



Perris News

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Spooky—and Safe—Halloween Fun at Chavez Library

Dragons, masked movie monsters, Jedi knights, ninjas, Spiderman, princesses, even walking condiments came to Perris for the City's annual Halloween festival, a celebration that drew more than 600 holiday merrymakers.

Those who gathered the Cesar Chavez Library got free candy courtesy of Perris City workers and took advantage of the opportunity to play games and enjoy the festivities in a safe environment. The City takes great pride in organizing holiday events for its residents and many people who enjoyed the fun said the event was the highlight of their Halloween.

"This is a great time for children and adults," said Charlene Bennett, who came to the Halloween fest with her son and grandchildren. "We like for the kids to feel safe. We're very thankful the City sponsors events like this."

Members of the Riverside County Mounted Posse rode their horses through the crowd, stopping frequently to pose for pictures. There was a mobile bookmobile for those interested in some of the latest reading material. A Jolly Jump and a magician helped keep the crowd entertained.

Martha Marmolejo also brought her grandson, Joey Cox, to the festival. The 6-year-old came outfitted as a robot. Marmolejo said the event may have been planned with children in mind, but she was not going to miss out on the fun either.

"I get more fun out of it than the kids do," she said. "I enjoy watching them enjoy themselves. I like this event very much. I think it is better this year than in previous years. It brings out people who are enjoying themselves. That makes me happy."

Kevin Brown celebrated Halloween with his wife, Rochelle, and their 2-year-old daughter, Ajah. The couple recently moved from Redlands and like what they see in Perris.

"I love the City," Kevin Brown said. "I like what I see. It is family oriented and child oriented. This is our first visit to the Halloween festival but we will definitely be back."

Elianna Rosales, 18 months, was one of the smallest Halloween trick-or-treaters. She came with dad, Chris Rosales. He said he was pleased with the turnout, the festivities and the proximity to his residence in Perris.

"This is someplace we can go without having to go too far," he said.



Rochelle and Kevin Brown brought their daughter, Ajah, 2, to the big Halloween festival. About 600 people came out to enjoy the fun.



Martha Marmolejo watches as grandson Joey Cox prepares to play a game at the Halloween festival.



City Parks and Recreation worker Rachel Rodriguez meets with Michael Myers, from the movie "Halloween".