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TNOTS to Go on Hiatus

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s has announced that its popular Thursday Night on the Square (TNOTS) event is going on hiatus for the remainder of 2015 after tonight’s event.

“TNOTS has grown larger than we imagined,” said Palmdale’s Director of Recreation and Culture Keri Smith. “We’ve outgrown Poncitlán Square and we need to take a step back”.

“Unfortunately, with more than 3,000 people on two acres, it makes for some very tight quarters,” Smith said. “It is a challenge to provide the kind of service and activities that have made TNOTS such a wonderful experience over the years. We have so many kids each week that we’re seeing longer lines at craft activities. It’s been difficult to keep the sidewalks clear as people meander around the park and we don’t have enough parking for those who would like to attend.”

Over the years, features such as Camp TNOTS and exhibits like ARTTown FUSION have been added to help accommodate the growth. But with each new addition and every passing year, the event’s popularity grew as well.

The City has also seen a large increase in participation in many areas such as youth sports, movie nights, softball tournaments, DryTown, senior activities and events by outside groups at City facilities. “Departmentally, we have had to redeploy our

resources and make operational adjustments to accommodate growth across the department,” Smith noted.

“What began as a small outdoor market became a signature event in the Antelope Valley,” said Communications Manager John Mlynar. “Annie Pagliaro, whom I call the ‘Godmother’ of TNOTS, has a ton of creative energy, and she led a great team that created more than 100 memorable, fun-filled evenings for thousands of families. In some ways you can say we’re victims of our own success.”

“Community events create environments which memories and experiences can be built upon,” Smith added. “We look forward to creating a brand new family event that will continue a tradition of creating memories and experiences for decades to come.”

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