



*Coming Together for
Rice & Larpenteur*

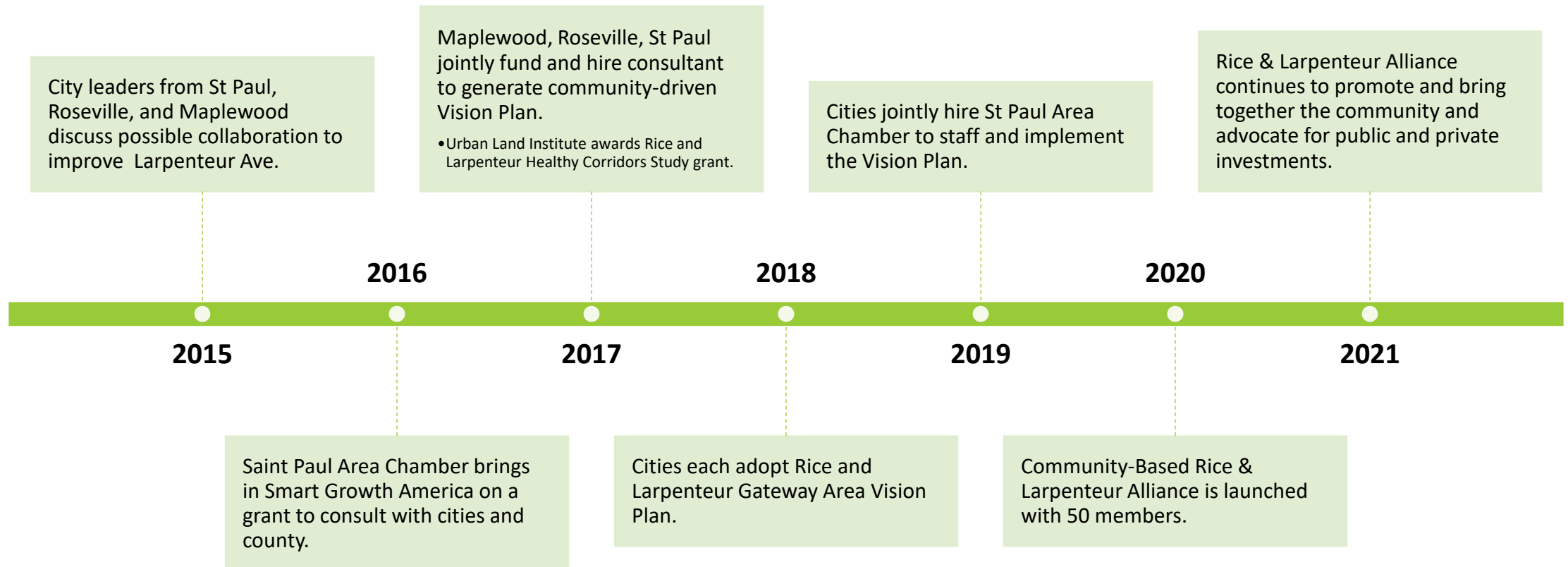
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Rice & Larpenteur Timeline



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Rice and Larpenteur is a neighborhood at the intersection of three cities, bisected by two county roads. We are...

- Growing (~18K people)
- Diverse (>35% people of color)
- Global (~15% non-English speaking)
- Young (30% increase in children under 5)

*Based on census data from 2015 for tracts 416.02, 422.01, 304, 305.

Rice & Larpenteur Vision



Vision:

- Rice & Larpenteur will be a safe, engaging, and inviting neighborhood center that includes common spaces, a high-quality pedestrian environment and robust reinvestment for the diverse people of the surrounding communities to live, conduct business and play together.

Values:

- Diversity and Representation
- Non-Displacement
- Strengths-Based Approach

Goals:

- Provide safe connections for walking and biking to and through the area.
- Create a walkable and bikeable center that feels safe and inviting for users of the commercial spaces.
- Develop a *Village by the Lake*, using McCarrons and other blue/green infrastructure to create identity and increase sustainability.
- Foster the creation of new housing of varying types and densities along the corridor to foster mixed-use walkable developments.
- Attract pedestrian oriented land uses such as restaurants, cafes, markets and neighborhood services. Support the existing businesses that provide valuable services to our community.

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2021 Annual Report



2021 HIGHLIGHTS



- Completed MyThrift Store Parking Area and Parklet construction, including benches, landscaping, new sidewalk, lighting, and additional pedestrian enhancements.
- Hosted a tour of small businesses and conversations with business owners in the Rice & Larpenteur area with the Minnesota District - US Small Business Administration.
- Engaged community in conversations around The Enclave at Lake McCarrons; a new development of 20 single family homes and added pedestrian connection through development from Larpenteur Ave. to Lake McCarrons County Park.

- Initiated community and developer conversations around the future addition of affordable housing units at the Rice Street Gardens site at Rice and Roselawn.

- Adopted the Neighborhood Signage and Wayfinding Plan and raised funds towards the construction and installation of community signs.
- Created the Shop Local Guide to encourage support of local businesses.
- Supported the retention of naturally occurring affordable housing through engagement of area apartment managers and building owners; while working with city partners for safety and livability.
- Advocated with the Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit for Rice Street to become a future Bus Rapid Transit route—which will be a transformational infrastructure investment in the region.
- Worked closely with Ramsey County on the ReVision Rice Street community engagement project to determine the future road design for Rice Street from Pennsylvania to Wheelock Pkwy.
- Advocated for state bonding funds to begin planning for reconstruction of Rice Street from Wheelock Parkway to CR-B.



Parking Area Rehab/Parklet

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Wayfinding & Signage



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DIGITAL GRAPHICS ON BANNER MATERIAL

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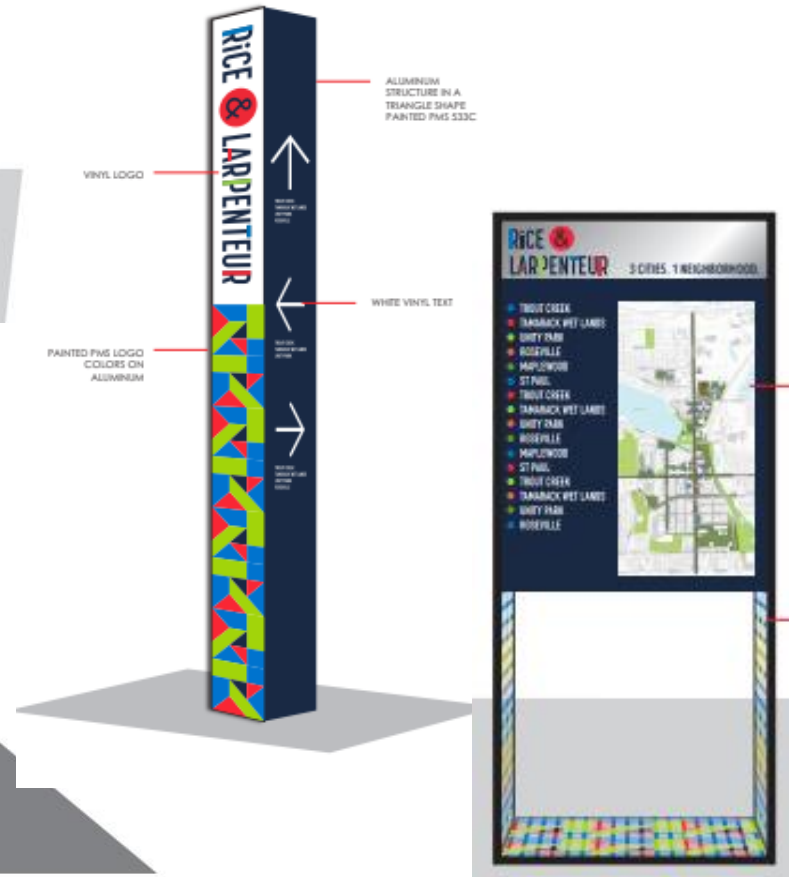
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Public Art & Business Support

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Grants and Resources for Rice & Larpenteur Area Businesses

How can we support you?


-  Grants for Facade, Signage, and Safety Improvements
-  Garbage & Recycling Bins and Support
-  Free Business Recovery Consulting
-  Grants for Public Art
-  Grants for Repairs Caused by Unrest
-  Grants for Outdoor Seating

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Apply before August 7, 2020 at <https://bit.ly/3fB6AZA>

The Rice & Larpenteur Alliance is a partnership of businesses, residents, and local government partners from Roseville, Saint Paul, and Maplewood, working together to support and improve the Rice & Larpenteur community. www.riceandlarpenteur.com

RiCE & LARPENTEUR SHOP LOCAL GUIDE



Your go-to guide to discover the many businesses in this district to meet all your dining, shopping, and service needs!



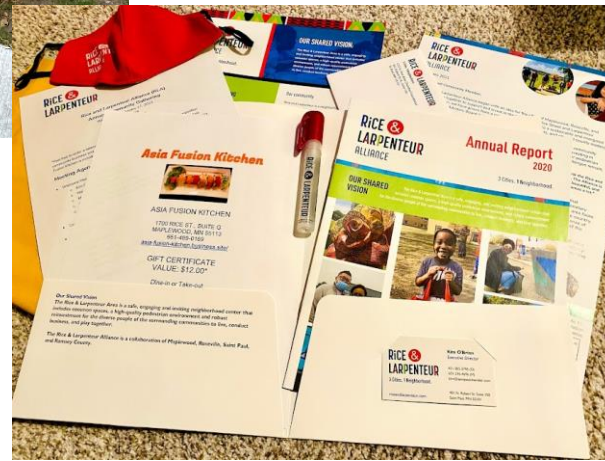
2021 HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

- Worked with artist Shakun Maheshwari, Arts Roseville, and Ramsey County to create a community-built mosaic mural at Lake McCarrons park titled, Community In Bloom.
- Celebrated Spring with the Community In Bloom event celebrating art and natural resources of Rice and Larpenteur.
- Executed the 3rd Annual Summer Block Party event, featuring local businesses, community resources, live music, and family fun in all three cities.
- Beat the cold with the Winter Warm-Up, an outdoor community building event with bonfires, giveaways, and hot cocoa.
- Supported Peace March with Mother's Against Community Gun Violence to honor the life of Nia Black, implore the community to end senseless acts of violence, and call for accountability for The Lamplighter Lounge for unsafe conditions.
- Worked with business owners to continue maintenance of public garbage and recycling bins.
- Conducted a school supply giveaway as part of our Summer Block Party.
- Hosted a free mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic near the parklet at the intersection.
- Launched the Connecting Community to Lake McCarrons Through Public Art program - solicited community ideas and designs and contracted with three public artists to create utility box designs highlighting our natural resources and watershed.



COVID-19 Response

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Adopt-A-Bin & Clean-Up

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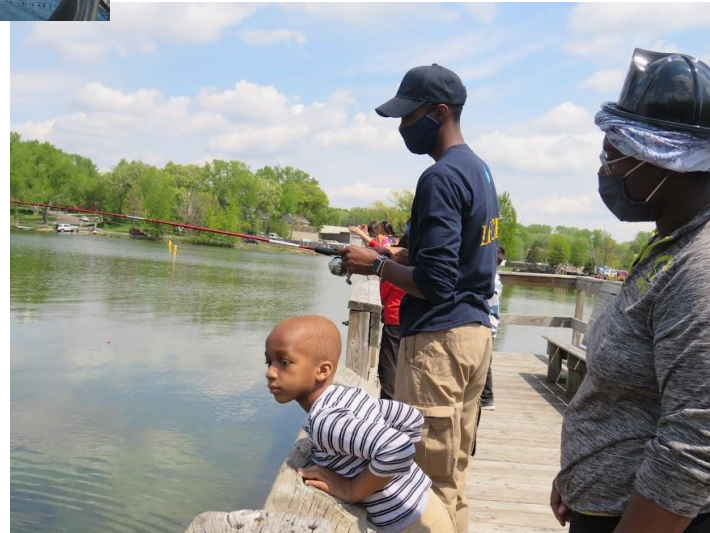
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Community Events



2022 Work Plan Goals



Goal 1: Maintain Organizational Integrity

Goal 2: Raise Funds Sufficient to Execute Programming Goals

Goal 3: Facilitate Commercial and Housing Development Projects in Keeping with Vision Plan

Goal 4: Advocate for Transit and Mobility Projects

Goal 5: Create Vibrant Community Events that demonstrate new uses of space, leave behind improvements, and connect people

Goal 6: Make Improvements to Public Spaces

Goal 7: Build Community Resiliency and Improve Neighborhood Safety and Livability

2022 Work Plan Action Steps

Highlights



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Executive Committee:

- Hires and supports Executive Director in managing Board, communications, and programming.
- Fundraising to support programs.
- Set's priorities and work plan.

Economic Development and Transportation Committee:

- Builds relationships with property owners, businesses, developers, residents, and local governments to identify and catalyze opportunities to build more affordable housing and create jobs.
- Supports Rice & Larpenteur Businesses.
 - New! Small Business Advisory Committee in formation.
- Advocates for roadway, pedestrian, and transit investments.
 - Rice Street reconstruction (cars, busses, bikes, and peds)
 - Bus Rapid Transit (G Line)

Neighborhood Livability and Events Committee:

- Plans community events: Spring Clean-Up; Community In Bloom; Summer Block Party; Winter Warm-Up; Annual Gathering
- Supports greening through flower planters, trees, garbage/recycling bins, CRWD, BizRecycling, Circular Economy initiative.
- Connects residents with supportive services and resources.
- Supports collaboration of public safety agencies and community outreach.

About the Project

The Rice and Larpenteur Alliance received a grant from the Capitol Region Watershed District to create and install new public art on utility boxes at 4 locations near the intersection. The utility boxes will feature lake-inspired art submitted by area residents and curated by a local artist.



Why is it important?

The art will promote stewardship of water resources and inspire connection to Lake McCarrons throughout the Rice and Larpenteur district. Lake McCarrons supports many outdoor recreational activities, including swimming, boating and fishing. We can all help protect and celebrate this community gem!

CONNECTING COMMUNITY TO LAKE MCCARRONS

THROUGH COMMUNITY-GENERATED PUBLIC ART ON UTILITY BOXES



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I am **Briana Williams**, a graphic design graduate. A self taught Acrylic Artist, Published Illustrator, Muralist, Teaching Artist as well as a community engagement artist. Minnesota native using art as a tool for healing and storytelling. My goal in life is to inspire and uplift my community.

Briana will focus her design on the utility box located at Rice Street and Larpenteur Ave.



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Fresh Vibes is an initiative created to represent and empower community members and youth to actively participate in the process of development within their neighborhood.

A design professional, an artist, and two high school students from the North End community make up the Fresh Vibes crew working to deliver design concepts for the utility boxes located on Nebraska Ave and Arlington Ave.

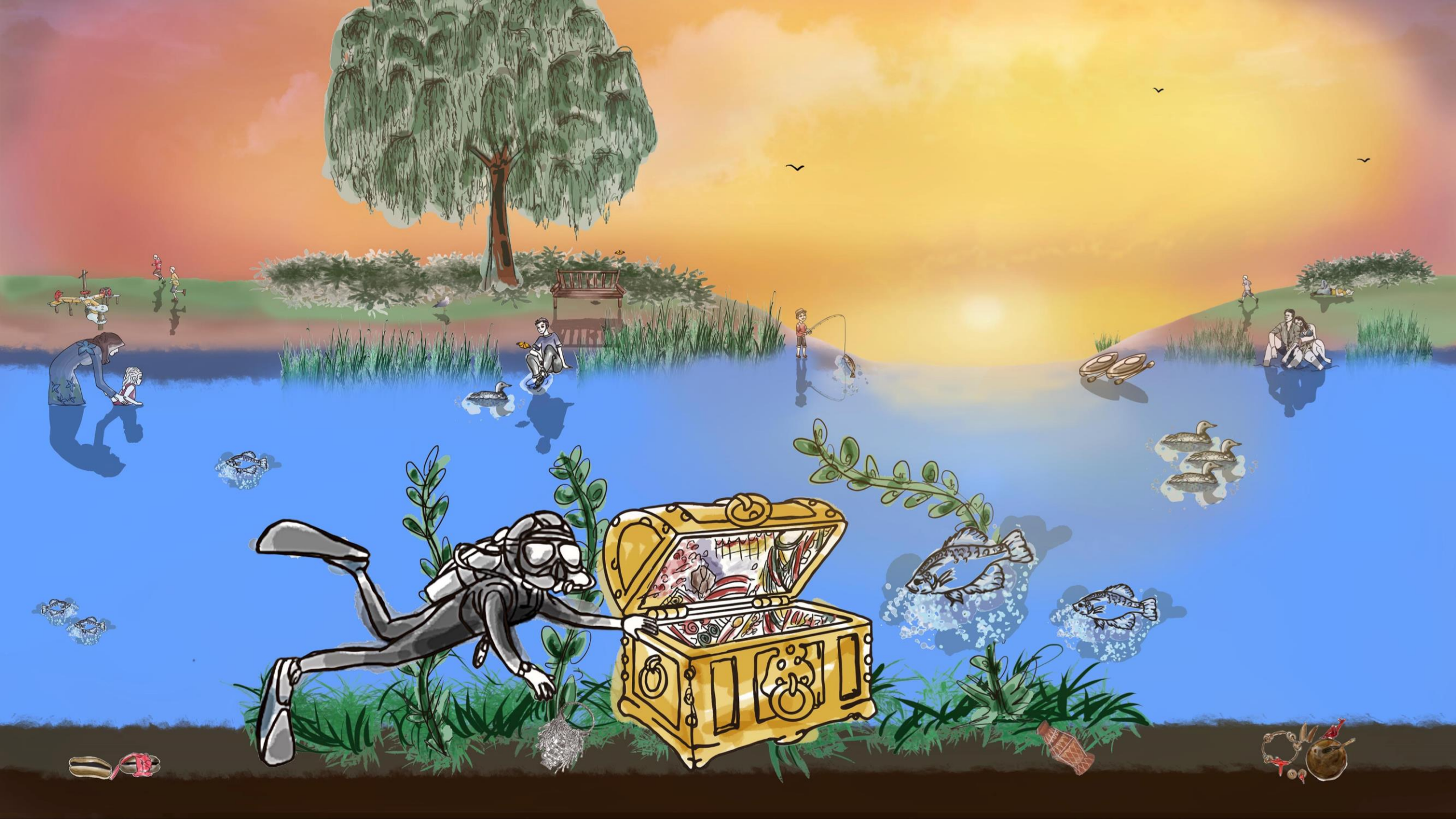
Malia Lee grew up in the North End area. She is a community organizer and has worked in the building industry for 12 years doing construction and architecture.

Oo Meh identifies as Karenni, the Kayah. She is inspired to explore new media to create artwork that speaks her story and with community as her theme.

June Lee is a 10th grader at Washington Technology Magnet. She enjoys community building. Her brothers are a meaningful part of her life. They bring her the most comfort and are the ones who keep her going.

Mary Yang is an 11th grader at Washington Technology Magnet. She is an artist and enjoys videography.





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I am **Venla Vang** and I am an illustration and craft artist. Majority of the time I am creating digital illustrations, working with resin, or sewing my plushie pillows. I enjoy creating Hmong and non-Hmong creations. Most of my illustrations are very chibi, shiny, and bubbly looking. When I started drawing and creating my arts and crafts in 2011, it was a way of having an escape and a coping mechanism when my mother passed. It was 2013 when I started showcasing my creativity. Aside from creating cute illustrations and crafts, I love collecting cute and kawaii items too. I also enjoy road trips, traveling, and discovering new arcades, and comic/game stores.

Venla will focus her design on the utility box located at Rice Street and Wheelock Parkway.







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Thank you!

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