

# Have your art seen by thousands in Waltham!

## *Waltham hosts Switchbox Art Project*

Waltham welcomes all artists, amateur or professional who live and/or work in Waltham to participate in a switchbox art competition. Applicants will compete to transform our City landscape by turning drab utility boxes into pieces of metal artwork. These metal canvases will showcase artists' visions of Waltham – then, now, and beyond. Imagination is key in developing a proposal that showcases the wealth of historical, cultural and social assets available in Waltham. If your proposal is chosen, you will paint your piece on one of fifteen (15) chosen electrical boxes in Waltham, to be seen and admired by thousands of residents, workers and tourists to our City.

The Waltham Switchbox Art Committee comprised of City officials and Waltham teachers and residents is hosting this project to encourage artists to be directly involved in beautifying our streets and neighborhoods and to actively celebrate what makes this City special. The first phase of this project focuses on the downtown area of Waltham. This area is always busy and presents an exciting opportunity for artists to publicly display their art. To enter this competition, you must submit your switchbox art proposal by hand to the Mayor's Office by **4:00 pm July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

Judging will occur after the submittal deadline. Selected artists will be notified and required to attend an orientation meeting where further instructions on surface preparation and acceptable paint products will be given. Artists will be eligible to receive up to \$150 in reimbursement for supplies.

To learn more about this competition and to complete an application, please visit:  
<http://www.city.waltham.ma.us/open-bids>