



## Perris Press Release

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### Perris Fountain Gets a Facelift

Perris' iconic fountain in front of City Hall has undergone a major renovation.

A construction crew installed new tile in the bottom and along the sides of the City landmark, which has attracted wedding parties, birthday bashes, novice photographers and videographers and at family celebrations like quinceaneras.

It's common to drive past City Hall on a Saturday or Sunday and see gatherings of people posing in front of the fountain for individual and group photos.

But the fountain has become a little worn in recent years.

Because of a lack of a filtration system, algae sometimes bloomed and discolored the water. Without filters, leaves and other small debris also clouded the fountain, said Perris Public Works Manager Daryl Hartwill.

Both those concerns have been addressed in the \$15,000 rehab. A new filtration system should keep most debris from accumulating in the fountain. Water inside the fountain's basin will be slightly treated with chlorine to keep it clear and prevent algae blooms, Hartwill said. The new filters will reduce staff time and costs to clean the fountain.

Work crews also replaced the fountain with new white tiles, while the sides were covered with ocean-green tiles. Both matched the existing color patterns.

Work on the project finished this week and by Thursday morning, water was once again flowing through the fountain.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch said is committed to keeping the City Hall fountain a showcase for City residents and visitors.

"We are trying to keep it



Part of the construction included putting new sealant around the base of the fountain.

looking as good as possible," Busch said. "We feel obligated to make sure the fountain looks good for the people who use it. It's been in need of repairs and the City staff has done a great job in making sure that with the repairs completed, the fountain will be in good working order."

City Councilman Mark Yarbrough said the City Hall fountain is a centerpiece of Downtown Perris. Visitors to Downtown see a refurbished City Hall with beautiful trees and landscaping, a new Senior/Teen Center across the street and many beautifully restored buildings along D Street.

"Downtown Perris is beautiful," Yarbrough said. "The fountain is the icing on the cake."

City Councilwoman Rita Rogers said Perris will reap many benefits from the fountain fixes. Motorists exiting southbound I-215 at D Street first see the fountain as they approach City Hall.

"It's the gateway to the City," Rogers said. "It's an important priority of this City Council to keep our City Hall Campus looking great. It's part of the ongoing beautification of City. When you see the fountain, you know you've reached the City of Perris."

Perris City Councilman Al Landers said the fountain is part of the "rebirth of the City of Perris," an ongoing series of renovations that include a new interchange at I-215 and Fourth Street, the new Mercado Apartments and adjacent Mercado Park on D Street and the soon-to-be completed Big League Dreams sports complex on Highway 74 in Perris.

"This is a great time to serve on the City Council in this community," Landers said. "Our City is on the ascent. The fountain provides a picturesque setting of our campus. It opens the eyes of our residents and visitors about what our campus and City is all about. It's a major upgrade."



With repairs completed, water once again flows from the Perris City Hall fountain.



The sides of the Perris City Hall fountain were replaced with new ocean-green tiles.



A tile-setter works on the floor of the iconic fountain outside Perris City Hall.