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Mitchell Seyfer is 2016 “Walk on Words” Poetry Contest Winner
Work to Be Stamped in Concrete at Marie Kerr Park

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s Public Art Committee has selected a poem by Palmdale resident Mitchell Seyfer as the winning entry in the City’s “Walk on Words” poetry contest.

As part of City’s Public Art program, entrants were asked to submit original compositions that were no more than 12 lines long, including title, with a maximum of 35 characters per line, including spaces.

Seyfer’s work was one of over 140 submissions with the theme of “parks make life better.”

The winning poem:

Dawn till dusk, It’s here for us
To walk and run and have some fun
Skateboard ramps and tennis courts
Baseball diamonds, shady ports
To talk with friends or meditate
The scenery to appreciate
Barbeques and soccer fields
Sharing laughter, life and meals
Picnic baskets on the grass
Chirping birds are flying past
Enjoying sports until it’s dark
Life is better at the park

Honorable mention winners were Heather Urban, Mary Denning, Jaden Daley, Napoleon Serna, Ashley Juarez, Josiah Mokelu, Yitzel Serna, McKenna Grace and Sandra Shingleton.

Previous “Walk on Words” winners are:

- 2013 – “What Beauty Holds Us Captive Here,” by Mary Denning; Poncitlán Square
- 2014 – “One Day” by Steven Brito; Palmdale Playhouse
- 2015 – “Summer Fun” by Ed Robinson; DryTown Water Park
- 2015 – “Everyone Has A Story To Tell” by Joan Enguita Willingham; Legacy Commons for Active Seniors
- 2016 – “Guardians Brave Let Palmdale Play” by Louis Denning; Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42
- 2016 – “Generations of Pioneers” by Mary Denning; Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42

About the City’s Public Art Committee

As the City of Palmdale continues to strategize effective methods to increase community engagement, pride and identity, public art emerged as a practical and creative outlet to both engage and inspire the community.

The City convened an internal committee with representation from various departments whose public and department objectives best aligned with the mission of public art.

The committee reviewed various master plans from a diverse field of communities nationwide and ultimately defined six key focus areas:

- Identity
- Diversity/Inspiration
- Accessibility
- Economic Impact

- Design Integration
- Education

For information on the Public Art Committee, please call 661/267-5611.

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