



Perris News

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Annual Ice Cream Social Brings Perris Residents Together

What better way to spend a warm Saturday afternoon than munching on a vanilla, chocolate, strawberry or chocolate chip ice cream cone.

More than 400 Perris residents—parents, grandparents and children—took advantage of a City-sponsored “ice-cream social” Saturday at Copper Creek Park to relax, play on the swings and indulge their sweet tooth.

Events like the ice-cream social play an important role in helping the City promote important community activities. The City hosts several community events each year, including a winter barbecue, strut your mutt dog show, Veteran’s Day, Christmas and Black History Month parades and the holiday tree-lighting ceremony.

City staff at Copper Creek Park took the time to distribute fliers to the next major Perris community event, the June 13 Rods & Rails Classic Car Show at the Orange Empire Railway Museum, 2201 South A Street. Community Services employees heaped out scoops of ice cream from huge tubs. People got seconds too.

Perris resident Barbara Resch said she welcomed the ice-cream social so she could spend time with her grandchildren and not have to worry about them messing up her house.

“It makes you feel great when the City does this sort of thing,” Resch said. “I like this kind of community-oriented event where kids can meet other kids their own age, make a mess and you don’t have to clean up.”

Resch came to the social with her husband, Jeff, daughter, Sarah Irby and grandchildren, Zowie, 5, Alexander, 4, and Rhea, 1.

Arcena Upson came to Copper Creek Park with her daughters, Aaliyah, 7, and Angel, 5. She said she enjoys events like the ice-cream social because they allow the family to interact with other Perris residents while enjoying good weather and a tasty snack.

“It’s important to socialize within the community,” Upson said. “We’re always running around in Southern California, we miss out on that interaction. I think it is great the City cares about the community. Perris is a great little city.”



Arcena Upson enjoys an ice cream cone with her daughters, Aaliyah, 7, and Angel, 5.



Community Services worker Stacie Dain, hands out a vanilla ice cream cone to an eager youngster.