Community

Design Intent

Step out onto the porch as the sun is just beginning to peek over the trees, a soft breeze rustling the leaves. Take a walk around the neighborhood, listening to dogs bark and neighbors calling out greetings to one another. Write a thank-you note to the local fire department for their quick response to a call. Attend the monthly town hall meeting, and mark your calendar for the next local elections. We are at our best when we care for one another. In *Community*, it's just what good neighbors do.

Technology Components

N/A

Mural Features

- United States Flag-The United States flag, often called the "Stars and Stripes," features 13 horizontal red and white stripes representing the original 13 colonies, and 50 white stars on a blue field symbolizing the 50 U.S. states. The flag was first adopted on June 14, 1777, by the Second Continental Congress, a date now celebrated annually as Flag Day. The design has evolved 27 times since its creation, with the current version in use since July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the 50th state.
- Post Office-A post office is an official government or public facility responsible for processing, sorting, and delivering mail and parcels. In the United States, the Postal Service processes and delivers roughly 425 million pieces of mail each day and serves more than 168.6 million residential and business delivery points. The United States Postal Service has been operating for more than 250 years and was established in 1775, with Benjamin Franklin as the first Postmaster General.
- Library-The United States has over 17,500 library locations, making libraries one of the most accessible public resources. The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, containing over 173 million items and adding approximately 10,000 new items to its collection every working day. The oldest continuously operating library in the world is located at Saint Catherine's Monastery in Egypt, established between A.D. 548 and 565.

Mural Features

- Bakery-Bakeries originated with ancient Egyptian and Greek traditions around 2600 BCE. During the Middle Ages, many European bakeries were community hubs, often sharing large ovens that families used to bake their own bread. In the 18th and 19th centuries, bakeries expanded beyond bread to include pastries, cakes, and desserts as sugar become more available.
- Flower Shop-There are over 15,000 retail florists in the United States, and supermarkets account for about 50% of all flower sales. Roses are the most popular cut flower, with carnations close behind. Approximately 78% of flowers sold in the U.S. are imported from Columbia, while about 77% of domestically produced flowers come from California. Globally, the floral industry is valued at an estimated $100 billion per year, and demand peaks around major holidays such as Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, and weddings, when flowers sales can triple.
- Haslet Community- Haslet is a small, growing city in north-central Texas, located about 15 miles north of Fort Worth. The population was 1,952 at the 2020 U.S. Census and recent estimates suggest it has grown to around 4,700–4,800 residents as of 2026 due to suburban expansion and new housing development. The median age is Haslet is about 43 years with a median household income is relatively high and poverty rates are low. Employment spans retail, health care professional services and the local logistics/transportation sector linked to nearby AllianceTexas and the BNSF intermodal hub.

Themes to Explore

- Texas History
- Community Features
- Careers and Community Helpers
- Safety
- Families
- Maps
- Needs vs. Want
- Voting
- Urban, Suburban, and Rural
- Transportation
- Recycling
- Conservation

Mounted Artifacts

- Prop Building and Service Vehicle-Using the dramatic play buildings, a group of students might set up a "city" with a hospital, fire station, and school. They assume roles like firefighter, teacher, or driver and create a storyline where a fire truck rushes to help, a school has to evacuate, and a bus driver helps people relocate. These types of play scenarios involve collaboration, sharing, storytelling, and learning through play.

To Find Out More

- United States Census Bureau
- Chamber of Commerce