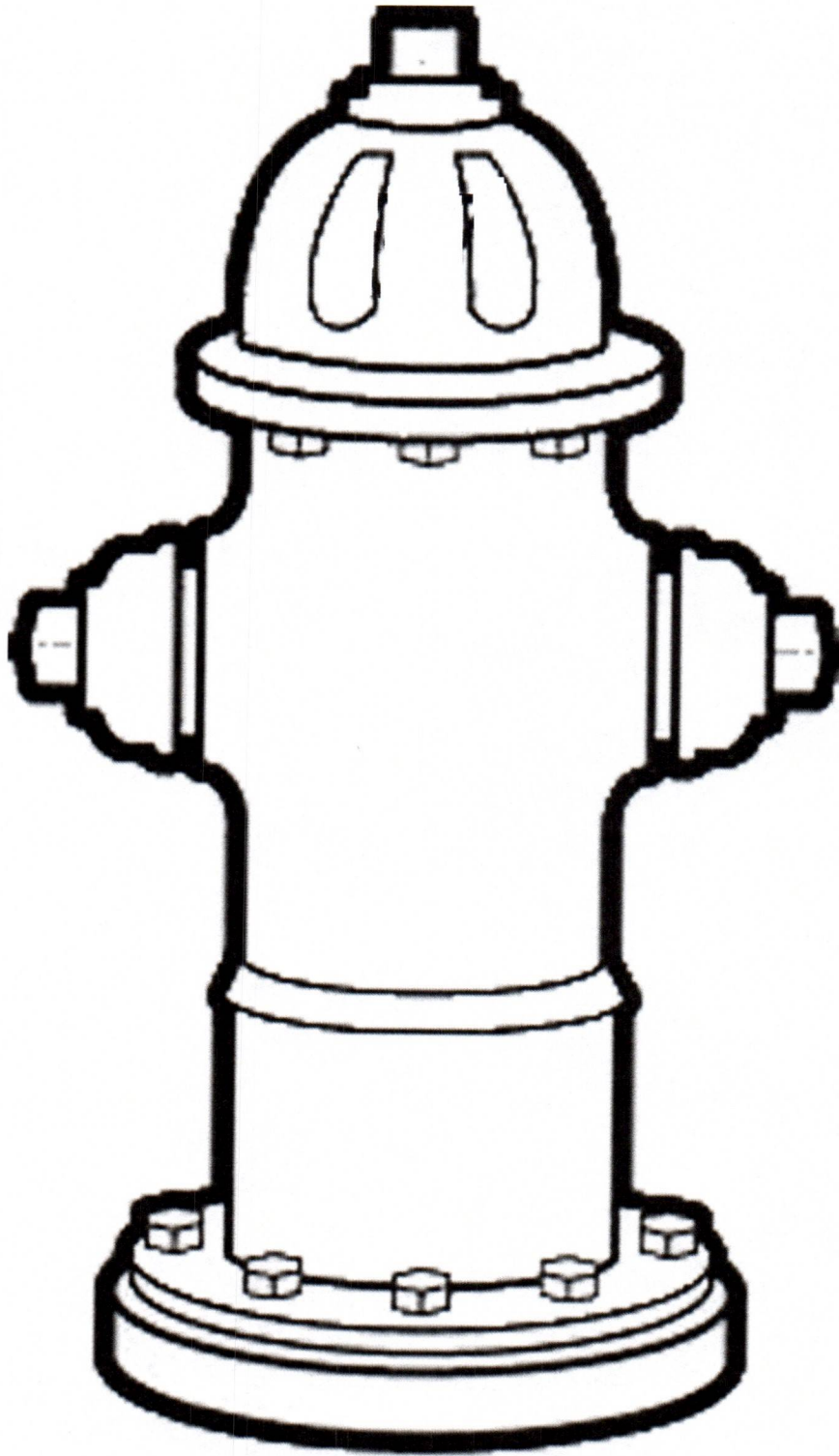
Briefly describe your fire hydrant painting design:

Please include a complete color proposal of your design using the template provided (**Required – Front & Back**), completed application form and signed contest rules. Application must be received by mail, or hand delivered **on or before COB on June 24th**. Submit Application to: **Havana Main Street, P.O.Box 346, Havana, FL 32333**

2021 Fire Hydrant Painting Event
1. DESIGN PROPOSAL - (FRONT VIEW)



2. DESIGN PROPOSAL (BACK VIEW)





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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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A, No.

Q. Is there a minimum age to participate?

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Q. Do I have to be an artist to participate?

A. No, people of all skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Q. Can a group, club, organization, or business participate?

A. Yes, Individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, etc. located Havana are encouraged to participate.

Q. Can I use my own paint?

A. No, paint will be provided to you because a specific paint must be used.

Q. Do I need to live in the Town of Havana to participate?

A. Yes, this event will be open to Havana residents, groups or businesses who wish to participate.

Q. Can I change the design after it is submitted?

A. Any changes must have written approval from Havana Main Street.

Q. Can I select the fire hydrant I want to paint?

A. You can request a preference in the application, based on the location of a hydrant, but a hydrant will be assigned to you based on availability.

Q. Can I paint more than one fire hydrant?

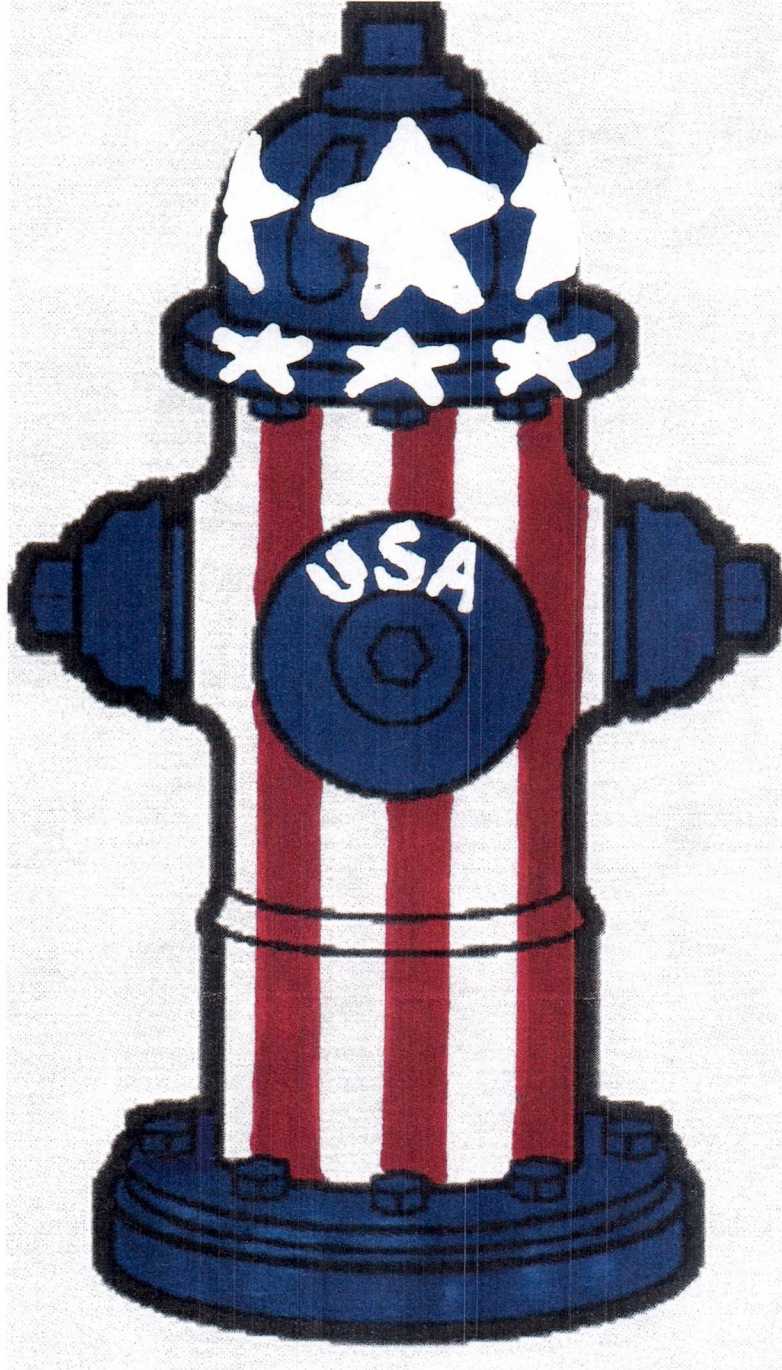
A. Yes, but you must submit a separate application and fee for each hydrant. A second hydrant will be assigned based upon availability after all first-round applications have been processed.

Q. Can I paint my business logo on the fire hydrant?

A. No. There can be no advertising on the fire hydrant.

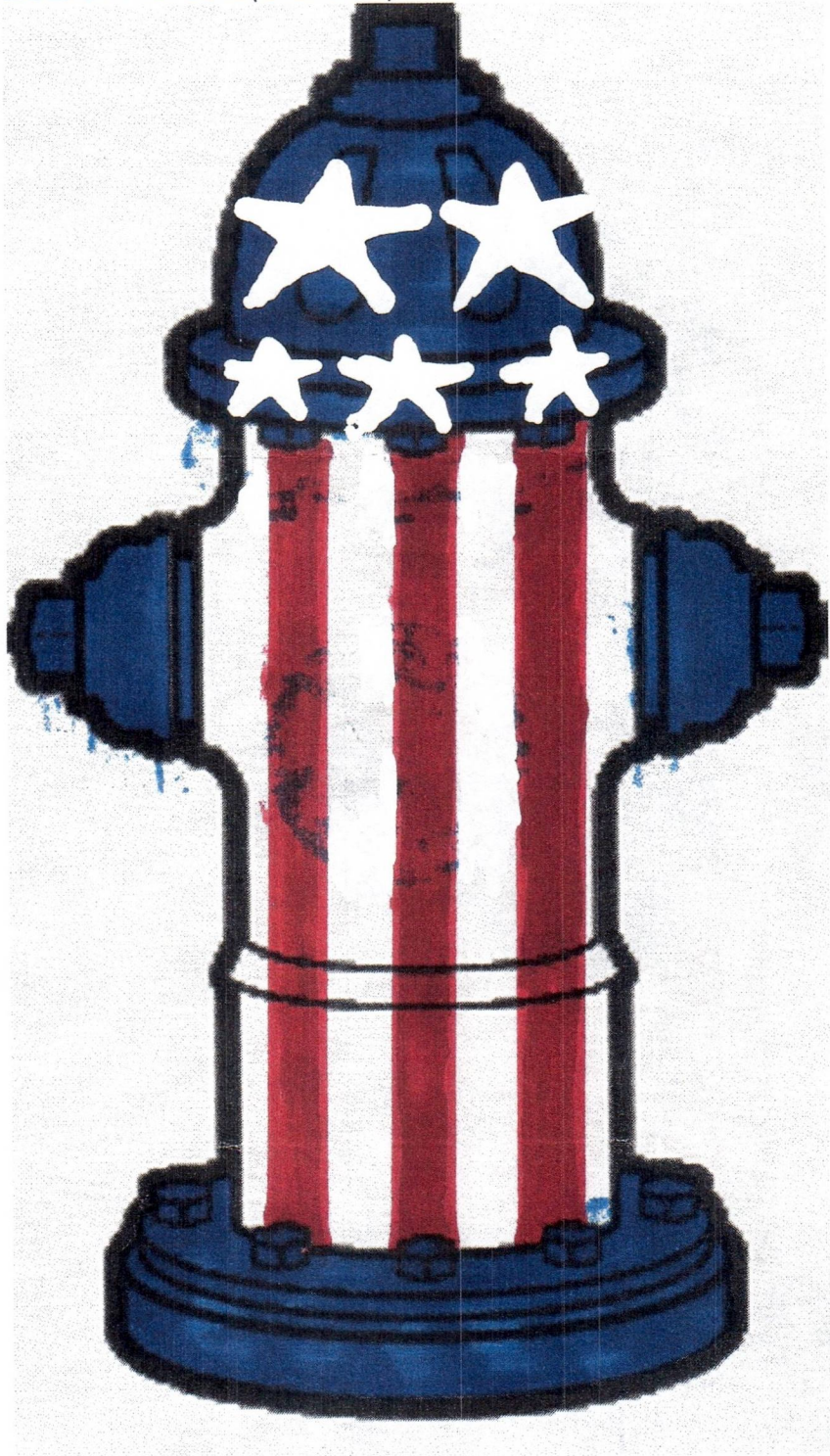
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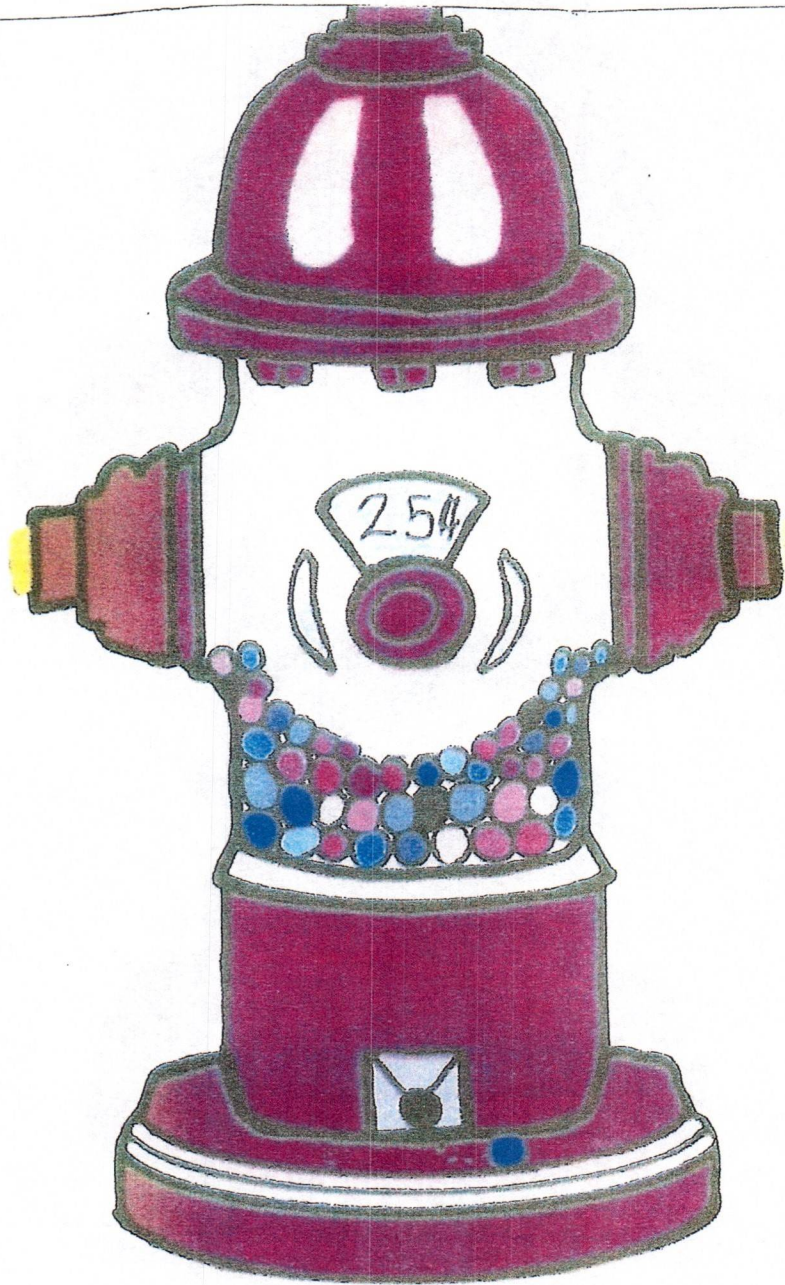


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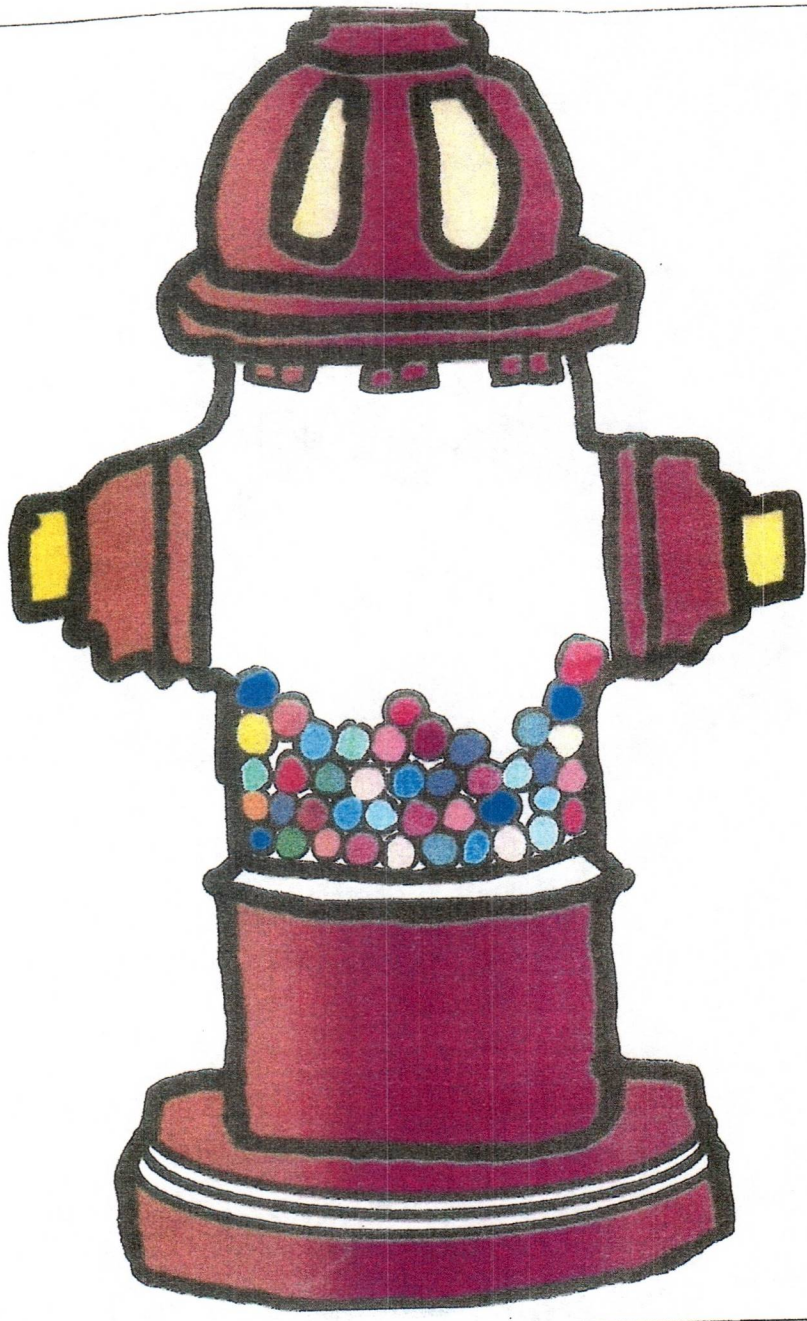
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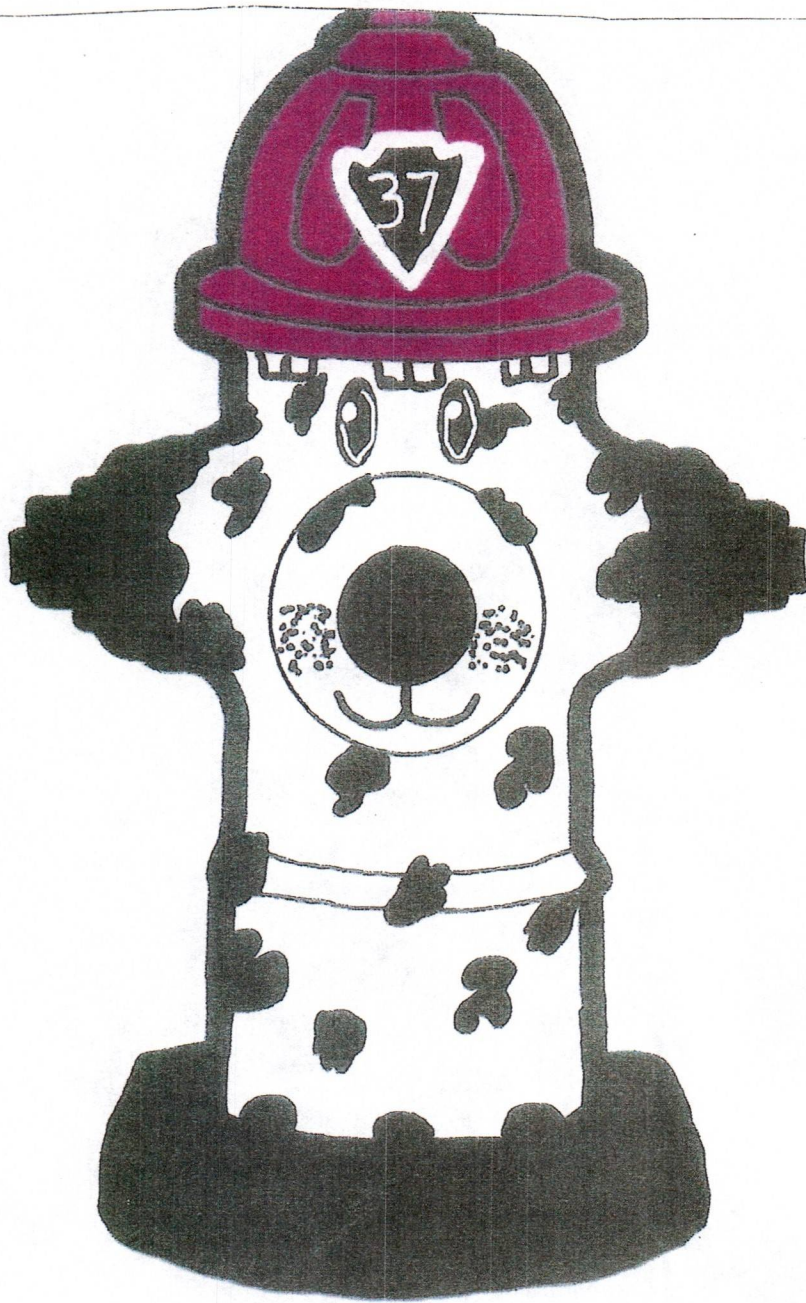
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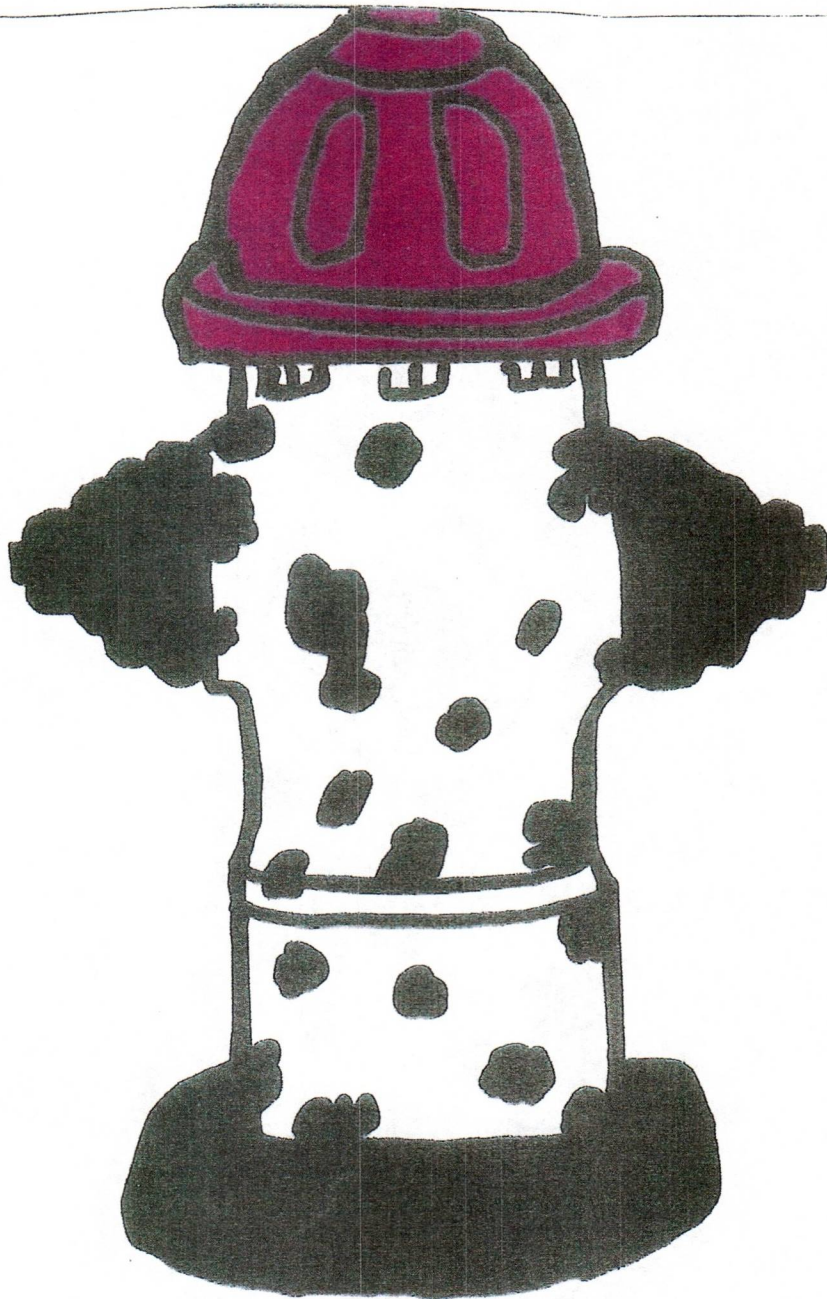
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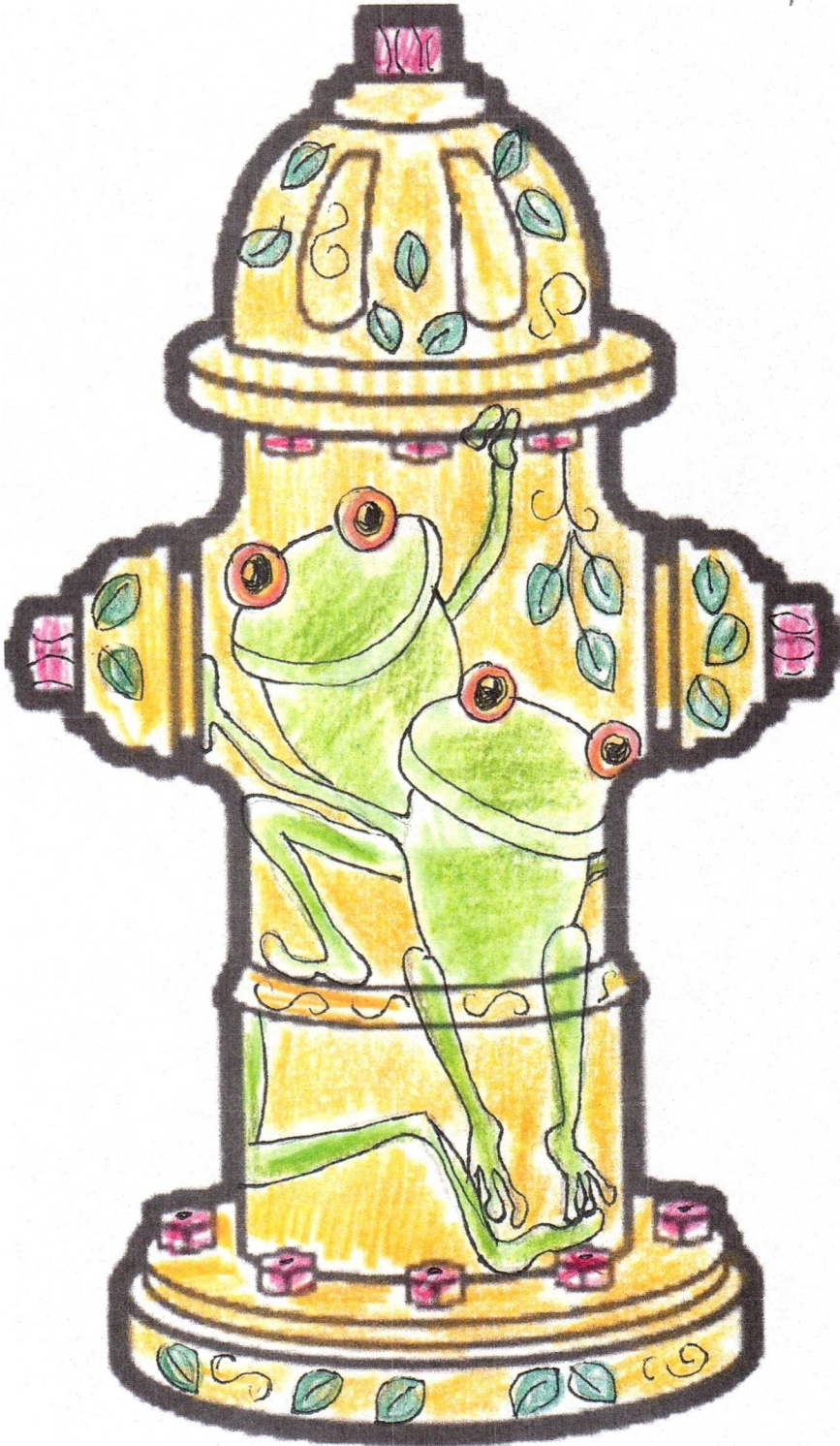


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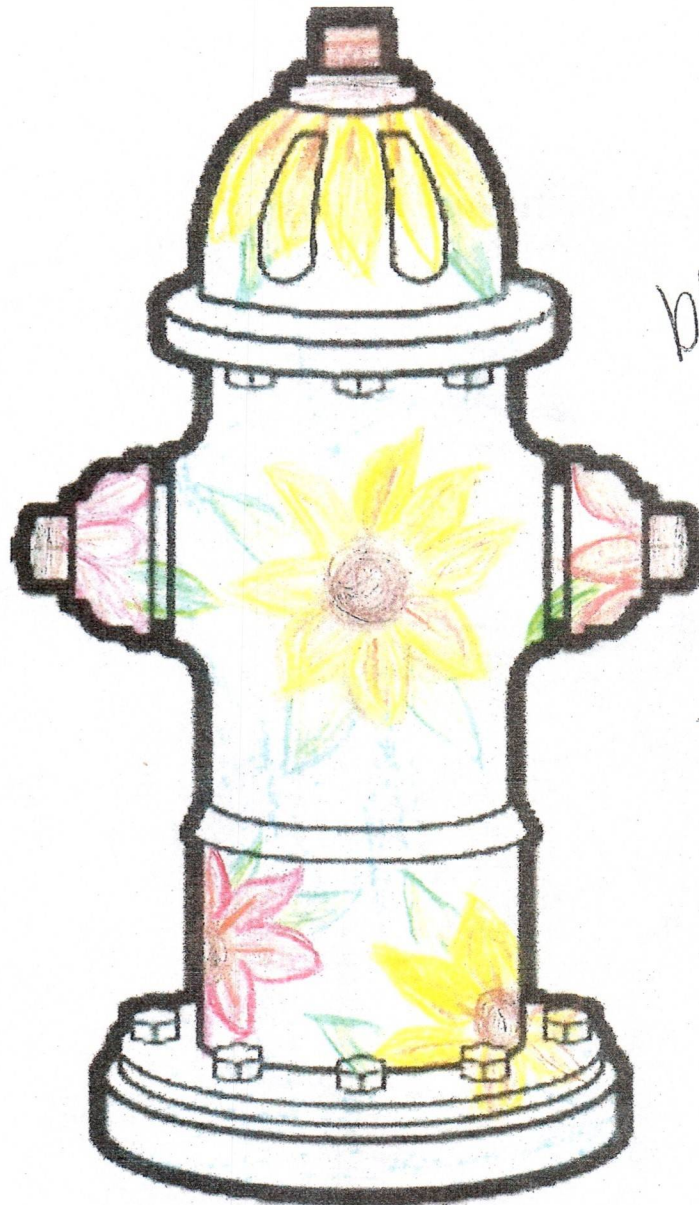
2. DESIGN PROPOSAL (BACK VIEW)

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BACK VIEW



blue/white
cloud like

flowers
will move
based on
hydrant &
cap colors



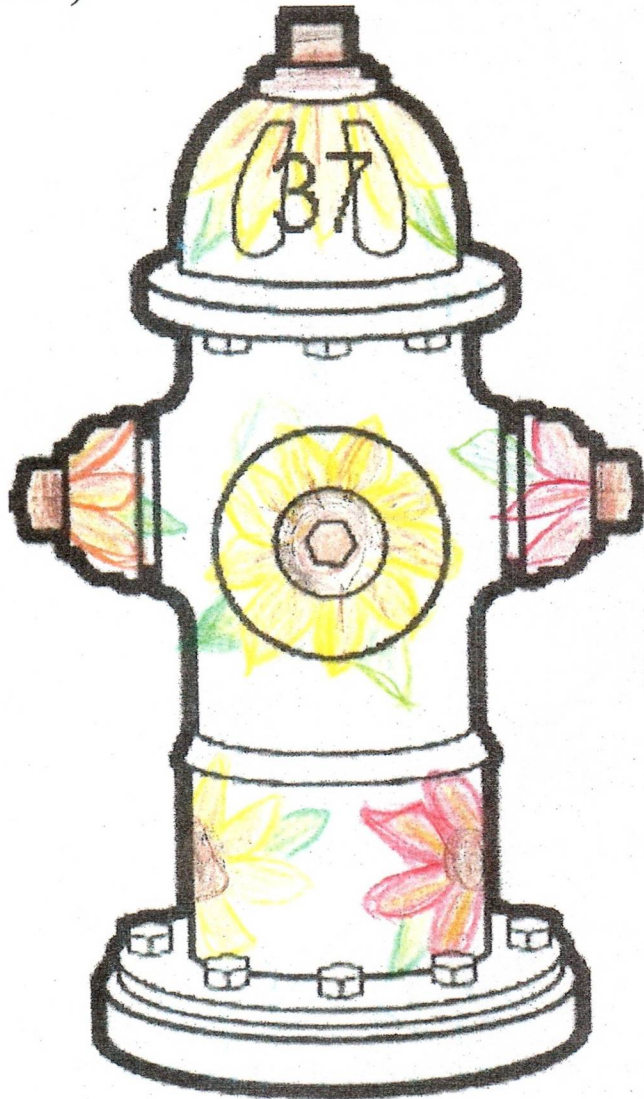
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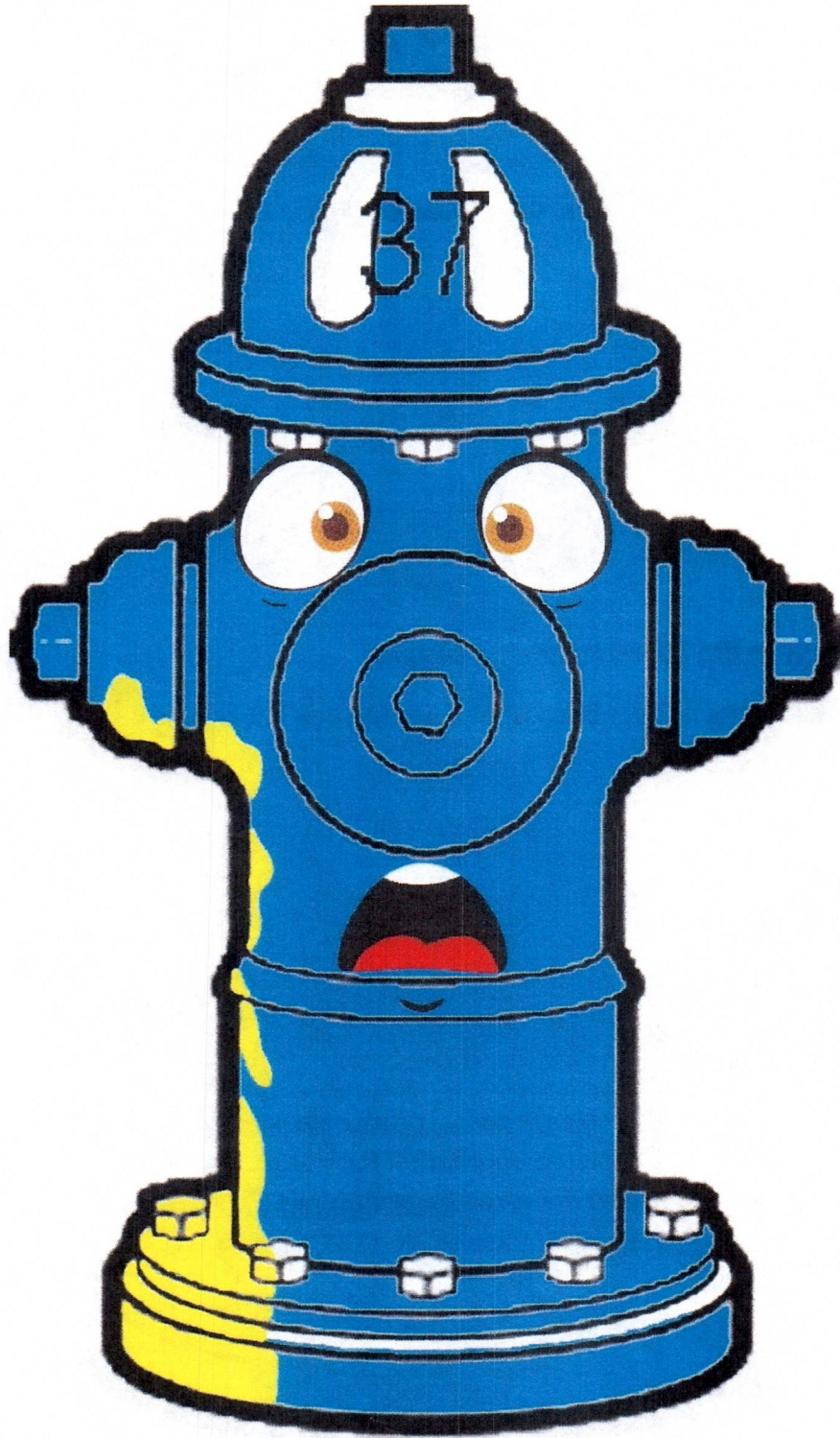
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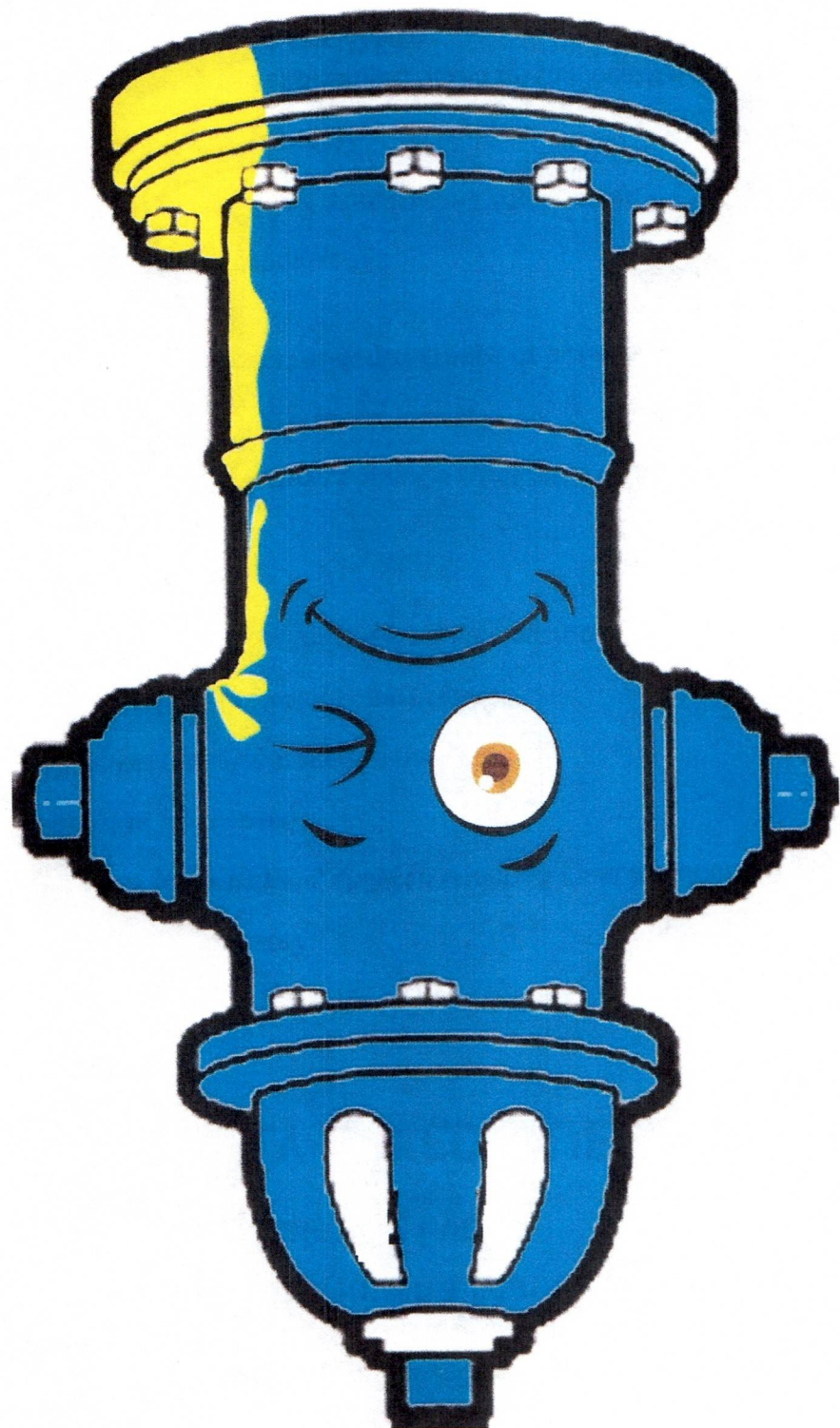
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(FRONT VIEW)

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2. DESIGN PROPOSAL (BACK VIEW)