



## Perris News

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### March 27: Family Soccer Carnival Fundraiser for Perris Valley League

City officials expect as many as 3,000 people to attend an exhibition soccer game between a team of former professionals in Mexico and elite players from the Perris Valley.

The match, part of the first-ever visit by the team of retired soccer stars to Perris, begins at 7 p.m. at Perris High School, Perris Boulevard and Nuevo Road. The main event is part of a daylong celebration of soccer that also features matches between teams of youngsters and teen-agers.

The Perris Valley Inter-Soccer League will benefit from the fund-raiser. The league develops young soccer players and takes part in regional competitions.

"We are all very excited," said Julio Reyes, league commissioner and one of the organizers of Saturday's visit. "It's a big event for Perris. It's new, something that has never been done before. The City and the community have come together to make this happen."

Reyes said many members of the Perris Valley team taking part in the match Saturday evening will be playing against the people they idolized as kids.

"It's a dream come true for them," he said. "They watched these players on television and one day, other people will be watching them too."

Walter Carter III, the City's Community Services Manager, said the level of enthusiasm for Saturday's competition continues to grow. Perris Mayor Darysl Busch and other members of the City Council are expected to attend the opening ceremonies. The Mayor and the Mexican consul will take part in a ceremonial "first kick" prior to the game.


Fox Sports will cover the match.

"It's gotten bigger than we expected, but we're delighted with the reception," Carter said.

Tickets to attend each or all of the games are \$15. Parking is \$5.

City Councilman Mark Yarbrough said he would like to see the game become an annual event.

"We expect a big turnout," he said. "Soccer is an international game and we have a very diverse community. This is the kind of quality-of-life issue that's important to our residents. It brings together families, healthy competition and sportsmanship."

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