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**“Thursday Night on the Square” Coming to Palmdale
for 14th Consecutive Year of Summer Fun
*Holland Ranch Organic Farm, ARTown Fusion New for 2014***

PALMDALE – City of Palmdale officials announced the themes and musical performers who will be part of this year’s Thursday Night on the Square (TNOTS) events that will be held on eight Thursday nights beginning June 26.

TNOTS events begin at 5:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm in Poncitlán Square (9th St. East between Ave. Q-9 & Ave. Q-10) on June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, August 7 and August 14. Families can enjoy live music, enticing food, free City activities for kids and an open-air market featuring specialty items.

New for 2014 will be the addition of the Holland Ranch, a local organic farm that will offer certified organic heirloom varieties of vegetables and fruits.

The City will also introduce ARTown FUSION to TNOTS, a special artist showcase that will be held July 10 and August 7 at Legacy Commons for Active Seniors. ARTown FUSION will provide a unique opportunity for artists of all ages and abilities to display pieces of work and network with other local artists and the public.

“Having Holland Ranch and its organic offerings and a community art show will be great new additions to all the fun we have planned for TNOTS this summer,” said Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. “It just reinforces how TNOTS is a true community celebration of summer. People of all ages, interests and walks of life gather with friends and family to enjoy the beautiful weather, music, fun, food and camaraderie.”

The schedule of events is as follows:

June 26 | Charms of Enchantment

Step back into medieval days of old by creating a mystical potion necklace, a hypnotizing marble gem ring, and a spell book for crafting magical mischief. Stop by Camp TNOTS and try your hand at some Rockin' Art.

R&B by Bump City.

July 3 | Ol' Fashioned Fun

Celebrate our country's birthday with retro toys: Stamp a colorful marble bag and fill it with marbles, make a Catch-It Cone, and a patriotic pinwheel. New for 2014: Washi World at Camp TNOTS.

Country by Jacob Nelson & The Tone Wranglers.

July 10 | Art Attack (and Pawcasso Pooch Parade)

Use shaving cream and paint to create a cool picture frame, a crayon candle, and a glass tile mosaic. Artfully dress a furry friend and join the Pawcasso Pooch Parade (prizes awarded). Explore Washi World. Stroll to Legacy Commons for the all new ARTown Fusion Exhibit.

Swing by Phat Cat Swinger.

July 17 | All Fired Up

Don't miss this explosive night! Sculpt a clay volcano and take home a recipe to make it erupt, craft a firework sparkler that never burns out, and a turn a 'dangerous' stick of dynamite into a piggy bank. Paint some Rockin' Art.

R&B by The Ambassadors of Soul.

July 24 | Truffalooza

Kids will love paying tribute to The Lorax™ when they craft a fuzzy dress-up mustache, a fluffy Truffula Tree, and a Barbaloot Bear. Discover what's new at Washi World.

R&B by Lorena Mackey & The Hi-Lites.

July 31 | Totally Turtles ... Dude

Calling all Dudes and Dudettes to unite in making totally awesome turtle gear! String together colorful turtle beads and make a stylish bracelet, craft a pet rock turtle, and create a mixed media piece of turtle art. Journey over to Washi World.

Motown by Frank Graves.

August 7 | Dec the Walls

Time for some new décor? Kids can make a personalized ribbon photo board and collage their initial to hang on the wall, design a pocket mirror, and create some Rockin' Art at Camp TNOTS. Wander over to Legacy Commons for a second showing of the ARTown Fusion Exhibit.

R&B by Tesserae.

August 14 | Scares on the Square

Kids don't have to wait until All Hallows Eve to dress up in costume! Come join the fun, wear your costume and play the Musical Monsters game, create your very own mini-mummy, a vampire lollipop, and a creepy pinecone spider. Camp TNOTS will feature Rockin' Art.

Latin Rock by Boulevard Knights.

Weekly free entertainment and activities include:

- Live music in the gazebo until 8:30 pm, sponsored by Valleywide Dental
- The Game Garden featuring a variety of board games for all ages
- The Children's Art & Activity Center, open while supplies last
- Camp TNOTS, featuring guest storytelling at 6:30 and 7:30 pm; Easel Art, Origami Creatures, Washi World & Rockin' Art.

(Children's Art & Activity Center and Camp TNOTS are for children age 12 and under.)

In addition to the music and activities, each week one lucky person will get caught "green-handed" – disposing of recyclable and nonrecyclable waste in the proper container – will win a special prize, courtesy of Waste Management.

Pets are not permitted except at July 10th Pawcasso Pooch Parade. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Alcohol is not allowed.

This year's sponsors include Double D Cupcakes, High Desert Medical Group, Time Warner Cable, Valleywide Dental, Ventura Graphix and Waste Management.

For more information about Thursday Night on the Square and Family Movie Nights, call 267-5611 or visit www.cityofpalmdale.org.