

5/19/2025 Town Board Presentation: Make Your Mark on Malta Project

Good evening, everyone. My name is Chris Havens, and I am proud to call the Luther Forest area home. I also have the privilege of serving as the current president of The Malta Sunrise Rotary. Tammy Handley, secretary of the Malta League of Arts, is here as well.

Tonight, I am excited to introduce an inspiring community art initiative sponsored by the Rotary. In collaboration with the Malta League of Arts and with generous financial support from the GlobalFoundries Foundation, we are bringing a unique artistic touch to downtown Malta through **Avenue Banners**.

These banners—measuring **48 x 24 inches**—will be proudly displayed on utility poles throughout the town center. Each banner will feature a **burgundy frame** with "Town of Malta" displayed prominently at the top. But the heart of each banner will be a **showcase of local artwork**, with a **36 x 24-inch space** dedicated to images that represent what Malta means to its artists—whether it's the beauty of our parks, the dedication of our volunteers, the warmth of family, or the vibrant hometown activities we all cherish.

We are inviting community members to **submit their artwork**—whether it's a **photo, sketch, watercolor, or any creative expression**—for a chance to be featured. Community members can send a photograph of their work to the Rotary's email address, MaltaNYRotary@gmail.com until July 1, 2025. Malta League of Arts has information posted on their website too. We will announce which works will be featured at a reception on July 24th at the Malta Community Center between 6-7:30 PM. The art will be on display at the center in photographic form for two weeks. The works will also be on display at the Round Lake Auditorium during their August Tea and Tour days. We are working on having a slideshow of the works for other community venues to use while the banners are being produced. The banners, created by an East Greenbush company, Gettysburg Flags, will be gifted to the town prior to Malta Community Day on September 13th.

Imagine walking through downtown and seeing these beautiful, personal reflections of Malta greeting residents and visitors alike!

Thank you for your time and we are looking forward to seeing your art.

