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“Thursday Night on the Square” Kicks Off Eight Weeks of Summer Fun in Palmdale

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s popular Thursday Night on the Square (TNOTS) will usher in the summer season with the first of eight free events beginning this Thursday, June 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Poncitlán Square (9th St. East between Ave. Q-9 & Ave. Q-10).

An Antelope Valley institution that is celebrating its 15th season, families can enjoy TNOTS’ live music, enticing food, free City activities for kids and an open-air market featuring specialty items.

“This week’s theme is ‘Throw Back Thursday,’ and we’re going to kick it old school and pay tribute to 15 years of TNOTS with these crafts from the past!” said Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. Kids will get Stuck on the Square creating their own duct tape wallet (from 8/8/04), get into Monkey Business making wild animal tails (from 7/12/07), and get personal with their own Sock It To Me puppet pal (from 7/14/11). For 2015, Camp TNOTS will feature all new Washi World crafts. Live music will be provided by R&B favorites Lorena Mackey & the Hi-Lites.

For the second year, TNOTS will also host ARTown FUSION to TNOTS, a special artist showcase that will be held July 9 and July 30 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.

The remaining schedule of events is as follows:

July 2 | Heavy Metal Madness

Go mad on the Square with this metal filled night! Kids will create a ribbon soda can tab bracelet, handmade foil art, and a personalized stamped metal necklace.

Enjoy Washi World activities at Camp TNOTS.

R&B by The Ambassadors of Soul.

July 9 | Ultimate Fan Frenzy

Who let the fans out! Kids can customize their own #1 sports fan finger, create a sports-inspired light switch cover, and sport a colorful slap bracelet decorated with their favorite sports team logos. Rockin' Art is back at Camp TNOTS. Join local artists at Legacy Commons for the 2nd year of **ARTown Fusion**, 6-8 pm.

R&B by Bump City.

July 16 | Just Say Gnome

Look around the Square and what do you see? Gnomes! Gnomes everywhere! Kids can make their own gnome cone hat and fuzzy white beard. Don't forget to take a leisurely stroll down to the ol' fishing hole to make your fishing pole. Try your hand at Rockin' Art.

Swing by Phat Cat Swinger.

July 23 | Home on the Range

Round up the family, we're taking a trip to the good ol' Midwest! Kids can create barnyard animal paint stick pals, bottle cap magnet animals and a felt finger puppet farm animal of their choice. Discover what's new at Washi World.

Country by Runaway.

July 30 | Capes & Crusaders

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's capes and crusaders! Kids can make a super power photo frame, a flashlight signal with a superhero emblem, and create and wear a superhero mask. All superhero kids should suit up in their favorite gear because this night needs saving! Paint Rockin' Art at Camp TNOTS. Journey over to

ARTown Fusion at Legacy Commons from 6-8 pm.

R&B by Tesserae.

August 6 | Movies Come to Life

Enter the world of animation as we bring some of your favorite film features to life. Kids can "Let It Go" with frozen flubber, "Everything Is Awesome" with a stenciled brick Lego® jar head, and let their imaginations soar "Up®" with a mixed media balloon art piece. Enjoy Washi World at Camp TNOTS.

Country by Jacob Nelson & The Tone Wranglers.

August 13 | Game Board Round-Up

Dust off those old doohickeys and thingamajigs because retro games are making a comeback! Kids can make a Scrabble® piece magnet, stamp funny faces onto wooden discs to create a memory pocket game, and use retro game board art to

decorate their own keepsake box. 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 2 to 12.)

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.

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Alcohol is not allowed.

This year's sponsors include American Medical Response, Logix Smarter Banking, Sierra Medical Group, Time Warner Cable News, Valleywide Dental, Ventura Graphix and Waste Management.

For more information about Thursday Night on the Square call 661/267-5611 or visit www.cityofpalmdale.org.

