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# News Release

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## Annual recycling truck art contest accepting entries

MURPHY (February 14, 2022) Student/artists from Kindergarten to 10th grade are invited to put their drawing, painting, and coloring skills to work as the annual Keep Murphy Beautiful Recycling Art Contest entry deadline approaches.

“We’ve found that this is one of the most popular kid activities we put on,” says Dawnelle Collings, President of Keep Murphy Beautiful, which is co-sponsoring the contest. “Not only do young people get to express their sentiments via their artwork, but the prizes they can win are pretty popular. Apparently, getting their artwork displayed on the sides of recycling trucks, and on our Big Belly recycling collection bins is a pretty big deal.”

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: “A Beautiful Murphy Starts With You.” Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Monday, March 14.

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, watercolor or acrylic paints, color pencils, ink, or other similar media. Digitally created submissions or copyrighted material will not be accepted.

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, or the Murphy Community Center, 205 North Murphy Road, during regular business hours. The deadline to enter is 5 p.m., Monday, March 14.

The four grand prize winners will be announced at a reception during the City Council meeting of Tuesday, May 3. Prizes include gift cards of \$200 for first place winners in each category, and \$100 gift cards for second place winners. First place grand prize winners’ art will also be displayed on the sides of the Republic Services recycling collection truck that services Murphy.

Entry forms and more information can be obtained at the Customer Service desk at City Hall or by calling 974-468-4300 or by sending an email message to Collings at [dcollings@murphytx.org](mailto:dcollings@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.