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City of Perris Holds Successful 25th Annual Harvest Festival



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The Spooktacular event, open to all ages, was hosted by the Perris Community Services Department, was held from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and was open to both residents and non-residents. The event had 22 food and retail vendors booths ranging from information booths, to outreach, to novelties, covering the lawn of the City Hall campus as more than 1,000 residents attended the Perris Community staple.

Perris staff converted the Perris Green City Farm into a haunted garden scare zone which participants could take turns passing through. The mist and the fog under the glow of a white moon was enough for even the bravest of souls to tremble, if not but for a moment.



The costume contest was the big hit of the night, as 36 different winners won prizes throughout the evening. The categories were for youth (ages 18 months to 12 years old), teen (ages 13-17) and adult (ages 18 and up), with three different groupings for each category.

A total of 12 game booths were available, as well as two bouncers with one for toddlers and one for teens. Game tickets were sold 5 for \$1, 20 for \$3, and 30 for \$5 and brought in roughly \$1,000, as well as arts and crafts booths and a pumpkin carving contest.



The entertainment for the evening featured four dance performances, with one from Nuview Bridge Early College High School, one from Perris High School and two from the City's Recreational Hip Hop classes, both beginners and advanced. Additionally, a magic show was performed by Abbit 'the Average' Magician which provided entertainment for all ages.

Perris City Staff put on the event with the help of over 50 volunteers from the California Military Institute and Perris Inneract, as well as 12 volunteers from the Perris Youth Advisory Committee.



Mayor Michael M. Vargas was in attendance and commented on how important this annual event was to the community.

"It's all about these kids and seeing all these smiling faces and costumes," said Vargas. "I am very proud of our City and our staff for putting on this program for our community. Anything we can do for our children is a good thing."



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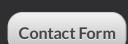
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