Greenfield to unveil downtown mural

Tuesday at 4 at GCC Downtown Center

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GREENFIELD — Mayor William Martin and Greenfield Community College President Robert Pura will unveil a new mural and parking meters created by nearly 80 children enrolled in the Greenfield Recreation Department's Community Kids, Bringing Art to the Heart of Greenfield program Tuesday at 4 p.m.

The unveiling will take place at the GCC Downtown Center on the corner of Davis and Main streets. The projects were created by youth ages 5 to 16 under the supervision of artist David Serotkin of Shelburne.

Serotkin is an artist and teacher who has worked on public art across New England and the mid-Atlantic region. The mural depicts the children's view of Greenfield's landscape in vibrant colors.

"This mural was created during the winter and early spring school vacations as part of the Recreation Department's vacation programming," said Recreation Director Christy Moore in a news release. "We are so proud of the work these kids made."

In addition to the mural, the Recreation Department is also unveiling a number of brightly painted parking meters. Also painted by youth, Moore said the parking meters add whimsy and fun to downtown.

Both projects were funded by the town and a two-year Adams Grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

"We believe that art enlivens the downtown and creates connections within our community," Moore said.