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Deadline for truck-wrap student art contest looms

MURPHY (November 13, 2014) The deadline for entering the second annual recycling truck art contest is fast approaching, and students wishing to compete for a cash prize or an iPad mini should be mindful that no late entries will be accepted, says Candy McQuiston, Manager of the City's Customer Service Department.

"The challenge for students is to show us how important recycling is to them," she said. "Younger kids can develop an illustration demonstrating the importance of recycling in their homes and, by extension, in the City. Whereas, older students can have fun coming up with a recycling super-hero."

Deadline for entering is Monday, Nov. 24 at 5 p.m. Submissions may be emailed to customerservice@murphytx.org or dropped off at Customer Service on the first floor of the Murphy City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road.

The winning poster and mascot will appear as wraps on the sides of the Progressive Waste Solutions recycling truck currently in use. Last year's winning entries have been affixed to the side of the recycling truck all year, and residents undoubtedly have seen it as it picks up recycling items throughout Murphy.

Murphy students in Kindergarten through fifth grade in any elementary school, home-schooled, or enrolled in private or charter schools can enter by creating a poster showing how recycling can have an impact on the residents of Murphy. Themes might include the importance and benefits of recycling or what the world may be like without it. The top two entries in each school will win a T-shirt for the artists. The grand prize for this level is \$100 in cash.

At the same time, students in sixth through tenth grades are invited to develop a mascot for the City's recycling effort. The mascot should be connected in some way to the student's understanding of the importance of recycling in Murphy. The super-hero creation contest will accept any hand-drawn, stylized or painted mascots. Again, the top two entries in middle and high schools will win a T-shirt for the creators. The grand prize for the mascot contest is an iPad mini.

Rules and more information are available online at www.murphytx.org or by calling 972-468-4100. Winners will be announced at the City Council meeting of Jan. 20, 2015.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. 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.