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Tyler Farrell is 2017 “Walk on Words” Poetry Contest Winner
Work to Be Stamped in Concrete at Domenic Massari Park

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s Public Art Committee has selected a poem by Palmdale resident Tyler Farrell as the winning entry in the City’s “Walk on Words” poetry contest. An unveiling ceremony was held on Wednesday, July 26 as part of the National Night Out festivities at Domenic Massari Park.

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

Farrell’s work was one of 117 submissions with the theme of “summer.”

The winning poem:

School’s out no more class
Party time have a blast
Keeping busy, I will try
Fireworks in the sky
Sparklers in the dark
BBQs at the park
Slip n slide tons of fun
Cotton candy sweetly spun
Popcorn ready, Movie time
Let’s go it’s summertime.

Honorable mention winners were Jeanne Dewhurst, Jury Magana, Jerzie Speaks, Roger Valdez, Donnie Nitaljones, Kris Johnston, Faith Smoyer, John Guy, Isaiah Alvarez, Jason Coreas and Danielle Molina.

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
- 2016 Theme: Parks Make Life Better – by Mitchell Seyfer; Marie Kerr Park

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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