

## Perris News

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## Children of All Ages Enjoy Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It was all about the children, the glow on the their faces, the excitement in their eyes when they found and snatched a brightly-colored egg and popped it into their sacks.

Perris' annual Easter Egg Hunt drew more than 300 children to the City Hall campus on D Street Saturday, where they scurried about the lawn seeking their treasures. There was also breakfast with the Easter Bunny, who posed for pictures too.

Although the little tykes and school-age kids took center stage, plenty of moms, dads and grandparents said they had almost as much fun as the younger set.

"I love this City," said Pam Sweet, who brought her 2-year-old grandson to take part in the hunting. "It's a great community. They do so much for the children. Just to see the smiles on their faces makes it all worthwhile. This is a wonderful event. It's safe. The staff here has been so outstanding. It's a blessing."

City workers and volunteers from the California Military Institute cordoned off an area on the lawn at City Hall where they tossed and hid eggs among bales of hay. Organizers let in small groups of children for a few minutes, where it was grab as much as you can and fill your sacks with goodies. By day's end, City workers gave out 3,000 plastic eggs.

"I got a lot of eggs," said Adan Sandoval, 4.

Mom Evelyn Lopez said that made her happy.

"I love this," she said. "It's really a great family-oriented event. It helps keep the community together."

Lopez came with three children. Omar, 6, and Priscilla, 10, accompanied Adan.

Bob and Irene Reeves came to the egg hunt with their children, Katelynn, 3, and Adam, 1.

"They've been talking about Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny for the past week," said Bob Reeves. "It's great when cities put together this kind of event."

Irene Reeves said the event was fun for everyone.

"The kids love it," she said. "Mom does too."



Evelyn Lopez and her son, Adan Sandoval, examine his treasures.



Easter eggs rain down as volunteers throw them around a maze at Perris City Hall, which became the grounds of the annual egg hunt.