



## Perris News

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### Perris Cleans Up!

City residents brought more than a ton of electronic waste to a weekend clean-up sponsored by a Perris church, which will use proceeds from the recycling effort to fund worthwhile projects for youngsters.

Eagles Wings Community Outreach Center sponsored the day-long "e-waste cleanup," which gave Perris residents the opportunity to drop off computer monitors, hard-drives, mice, keyboards, scanners and cable cords. The City of Perris contributed a carload of outdated and obsolete material to the effort.

"We are excited to sponsor this clean-up," said Patricia Wiggins, a member of the congregation who coordinated the weekend recycling project. "Proceeds from this effort will help us help youngsters in this community. We also want to do our part to help properly dispose of electronic waste and keep it out of landfills as much as possible."

Wiggins said Eagles Wings sponsors after-school programs to help children with homework and teaches them about various cultures from around the globe. The after-school program teaches them architecture, world history and the benefits of healthy cooking.

"We want to awaken their minds to learn," she said.

Eagles Wings also made use of several high-school and college-age students hired through a summer youth employment program, an effort the City has also utilized. Marcus Armstrong, 19, helped carry recyclables from car trunks and pickup beds to waiting boxes and a trailer.

The stream of vehicles waiting to contribute to the recycling effort was steady throughout Saturday morning. At times, two or three vehicles lined up to help recycle e-waste.

Ed Wright, who brought a printer and a broken television to contribute, said he was glad to take part. He also dropped off material during the first recycle day the congregation sponsored several months ago.

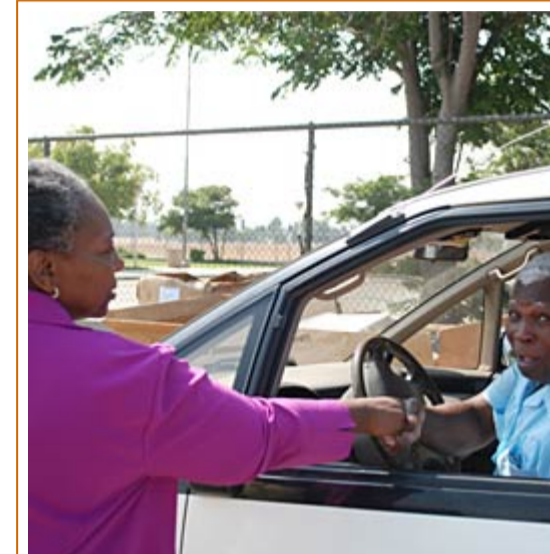
"It just gives you a warm feeling on the inside," Wright said. "Everybody wants to do the right thing."

Barbara Kramer brought a monitor, mouse, keyboard, scanner, cables and cords for the recycling heap.

"Some of this stuff has been around for about 500 years," Kramer joked. "I'm very thankful for the opportunity to dispose of this material properly."

City Councilwoman Rita Rogers commended the church and those who took time out to make a contribution.

"There is a tremendous need to dispose of this sort of waste properly," Rogers said. "The first recycle day was so successful that there was a need for a second. It's so heartening to know we've got so many fine, environmentally conscious people in our community who want to be responsible."



Patricia Wiggins, of Eagles Wings Community Outreach Center, congratulates Ed Wright for taking part in the e-waste roundup.



Marcus Armstrong and Dale Suddeth survey the recycle material.



A young environmentalist carries a circuit board to the recycle bin.