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ARTown Fusion Debuts at Thursday Night on the Square
Theme: Ultimate Fan Frenzy; R&B Music by Bump City

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s popular Thursday Night on the Square (TNOTS) continues with the third of eight free events this Thursday, July 9, 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 ‘Ultimate Fan Frenzy,’” said Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. “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.”

Kids will also have the opportunity to create custom gift bags for the athletes from Cyprus and St. Lucia who will be visiting Palmdale from July 21-24 as part of the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015. Materials will be available at the City of Palmdale’s booth.

Music will be provided by R&B favorites Bump City.

Making its 2015 debut will be ARTown FUSION, a special artist showcase on display at Legacy Commons for Active Seniors. ARTown FUSION will feature the work of local artists of all ages and abilities.

NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center's Office of Education partnering with the Aerospace, Education, Research, Operations (AERO) Institute will also be participating, with the Armstrong Aerospace Education Gallery open for visitation. On July 9, NASA will feature demonstrations by local NASA sponsored robotics teams as well as hands-on activities with the robots.

In addition to the music and activities, each week one lucky person will get caught "green-handed" – disposing of recyclable and non-recyclable waste in the proper container – will win a backpack made of recycled materials, courtesy of Waste Management, which will be filled with DryTown passes, treats and Palmdale Amphitheater Summer Concert Series tickets.

The remaining schedule of TNOTS events is as follows:

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 Tesseræ.

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.)

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.