



Perris Press Release

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Halloween Festival a Treat for Young and Old

Ghouls, ghosts, goblins, pirates, princesses, ninjas, vampires and comic-book superheroes descended on the annual City of Perris Halloween Festival, making the annual funfest an unqualified success.

The City sponsors the festival as a way to bring parents and their children to a well-organized event that includes singing, puppet shows, games and prizes for children with the best Halloween costumes. About 500 people took part in Halloween Festival 2012 and youngster, their parents and grand-parents agreed it was the place to be in Perris.

"The City provides great activities for its young people," said Joana Medina, who attended the Halloween Festival with her daughter, Cloey, 4, who came dressed as Bat Girl. "Perris is a small City and it's nice to come out and see all the kids have a great time. I enjoy seeing my kid have fun."

Ray Cisneros, who brought his grandson, Liam Hawkins, 4, to the big show, thanked the City for giving back to its residents during tough economic times. Liam dressed as the blue Power Ranger.

"I get to enjoy Halloween all over again," Cisneros said. "I am glad the City is still willing and able to support the kids of this community."

The event took place at the Perris Library, across the street from the City Hall Campus, and there was plenty to occupy the youngsters' time. Revelers played games for the chance to win candy prizes, enjoyed face-painting and a puppet show.

Throughout the course of the evening, City staff members invited the children to take part in costume contests, with prizes to the winners. This was the time to see trolls, witches, football players, Sponge Bob, Dora the Explorer, Jason from the Friday the 13th series, Michael Myers from "Halloween" and its sequels strut their stuff.

Salvador and Vanessa Ferrer brought their 10-month-old daughter, Eva, to the festival. Her Minnie Mouse costume took first place.

"She loves Minnie Mouse," Salvador Ferrer said. "We've had a great time."

Anel Tapia brought her son, Edrick Castano, 2, who dressed up as Peter Pan. She said this year's Halloween Festival marked the first time she has enjoyed the City's holiday celebration. It will not be the last.

"I feel good about the City," Tapia said. "The City presents good events so children can enjoy themselves. It makes me proud to live in Perris."



Rachel and Jesse Pinedo came to the Perris Halloween Festival with their daughter, Revelry, 2.



Cloey Medina, 4, is all smiles in her Bat Girl costume at the annual Perris Valley Halloween Festival.



Ray Cisneros came to the annual Halloween Festival with grandson Liam Hawkins, 4, who donned a Power Ranger costume. Cisneros: "City is willing and able to support the kids."