

City of Newburgh

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City Seeking Applications for Arts and Culture Commission

The City of Newburgh is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the Arts & Culture Commission, which was established in 2006 to promote the arts in Newburgh. Due to scheduled vacancies, six of the commission's 15 seats will become available in February.

Applicants should send a letter of interest and a resume by email to arts@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov or by mail to Courtney Kain, City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550. Current commissioners whose terms are expiring may re-apply. The deadline for applications is January 19, 2007.

Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with arts and culture, experience with volunteer organizations, relevant professional background, and any association with local constituencies. Two-thirds of commission members must be residents of the City of Newburgh.

During its first year of operation, the Arts & Culture Commission established procedures for the acceptance of gifts of artwork to the City or for requests for commission support of arts events and projects. The commission is also developing draft legislation for a "percent for art" program for new construction projects and for live/work zoning for artists and other creative professionals. Ongoing projects include planning for a major arts event, establishing an arts center, and providing other forms of support for visual and performing artists. For more information on the commission's goals and activities, visit its pages on the City's website: <http://cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/advisory/arts.htm>