



# Perris Press Release

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## Fun for Young and Old at Perris' Halloween Festival

Don't tell the parents and grandparents who came to the annual Perris Halloween festival that the event is all about the pre-teen set. The adults who chaperoned their children and neighbor's kids to the Cesar E. Chavez Library for the 2011 version said there was plenty for them to enjoy.

More than 1,000 people took part in the Oct. 28 celebration, which featured candy giveaways, games, costume contests, puppet shows and the appearance of the Perris Mounted Patrol, who drew big crowds of kids and adults enthralled by their horses. Friends of the Library sold paperback books at 25-cents apiece to help raise funds for their cause.

Parents like Lisa Williams said Perris should give itself a pat on the back for organizing such a well-run, popular and inviting festival. She came with her children, Savannah, 10; Tyler, 6, and Christian, 3.

"This is really wonderful," Williams said. "It's a great atmosphere for the kids to have fun in. It's my first time to come to this event but I think I will be coming back."

A wide assortment of ghouls, goblins, vampires, ninjas, superheroes, pirates, cowboys and cartoon characters came out in full-costume for the proceedings. Perris City employees set up an information booth, sold game tickets and helped keep the festivities running smoothly. The Perris Citizens Patrol also came out to support the Halloween fest.

Salvador Hernandez played dual roles. As a grandfather, he escorted his 2-year-old grandson, Matthew, around the venue. As a member of the Citizens Patrol, he wore his uniform. Hernandez explained that Citizens Patrol members support police at accident scenes, checkpoints and search for lost and missing children. They also appear at community events like Halloween.

"I love it," he said of his work.

He also enjoyed the time he spent with his grandson.

"This is fun," Hernandez said. "It's nice to see all the kids dressed up in their various costumes. This is a great event for the kids, a great event for parents, a great event for grandparents and a great event for the City."

Marcia Steele said she moved to Perris a month ago from Los Angeles and the move has exceeded all her expectations. She came to the Halloween festival with three of her grandchildren—Lovely Riley, 7; Beautiful Riley, 4; and Channing Shelton, 4.

"I love living in Perris," Steele said. "It's a great City. The people are nice and the atmosphere is quiet and relaxed. I'm in heaven here. I would not go back to LA."

Mariana and Greg Parks brought their 3-year-old daughter, Jaele, from their home in Moreno Valley to have some Halloween fun.

"The City of Perris always has events for the family," said Mariana Parks. "It's neat to be able to take part in this kind of fun activity."

Greg Parks said he got a lot of satisfaction at seeing his daughter's constant smile as she enjoyed the festivities.

"It's a great event for the community," he said. "It helps the community grow."



Salvador Hernandez, a member of the Perris Citizens Patrol, attended the Halloween festival with his grandson, Matthew.



Marcia Steele brought three of her grandchildren to the festival. They were Beautiful Riley, Lovely Riley and Channing Shelton.



Costumed children like these were the order of the day at the annual Perris Halloween festival.



Mariana Parks and her husband, Greg Parks, came with their daughter, Jaele.