PRESS RELEASE, IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The 2024 Mini Box Auction sponsored by benefitting the Community Visions Unlimited (CVU) Utility Box Art Project will be held from *4pm* – *7pm*, *Friday*, *October 18th*, at the *Urban South Brewery*, 1645 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, 70130.

Guests stroll through the Urban South Brewery and place their bids on keepsake replicas of the metropolitan area's beautified boxes, created this past year. They may also sample all the great beers available.

Twenty-five to thirty 7"x7" mini boxes that open from the top and list the location of the original utility box plus the name of the artist who designed and painted it. The minimum bid starts at \$50 for these souvenir storage boxes. You may send in bids ahead to <a href="cvunola2@gmail.com">cvunola2@gmail.com</a> to reserve a special box. We also are *selling pin replicas of the boxes which are available for \$5* each. All auction proceeds benefit the continuation of this this public minded community project, which originated in post-Katrina New Orleans.

Since 1994 Community Visions has been assisting New Orleans neighborhoods through art, beautification, and empowerment. CVU has completed 359 utility boxes to date across 7 parishes. Each box is approved by neighborhoods and the artists are paid and furnished a paint kit. In addition, CVU is now working with AT&T rendering artwork on their behalf (22 to date) and more to come...

Many Thanks to sponsors AT&T, Gulf Coast Bank & Trust, Al Petrie Advisors, The Bank Architectural, Urban South Brewery and Billie & Doug Mayo.

Community Visions Unlimited is a 501c3 nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible. See more at <a href="www.cvunola.org">www.cvunola.org</a> and view Mini's that will be in this year's auction. You may also send a bid ahead of time to cvunola@gmail.com

**FREE EVENT** 

Date: Friday, October 18, 2024

Time: 4 - 7 p.m.

Location: Urban South Brewery 1645 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, 70130