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Crowds Flock to Free Water Day

Perris residents by the drove turned out July 10 to take advantage of a free aquatics day at the DropZone Waterpark.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, Mayor Pro-Tem Tonya Burke and City Clerk Nancy Salazar were among the elected officials who took part in the fun. The aquatics day is part of the Live Well Perris healthy-eating active-living initiative, which encourages residents to exercise and make wiser food choices to improve the overall quality of life.

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Perris Mayor Daryl Busch strolls in the "lazy river" feature at the DropZone Waterpark as part of aquatics day on July 10.

The day's activities included swimming, volleyball, wave-riding, inner-tubing and walking in the "lazy river."

Several residents said that with the ongoing drought, they have cut back their water usage drastically and no longer allow their children to sit in wading pools or squirt the garden hose to cool off so they were grateful for the water-play day.



Perris Mayor Pro-Tem Tonya Burke chats with resident Priscilla Nunez, who said she was grateful to bring her family to aquatics day.

Mayor Busch took several laps around the lazy river's course, where he greeted numerous residents and their children.

"We have another beautiful day in Perris," Busch said. "Everyone is having a great time, we have a capacity crowd and we at the City of Perris are happy to do this on behalf of our residents."



Perris City Clerk Nancy Salazar brought her daughters, Khloe, 4, and Alina, 17, to aquatics day.

Burke and Salazar brought their families with them to enjoy the day. Burke said she attends meetings with other municipal leaders and frequently receives inquiries about how to emulate the success of Live Well Perris.



Revelers get dumped by a giant bucket of water during the July 10 aquatics day at the DropZone Waterpark.

Salazar said the aquatics day was a reward to those who worked hard to get in shape.

"Work on your fitness," she said. "And you can reward yourself with a new bathing suit."



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