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Temple Baptist Volunteers Spruce Up Foss Field Park

Volunteers from Temple Baptist Church in Perris grabbed scrapers and paint brushes and took to Foss Field Park March 14 for a cleanup day at the popular recreation area.

The 25 volunteers included Perris City Councilman David Rabb and Associate Pastor Connor Smith as well as youngsters and adults from the congregation. The group removed graffiti from the bathrooms at the park, scraped off layers of paint and reapplied a new coat.



The crew from Temple Baptist Church poses for a photo at Foss Field Park.

“It was a great experience, we got a lot of work done,” Rabb said. “It’s great to get the non-profit agencies and churches involved and invested in their community.”

Rabb said the volunteers wanted to get the park spruced up in time for the City’s April 25 health fair, which hosts Perris’ Live Well program, the Perris Elementary School District’s annual Fun Run and the Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Rabb said Temple Baptist volunteers are available for other civic-improvement projects in the future.

Daryl Hartwill, assistant director of Public Works for the City, praised the attitude and spirit of the Temple Baptist volunteers.

“Temple Baptist Church was instrumental in helping the City improve the appearance of Foss Field Park’s bathrooms and surrounding areas,” Hartwill said. “Their efforts improved the overall appearance of the park.”

Smith, the congregation’s assistant pastor, said the day of volunteering fits in nicely with the church’s philosophy, which is to improve the lives of the City and its residents through acts of charity.

“By partnering with the city of Perris and City Councilman, David Rabb, and providing tangible acts of service for the people of our community our goal is that they would see that the love of Christ worked in their lives,” Assistant Pastor Connor Smith said.



Perris City Councilman Julio Rodriguez with event organizer Virniecia Green-Jordan at the Youth Talent Show honoring African-American History Month in the City of Perris.

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