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Tots search for treats at Halloween event

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Orinda Police Chief Mark Nagel and Sherri Chavez, administrative assistant to the police chief, hand out treats to children at the annual Halloween Parade for Tots on Oct. 25 at Orinda Community Park. Photo Sora O'Doherty

and construction workers. No dentists were observed in the crowd.

The afternoon of Oct. 25 was sunny and bright, the tooth fairy wore a gown of blue with a sparkling crown and led a sizeable contingent of tots around Orinda Community Park, with stops to collect treats offered by Orinda Parks and Rec folks, including one dressed as Chewbacca. In addition, the children, ranging from ages 1 to 4, got to meet and greet the Orinda police force, local firefighters, and tour a police cruiser and a fire engine. The chief of police, Mark Nagel, and his administrative assistant, Sherri Chavez, were handing out treats and posing for photographs. There were also crafts and activities provided by the Orinda Parks and Recreation Department.

Families got into the Halloween spirit by showing up in coordinated costumes: A young girl in a Heidi costume was accompanied by her mother in alpine couture, and her father, dressed as a cow. There were several young girls in Frozen costumes, some superheros and interesting animals from sheep to lions to dinosaurs. There were even some vegetables, including a green avocado. There were little police officers, firefighters,

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