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New Soccer Complex Groundbreaking and Clinics

The City of Perris will break ground Oct. 18 on a new soccer complex that vastly expands the community's recreational facilities and will allow many more local soccer players from having to travel to their matches.

The day's activities also includes two soccer clinics, appearances by a member of the Chivas USA soccer team, the ChivasGirls, the Chivas Street Team and the Chivas USA Mascot—ChivaFighter.

Raffles and prize giveaways also are scheduled and the first 200 kids to register will receive a Chivas USA home-ticket-voucher.

The soccer-complex groundbreaking and clinics begin at 11 a.m. at Patriot Field Park, 525 Murrieta Road.



Perris youngsters take part in a recent soccer game. The City is breaking ground on a new soccer complex and offering two soccer clinics at Patriot Park on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Perris City Councilman Al Landers is hosting the events, which are free to Perris residents.

Landers was all smiles as he described the upgrades that are included in the new soccer complex: six new fields, artificial turf that needs no watering or "rest" as does natural grass, lights, restrooms, concession stands and parking.

"This is going to be a top-notch facility that will rival anything in this region," Landers said. "For a long time, a lot of our kids who play soccer have had to travel out of town, sometimes long distances, and that's just not right. This complex fulfills a great need in our community and I am delighted to see it come to fruition."

Landers said that Perris officials are rehabbing and upgrading recreational facilities from one end of the City to the other, part of the commitment to make Perris a community "second to none" for sports activities.

Perris City Planner Nathan Perez, who is helping coordinate the upcoming event, said the clinics will consist of 100-players each and will feature skills like shooting, passing and dribbling. The clinics will be conducted by professional coaches.

"These are the type of coaches who can improve anybody's ability, regardless of the skill level," Perez said.

Perez said staff members working the soccer-skills clinic and groundbreaking play soccer themselves and are anticipating a large and enthusiastic turnout.

"We like this event because it gives us a chance to work with the community through a sport we all love," he said.

More information about the soccer camp and ground-breaking is available by calling 951-943-5003 or by visiting the City's website, www.cityofperris.org.

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