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Sidewalk Sketch Artist Begins Work on Memorial Mural

A sidewalk sketch artist will begin working on his latest masterpiece beginning this morning at Plano's Memorial Park, a fitting tribute for those who gave it all for our great nation.

Santos Lozano, a veteran Plano ISD art teacher at Matthews Elementary, will be creating a memorial work of art in chalk today and tomorrow (May 27-28) morning from 8 AM to Noon.

In the words of the artist, "Sidewalk chalk art is my passion in art. I particularly like to draw angels. My latest project involves creating a piece at Memorial Park in honor of our courageous, fallen heroes. The inspiration for this idea has its origins from the sidewalk chalk art that others have been creating since the COVID-19 pandemic. When I heard about Jan Riggins in Fort Worth who is creating sidewalk chalk art in her neighborhood to inspire hope, I started to think about how I could give back to my community in a unique way rather than competing or receiving a commission. I often take walks to Memorial Park, and on one occasion as I was there looking pensively at the sidewalk, I thought about the potential of creating a sidewalk chalk art piece dedicated to those who gave their lives for our freedom. Interestingly enough, the angel for this work had originally been created for an art festival that was rescheduled for later this year."

Memorial Park is located at 2101 Bay Hill Drive in Plano.

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Attached: *Examples of Santos Lozano's chalk art sketches and a map of Memorial Park where the artwork will be done.*

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About Plano

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