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# News Release

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## Sixth annual recycling art contest sets January deadline

MURPHY (December 27, 2018) Budding young artists and designers are sharpening their pencils, organizing their crayons, and getting their drawing pads ready to begin competing for cash prizes in the sixth annual Keep Murphy Beautiful Recycling Art Contest.

“As usual, we will have several categories and great prizes for the winners,” says Bailey Ragsdale, President of Keep Murphy Beautiful, which is co-sponsoring the contest. “Like in previous years, Grand Prize winners in the various categories will get their artwork displayed on the sides of recycling trucks, and our honorable mention entries will be reprinted on the sides of our Big Belly recycling collection bins.”

The City’s solid waste contractor, Republic Services, is a co-sponsor of the contest.

The contest requires school-aged contestants to create a poster with a mascot depicting the phrase: “Don’t Mess with Murphy.” Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17.

Competition is divided into four grade-level categories: K and 1st; 2nd to 4th; 5th and 6th; and 7th through 10th. Students who reside in Murphy or who attend school in Murphy, including those who are home-schooled, attend private schools or attend alternate educational institutions are eligible.

Posters should be submitted on standard-sized 8 ½ by 11-inch paper, poster or card stock. The submission must be designed in portrait or vertical orientation and should include the name of the mascot. Media can include crayons, markers, water color or acrylic paints, color pencils, ink or other similar media. Digitally-created submissions will not be accepted this year, in an effort to encourage entrants to develop that hand-drawing skills.

Entries must have the artist’s name, age, grade, address, and phone number clearly printed on the mandatory entry form as well as on the back of the entry. Entries without the official entry form cannot be accepted. Each entrant will receive a commemorative T-shirt, and there is a limit of one entry per person.

The art and accompanying form must be turned in to Customer Service on the first floor of City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road, during regular business hours. The deadline to enter is 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17.

The four grand prize winners will be announced at a reception during the City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 5. Each of the four first place winners will choose a \$300 gift card from either Visa, Amazon or Walmart. Second place winners will choose a \$100 gift card from either Visa, Amazon or Walmart.

Entry forms and more information can be obtained at the Customer Service desk at City Hall; by calling 974-468-4107; or by sending an email message to Ragsdale at [bragsdale@murphytx.org](mailto:bragsdale@murphytx.org).

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.