



Perris Press Release

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This Year's Hunt a "Eggsellent" Adventure

About 500 Perris children and their parents gathered last weekend at the City Hall Campus for what might be best described as an "eggsellent adventure."

The event was the annual Spring Egg hunt, which always provides a great opportunity for families to gather, look for candy goodies, get a picture with the Easter Bunny and enjoy the day in a beautiful setting.

Like other City events, the Spring Egg hunt is very popular with Perris residents who always turn out in large numbers for a fun, family friendly activity.

"We appreciate what the City of Perris does on behalf of its residents," said Muriel Dovifaaz, who came to the egg hunt with her daughter, Tiffany Rowley, and grandson, Logan Rowley. "It's a joy to be able to come out here and see him interact with the other children. He should be proud to live in a City like Perris."

A team of Parks and Recreation employees led by Maria Mathey set up bales of hay in front of the Bob Glass Gymnasium and hid brightly colored eggs in them and under loose straw on the ground. The guests of honor were then called in and went hunting, filling bags of candy and hard-boiled eggs while their parents encouraged them and took photos. Children and whole families lined up to have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. Also helping out from the City staff were Rachel Pinedo, Sarina Brannon and Julia Luis.

Several volunteers, including six from the California Military Institute, made sure the event went off without a hitch. Mathey said the City purchased 2,000-plastic eggs and filled them with goodies for the children. The City also received a donation of 3,500 hard-boiled eggs from a local distributor.

Tiffany Rowley and her 3-year-old son live within walking distance of the egg hunt and appreciate its convenience.

"We look forward to it each year," Tiffany Rowley said.

Dennis and Mary Acuna brought their son, Eric, 3, to the egg hunt and said their Easter would not be the same without the event.

"We look forward to coming out here," Dennis Acuna said. "He came make friends he can play with in the future. It's nice watching my son have fun. I've lived here my whole life and all of the City's events are pretty family-oriented."

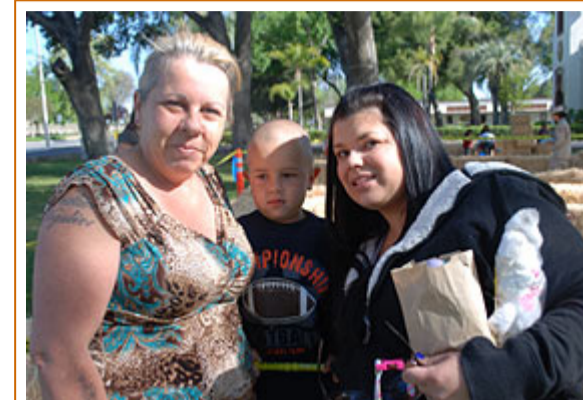
Mary Acuna said her family enjoys living in a community that cares so much about kids and families.

Lilyana Hunter lives in Moreno Valley but says she wouldn't miss the Perris egg hunt. She attended the event with her daughter, Leila, 2.

"It's very enjoyable for the parents," she said. "It's nice to see all the children come together and participate in something so enjoyable. The City of Perris is a very tight, family-oriented community."

Shannon Bruhn said she attended her first egg hunt in 2011 and marked the calendar for this year's fun. She attended with her daughter Destiny, 8, and son, Santos, 5. She said the egg hunt features one thing sure to make children smile: candy.

"It's what kids love," she said. "I think it's wonderful the City sponsors events that bring the community together."



Muriel Dovifaaz brought her daughter, Tiffany Rowley and grandson, Logan Rowley, 3, to the 2012 Spring Egg Hunt at City Hall.



Leila Hunter, 2, hands her mom, Lilyana, an egg she discovered at Saturday's holiday event, which drew more than 500 children.



Many families took advantage of the opportunity to have a picture with the Easter Bunny.



City employee Rachel Pinedo helps a youngster look for eggs during the hunt.