



Celebrating 100 years of Perris.



*Honoring the past,
celebrating the present,
embracing the future.*



90's and beyond...



Perris as a STAR



The train station scenes in the film *Calendar Girl* were filmed in Perris. The film starred Jason Priestley, Gabriel Olds, and Jerry O'Connell.



Film producers transform Perris; will continue shooting this week

PERRIS - Columbia Pictures Studio, which has created a "miraculous" transformation of Old Downtown Perris during the past two weeks, will continue to shoot scenes on the open air, sun-baked set that represents a Nevada desert oasis during the 1950s era.

Studio officials said this week, they will be shooting scenes on "D" Street through this week and into next Monday, weather permitting.

Old Sara's Bargain Yard on "D" Street at 11th Street has been utilized for several scenes earlier this week, with one 1920s building turned in-

to a boxing club establishment.

Meanwhile, old store fronts on "D" Street, that with few exceptions have been falling apart in recent years, vandalized or burned down as with the old Reynolds Hardware Store, have been restored to life, with false fronts built by fast-working set carpenters, painters and electricians.

Like a swarm of bees, studio crews have been giving life back to the old city's heart; a kind of life promised for more than a dozen years by asserted local politicians.

(See MOVIE page 4)



SOME LIFE II HDI is currently featured at the Old Perris Theatre movie house, temporarily renamed "The Chief" by Columbia Studios producers, as town ready for its place in immortality with role in upcoming feature dealing with *Calendar Girl* (Marilyn Monroe) theme and starring Jason Priestley of television's "Beverly Hills 90210." (Progress photo)

TODAY...



Perris Valley Historical Archives

FOR THE MOVIE...



Pocket Park at 4th & D Street



The People's Store



Perris as a PROP



"Point Break" starring Patrick Swayze and Keanu Reeves filmed their skydiving scenes here in Perris.



"My Fellow Americans" starring Jack Lemmon, Dan Aykroyd and James Garner, filmed scenes at the historic Santa Fe Train Depot. It's now fully restored and the home of our wonderful Perris Valley Historical Museum.



The skydiving scenes in the movie The Bucket List starring Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson were filmed near Perris.



Scenes from Eagle Eye starring Billy Bob Thornton and Shia Leboeuf were filmed in Perris.



Five the Hard Way (also known as Sidehackers) filmed many of its racing scenes in the western hills of Perris. A banner can be seen in the movie with the city's name on it.

Tough Decisions...

6th St. strategy draws critics... Perris earns big award for 'innovative' programs

PERRIS - The City of Perris was honored with the "Innovative City of the Year Award" recently by the International League of Cities at the San Bernardino Plaza.

Perris' winning entry was the ongoing "6th Street Program" which is a one-mile, multi-phased improvement project in the neighborhood in the City.

Mayor Robert Landers says "we are honored to be holding the trophy for this award." He said the City Council approved the program in 1992.

Council set to approve first Balanced Budget in years

PERRIS - The Perris City Council will approve the first balanced budget in years at its meeting on Monday.

The Council will also approve the 2003-04 budget which is projected to be balanced.

The City Manager, Robert Landers, said the budget is a significant achievement for the City.

'Big City' status slated in Perris' general plan

PERRIS - The friendly, one-time lumbering city of Perris will achieve big city status under its proposed general plan with a projected 15 percent annual growth rate.

On the old highway 163, a two-lane twistier that was upgraded in the early 70s to a full-blown city of over 26,000 people today, Perris is poised on the edge of its century and the edge of its future, depending on the state of the economy.

Officials expect the population to hit 60,000 in five years.

In 1970 it was about 2700 and in 1980 about 5700 according to census figures.

The city continues to move annexation processes forward in an effort to reach its estimated ultimate of about 70 square miles.

There was heavy interest

Politically Spicy

By Steve Sabel

And the coffee costs City with less than

PERRIS - In an August 1998 election, the City of Perris elected Steve Sabel as Mayor.

The City Council is now considering a proposal to reduce the cost of coffee for city employees.

City of Perris going broke

PERRIS - The City of Perris is facing a financial crisis and may go bankrupt.

The City Council is currently reviewing a proposal to raise taxes to cover the deficit.

City approves CDBG Road Funding for '98-'99

PERRIS - The Perris City Council approved the use of CDBG funds for road improvements in 1998-99.

The funding will be used for various projects throughout the city.

Who will be elected in 2003?

PERRIS - The 2003 City Council election is just around the corner.

Several candidates are vying for the seats, and the race is expected to be competitive.

TORRES - LANDERS TAKE COUNCIL SEATS

By Etha Sabel

PERRIS - After weeks of speculation and hard campaigning by all nine candidates involved, Alfred Torres and Robert Landers were elected to the City Council in this year's City Council election.

The question now is whether or not this makes a difference in the way the City is run.

Council to approve \$12.7 Million Budget for 2003

PERRIS - The Perris City Council is set to approve a \$12.7 million budget for 2003.

The budget includes funding for various city services and infrastructure projects.

Landers Chosen as Perris Mayor

By Steve Sabel

PERRIS - Perris City Councilman Alfred Landers was selected to be the new Mayor of Perris, by a 3-2 vote of the Perris City Council, Tuesday, November 12.

The vote is about personal positions rather than on the basis of a previous 3-2 vote of the Council to restructure the Mayor's Selection Commission.

Local Economies Grow with 1997 Taxable Sales

PERRIS - Perris businesses enjoyed over \$227 million in sales during 1996 - 25% of the Riverside County total for the year.

The 2000 retail sales growth rate for the City of Perris is 15%.

Council, okays agreement with Perris Senior Center

By Etha Sabel

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**Controlled Growth
Balanced Tax Base
Stable City Services
Historical Preservation
Health and Human Services
Habitat and Environmental Issues
New Buildings, Homes and Businesses**

2011 City Council

FRIENDS OF THE PERRIS LIBRARY



City of Perris

Cesar E. Chavez Library

163 E. San Jacinto Ave.
Perris CA 92570

*(The Friends of the Perris Library was
incorporated in 1978 as a 501(c)(3)
nonprofit organization*



Mayor Daryl Busch



Joanne Evans



Mark Yarbrough



Rita Rogers



Al Landers

Great

Rotary Park Phase II begins construction Fri.

By Lisa Sobel, Editor-Publisher



Summer Concert in the Park Series begins July 15

PERRIS - Park your picnic and get out to the Summer Concert in the Park in Perris by beginning this Thursday July 15 with a Tribute to Carlos Santana free from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Summer" will continue at Sun Field Park in Perris located at 138 N. Perry Blvd. The band will play all your favorite Santana hits such as Black Magic Woman, Evil Ways, Eric Come On Ya and many more. Admission and parking is FREE.

There will also be a kids club and fun games, games and water table during the same time. The Franklin Museum will present Masterpiece Magic during the concert in the Park atmosphere! Get out and have fun in Perris under the stars!



Metz Park dedicated; is needed 20-acre facility

By Lisa Sobel, Editor-Publisher

PERRIS - The plans to have built the 20-acre Metz Park in Perris is a perfect timing to be with friends and neighbors in the City dedicated to a new park.

The City Council Meeting and City Staff were on hand to open the new Metz Park.



Playground Equipment in Perris gets fixed

By Lisa Sobel, Editor-Publisher

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Green said that the playground at Sun Field has been removed already. The playground needed to be resurfaced and other safety measures taken to keep the kids safe while they play. The city also added more wood chips, grass and some tables to the area.

The city reported that the Perris Park playground has been closed to the child park. Green will continue around the area and it is expected. "We



OPEN TO PEOPLE attended the dedication of Robert Warren Park on the corner 138 and 37th Street in Perris on Saturday, May 15. Mr. Warren, whose family has operated the popular The People's Store for over 50 years, expressed his gratitude for the wonderful event by the city.

City Moving Forward With Sports Complex

By Lisa Sobel, Editor-Publisher

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PARKS

Key Bank construction of 3,500 homes begin

Key Bank has announced the start of construction for a new residential development in Perris, California. The project, located on the corner of 138th Street and 37th Street, will consist of approximately 3,500 homes. Construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks and is set to be completed by late 2010. The development will include a mix of single-family homes and townhomes, providing a diverse housing option for the Perris area.

Villages of Avalon to Break Ground

The Villages of Avalon, a new residential development in Perris, California, is set to break ground in the near future. The project, located on the corner of 138th Street and 37th Street, will consist of approximately 3,500 homes. Construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks and is set to be completed by late 2010. The development will include a mix of single-family homes and townhomes, providing a diverse housing option for the Perris area.

More new Homes slated For North Perris area

More new homes are slated for the North Perris area, with several large residential developments in various stages of planning and construction. These developments are expected to provide a significant increase in housing options for the North Perris area, including a mix of single-family homes, townhomes, and multi-family units. The projects are being developed by major real estate and construction firms, and are set to be completed over the next several years.

HOMES

On Track in Perris
Starting 2008
Start Summer with a Splash!

In this issue:
Summer 2008 City Activities Programs
Breakfast with Bunny & Egg Hunt Saturday April 19, 2008

ON TRACK IN PERRIS
Quarterly Newsletter & Community Services, Programs & Events
Start Track 2
Start Date

See also Baseball Field Now Open!

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Sun Fun, Sun Fun, Sun Fun
Community Services, Programs & Events



CONSTRUCTION is stepping up in Perris. The new housing center featuring buildings of the same development in Perris, California, is set to be completed by late 2010.

RECREATION

Results



CinemaStar named Best Theater in Inland Empire...

By Elizabeth Scharbell
 October 1987 brought an exciting time to David Kaufman, General Manager of Perris CinemaStar located at 1088 W. Perris Blvd. in Perris. Kaufman was told that his theater was chosen as the number one theater in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, second and third largest counties in the Inland Empire.
 CinemaStar's victory Theater was chosen and selected number one from 60 theaters, beating out both AMC and Platinum.
 The great space a word was earned as a result of six months of review going into four independent reviews, all of whom ranked the 40 theaters in the region.
 The criteria the theaters were judged by included customer service, cleanliness, the convenience and quality of concessions.
 CinemaStar's motto is speak for themselves. The Perris CinemaStar theater is what sets them apart.
 To view the awards form is to believe. Theater's magazine show on the ABC and Entertainment Weekly. Channel 36 in Riverside.



Wal-Mart Stores to open branch in 'uptown' Perris

PERRIS - Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. recently announced plans to open a new Wal-Mart store in Perris. As a result, approximately 245 jobs will be created for the residents. Wal-Mart is a national discount retail chain which currently operates 1,513 stores in 35 states. The company will open approximately 175 new stores this year.
 The 12 store will Perris V



MARSHALL PERAZICH, the new general manager for the store, is seen with other guests at the store opening. Standing behind him are: Mayor Robert P. Adams, State Representative Cesar E. Chavez, and other community members.



Beside a fantastic meal, Amigos Tres was one of the best places to sit and discuss business. If the walls could talk...

AMENITIES

75%
40%
20%

Design for Ross for Less Distribution Center reviewed

The design for the Ross for Less Distribution Center in Perris has been reviewed and approved by the city. The center will provide jobs for the community.

City Offers \$174,000 to Bring in Auction Yard

The city of Perris has offered \$174,000 to bring an auction yard to the city. This will create jobs and increase revenue.

New Perris Library to be named Cesar E. Chavez Memorial

The new library in Perris will be named the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial. It will be a tribute to the civil rights leader and will provide a space for the community.

JOBS



New Post Office Under Construction, Celebrated!

The official groundbreaking for the new Perris Post Office was celebrated on Friday, September 18. The new office will provide jobs and better service to the community.



I-215 freeway upgrading to be celebrated Sept. 16

The upgrading of Interstate 215 in Perris is set to be celebrated on September 16. This project will improve traffic flow and safety.



STATE 105-6-80 Construction Site, Perris and San Antonio, Texas. Photo by Virginia Thomas, CTR, www.CTR.com



INFRASTRUCTURE

The "OERM"

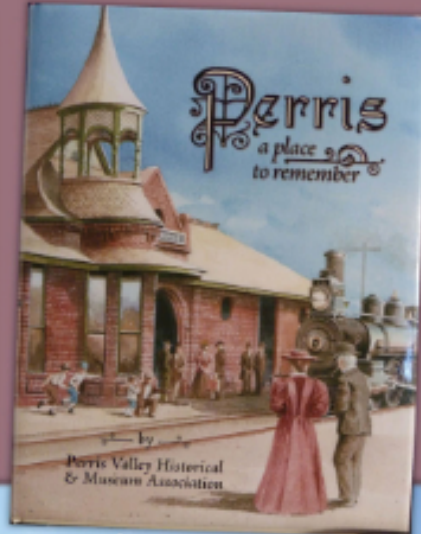
It's an educational and fun museum for people of any age to experience.

The Orange Empire Railway Museum (OERM) is the largest rail transportation museum in the western United States. It is the only operating railway museum in the United States that displays rail vehicles and related artifacts built to 3 different track gauges - 3 feet, 3 feet 6 inches and 4 feet 8.5 inches.



The "PVHM"

Home of the Perris Valley Historical Museum, the Santa Fe Depot undergoes restoration in 2007 - 2008.



Grand reopening ceremony
January 31, 2009



PVHM Docents



PVHM Board of Directors



Skydive Perris

2009 Women's World Record



A 181 formation of women participants from 31 countries built a new Guinness Book World Record.



Indoor Skydiving Simulator



Average number of jumps per year:

130,000!



French Women 4 way Team

Australian Freefly Team



French Men 4 way Team



A Special Thanks



To the Perris Progress and those who kept it safe, we extend a heartfelt "Thank You" for the single most significant contribution in our effort to tell the story of the City of Perris. Without it, our work would have been significantly more difficult.

We would also like to thank all the 2011 City staff for caring enough to make this possible. We hope the Perris Progress will be around for another 100 years, so that it may tell OUR stories to the future generations of Perris.



Great People



Nan Sanders was a school board member in Perris for 50 years and has a school named for her. She was a strong community leader for decades.

City Honors Efforts of Alberta Mabel Kearney

PERRIS - The Perris City Council issued a formal proclamation on Monday, September 28, acknowledging the extraordinary life and contributions of local community leader and activist, Alberta Mabel Kearney.

Kearney's philanthropic efforts and social achievements have earned her honors from many agencies and societies that she is involved with. Among Perris residents, Kearney is best known as the founder of the Dora Nelson African American Museum.

Most recently, Kearney was honored by the YWCA of Riverside as a "Woman of Distinction."

The Perris Proclamation, which was presented by Mayor

Lawson, Long recognized the request of Perris to join the City Council in recognizing Kearney and her efforts to improve the lives of others within Perris.

"In accepting her position, Kearney thanked the people of Perris for their support."

"You are wonderful, and you made it possible to accomplish this dream," said Kearney.

Kearney received applause from the public in attendance at the meeting.



who restored the Southern Hotel

Ann and John Motte



Motte's with Mayor Daryl Busch



Mabel Kearney

The founder, funder and heartbeat of the Dora Nelson Museum located here in Perris is Mabel Kearney.



New Perris Library to be named Cesar E. Chavez Memorial

PERRIS - The new library now nearing completion on San Jacinto Street in Perris civic center will be named after the late labor leader Cesar E. Chavez following a unanimous vote by city council members Monday night.

Area resident John Lyons recently requested an agenda item designating the naming of the new \$6 million branch facility after the United Farm Workers co-founder.

Chavez, along with co-founder Dolores Huerta, first organized the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) in the mid-1960s, in a long struggle with rival unions headed by the Teamsters and with ranch and farm owners.

Councilwoman Judith Hattinger strongly backed the memorial and referred to

her own childhood in Alabama and throughout the south picking cotton at low sharecropper wages and noted that Chavez was the first major figure to show concern for field hands.

Huerta was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame for her work in dealing with the effects of pesticides on the children of farm workers.

Chavez came to Perris several times in connection with local labor unrest, particularly in the nearby onion fields.

He spoke before a mass meeting in Russell Stewart Park during a driving rainstorm, when allegations of police abuse against strikers were raised by union representative during a bitter strike on Evans Rd. and Orange Avenue.

Councilman Sam Torres praised Chavez by reading a document passed by the Latino caucus in a resolution citing Chavez's contributions to California life.



Habitat For Humanity fundraiser successful

PERRIS - Over 100 people attended Habitat For Humanity's annual fundraising event held on Friday, November 13th at the Southern Hotel which will be building a Habitat For Humanity sponsored home in downtown Perris. The dinner fundraiser was sponsored by the Churches

Women in Mission group and the Crossway Churches who help fund Habitat For Humanity. The event was held at the Southern Hotel. Local Churches which helped this particular location are: Bethel A.M.E. Church of Perris and United

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Compassion

MARCH FOR BABIES

The event, which collected \$21,000 last year, will be at Foss Field Park

BY JOE VARDI
CITY OF PERRIS
www.pj.com

The city of Perris' March for Babies Relay will take place Oct. 22 at Foss Field Park near City Hall.

Perris Councilwoman Rita Rogers, who also is a division chair for the March of Dimes, is again leading the event. During a recent organizational meeting at City Hall, Rogers expressed confidence that the city will continue its support for the March of Dimes.

"The whole fabric of the community gets behind this important event," Rogers said. "We get a lot of support from the churches, businesses, schools and the city."

The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This year's teams include squads from the Perris Police and Fire departments, Rio Ranch Market, Lowe's, Tri-Lake Consultants Inc., Perris High School, City of Miracles Church, First Baptist Church and the City of Perris. Each team commits to raising at least \$1,500 for March of Dimes.

The event raised \$21,000 in 2010. Rogers said March of Dimes



Perris City Councilwoman Rita Rogers, second from left, is flanked by Perris High School students from the campus Link Crew, a group of upper classmen that mentors younger students.

polio was wiped out in the United States with the introduction of the Salk vaccine. March of Dimes began targeting premature births and its associated defects.

March of Dimes has spent \$75 million on research to determine

Several students from Perris High School attended the recent organizing session. Senior Rosa Ramirez, 17, is part of the school's Link Crew, a group of upper classmen that mentors younger stu-

would organize a team to walk around Foss Field Park to raise money for March of Dimes and would encourage other Perris High School students and teachers to also organize.

Information: 951-941-6003, 1-888-4-BABIES or mfbrelay@marchofdimes.com

Relay for Life in Perris

By Erica Shen

When Bob McGinty found out he had prostate cancer five years ago, he thought he was going to die. But with the support of doctors, nurses, friends and family, McGinty is now cancer-free and able to share his battle with cancer with others.

"Cancer can take my body one piece at a time, but it will never take my spirit," the 48-year-old from Nuevo said.

McGinty was a featured speaker at the 8th annual Relay for Life in Perris that took place on May 15 and 16 at Foss Field Park.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Teams of people camp out at a local park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event to symbolize that cancer never sleeps.

The relay begins with a Survivors Lap where survivors are invited to circle the track together and celebrate their victory over cancer.

Mayor Daryl Busch joined the Survivors Lap this year to celebrate his recovery from

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(Top photo) Cancer walk around Foss Field kick off the 8th annual Life in Perris on May 15. (Middle photo) Bob McGinty of Nuevo, talks about prostate care of the crowd at the Relay for Life in Perris 15 and 16 at Foss Field Park. (Bottom photo) Perris members Joanne and Daryl Busch and Mar present a proclamation city to Debbie Villeg the Relay for Life in Perris.



Officials unveil a mural with the names of 2,000 fallen veterans from the Perris Valley at the grand opening of the Southwest Veterans' Business Resource Center.

PHOTO by Erica Shen

New Veteran Resources Center

By Phoebe Bailis



Active Lifestyles



AVSO Soccer

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LOCAL BOXER WINS TOURNAMENT

PERRIS - Local boxer, Denny Calvillo, won the title of champion in the 112-pound division at the California Amateur Boxing Championships held in Los Angeles, California, on Saturday, Oct. 10. Calvillo, 27, of Perris, defeated his opponent, a boxer from Los Angeles, by a unanimous decision. Calvillo is a member of the Perris Boxing Club and is coached by Coach Bob Long. He is currently training for the upcoming amateur boxing season.



LEARNING ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES - The link in the Perris Senior Youth Program which helps youth from the Perris area to get a head start on their education. The link was opened to all of the youth available in the area, and the link was opened to all of the youth available in the area, and the link was opened to all of the youth available in the area.



VAL VERDE HONORS PERRIS SENIORS - A group of people performing on stage during a Val Verde event.

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PERRIS - An all-Val Verde celebration of the Perris seniors was held at the Val Verde Hotel in Perris, California, on Saturday, Oct. 10. The celebration was held to honor the Perris seniors and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Val Verde Hotel. The celebration was held to honor the Perris seniors and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Val Verde Hotel.



VAL VERDE HONORS PERRIS SENIORS - A group of people at a social gathering or event.

John Harrison is honored as Harrison Hall dedicated by Agricultural Assoc.

PERRIS - John Harrison, a local farmer and agricultural leader, was honored as Harrison Hall was dedicated by the Agricultural Association in Perris, California, on Saturday, Oct. 10. Harrison, 78, of Perris, is a member of the Agricultural Association and has been a leader in the community. Harrison Hall is a new building dedicated to the Agricultural Association.



JOHN HARRISON - A local farmer and agricultural leader.

Joanne Evans is elected to Legion Position

PERRIS - Joanne Evans was elected to the position of Treasurer of the American Legion Post 595 in Perris, California, on Saturday, Oct. 10. Evans, 55, of Perris, is a member of the American Legion Post 595 and has been a leader in the community. Evans was elected to the position of Treasurer of the American Legion Post 595.



JOANNE EVANS - Elected to the position of Treasurer of the American Legion Post 595.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 595 MEMBERS GATHER - A group of people gathered for a social event.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 595 MEMBERS GATHER - A group of people on a stage during an oratorical contest.

PERRIS POST 595 HOSTED AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

PERRIS - The American Legion Post 595 in Perris, California, hosted an oratorical contest on Saturday, Oct. 10. The contest was held to honor the Perris seniors and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Val Verde Hotel.

Perris Valley Little League holds seasons closing ceremony

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PERRIS VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE - A group of people at a Little League event.



BEAUTIFYING BOB LONG PARK - A group of people at a beautification project.

Local Cub Scout Pk 642 Beautifies Bob Long Field

PERRIS - The local Cub Scout Pack 642 in Perris, California, beautified Bob Long Field on Saturday, Oct. 10. The pack is a member of the American Legion Post 595 and has been a leader in the community.

'What a show it was...' Perris Boxing Club lives up to its expectations

PERRIS - The Perris Recreation Department put on its first boxing show Sat. Oct. 2 in Bob Glass Gym and "what a show it was". Fifty-two bouts had been planned, but with 17 being called represented a total of 35 bouts were fought. The Perris Boxing Club, open only since February of this year, won its second Best Team Performance Award. The "outstanding boxer" award went to Antonio Guillen, Jr. of Perris who fought Jose Alvarez of Casa Blanca Boxing Club from Riverside. Also winning for Perris was Israel An-

drade, Denny Calvillo of Perris won his fight and the referee awarded the judges scorecard and awarded the win to Alexis Garcia of Tri-City Boxing Club from Yuma. Also looking real good for the Perris Boxing Club was Armando Montoya, Bernardino Soto, Jose Marquez and Timothy Herbula. Boxing Clubs come from cities as far away as Coahuila, India and San Diego County. For further information regarding this program contact the Recreation Office, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



SECTIONS

New Year's Resolutions: Make Yours a Reality
 Start 2011 with a bang by setting realistic goals and making them a reality. Here are some tips to help you get started.

Don't Get Bored!
 Looking for something new to do? Check out the new classes and programs offered by the City of Perris.

Healthy Living: Stay Active!
 There's nothing better than staying active and healthy. Join one of our many fitness classes today!

For the "Foodies"
 Looking for a new recipe? Check out our website for a variety of delicious recipes to try at home.

Remember to Donate!
 We need your help to keep our community clean and beautiful. Please donate your old clothes and household items to our donation center.

Don't Miss Out!
 Sign up for our newsletter today to stay up-to-date on all the latest news and events in Perris.

Coming soon...

Senior Citizens Center
 We're excited to announce the opening of our new Senior Citizens Center. It's a place where seniors can socialize, enjoy activities, and get the help they need.

Senior Citizens Center
 100 West 12 Street
 Perris, CA 92570

Operating Hours:
 Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Senior Citizens Center

Seniors - you will want to visit here by 2011!

Volunteer Day Luncheon
 Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Join us for a special luncheon to thank our volunteers. There will be a raffle and a special presentation. Free admission. Free parking.

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER & COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS, EVENTS

ON TRACK IN
Perris
 WINTER 2010
 CENTENNIAL
 (1911 - 2011)

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CITY OF PERRIS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (1911-2011)
 22ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE - DECEMBER 11, 2010
 SNOW DAY IN PERRIS - JANUARY 8, 2011



**Centennial
Multi-Cultural
Celebration**



Perris Valley Holiday Parade Committee
proudly presents:

Christmas Parade



Preservation

Cultural & Architectural



City of Perris

Farmers Market

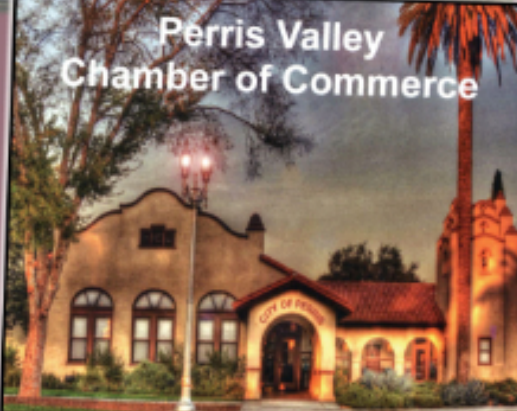
FREE PONY RIDES!
FREE JUMPERS!

THE PERRIS
Quality Vendors
Fresh Produce
Arts & Crafts
A Variety of Food
And much more!

Every THURSDAY
Starting April 14th, 2011
FROM 4-8 P.M.
ON D STREET
BETWEEN 2ND & 3RD
(Lot Next to The Perris Theater)

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Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce



Member Benefits Guide

Promoting Business Community Growth and Development

- > Referrals
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- > Ribbon Cuttings



Established 1911





African American History Month Committee
10TH ANNUAL
Black History Month Parade & EXPO.
February 26, 2011 10:00 a.m.
Special City of Perris Centennial Celebration With the Parade
Theme: "Lifting up the City of Perris"

THE EXPO. STARTS AT 11:30 A.M. AT PONS FIELD PARK, 420 NORTH PERRIS BLVD.
The Expo Will Feature:
Vendors, Music, Displays of Exhibits, Festivals, Foods and More!
BOYS MISS THE CULTURAL ART SHOW IN THE BOB GLASS GYMNASIUM, 101 NORTH "D" STREET

Dance, Toss & Parade Route!
The parade starts at 11:30 a.m. at Pons Field Park and proceeds north to Hwy 99 at 1st St. The parade will proceed down 5th Judge Ave. to 1st Street, then to the City of Perris Civic Center Park to the 1st and 2nd Streets and to 1st Street for the Toss & Parade.

Grand Marshal: Mayor Daryl Basch
For information call 951-940-5603 or visit our website at www.perris.org



CITY OF PERRIS
ANNOUNCES
FRED T. PERRIS DAY

MARKING THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

2011 FEBRUARY 26, 2011
11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Starting point:
1000 North 1st Street
Home: Hwy 99
1000 North 1st Street, Perris, CA 92570

Marking Special Performances by:
• Perris High School
• Perris Middle School
• Perris High School
• Perris High School

AT THE HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT
127th St. Street in Perris

High School and Middle School Bands will be performing.

Perris Celebrates Upcoming Centennial

News Desk

Perris' past, present and future took center stage during a day of recreational and educational activities April 28 at the Lake Perris State Recreation Area.

More than 350 Perris school children were invited to attend the event, part of the City of Perris' ongoing Centennial celebration.

The past included a visit to a local Indian museum, where Perris school kids learned about the traditions and culture of Native Americans who lived here hundreds of years ago. The day's events also included water-safety presentations from park rangers, a nature hike and a picnic lunch.

The present included a reminder from City staff that the day at the lake served as an Arbor Day celebration and that Perris is determined to "go green" to save precious resources and reduce its carbon footprint.

The future came from remarks from students who said they planned to return to the state park with their parents for day trips and vacations and pledged to keep track of Perris.

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Top photo: Perris Mayor Daryl Basch and City Manager Richard Beltrudoz chat under a shade tree during the April 28 City Centennial Event at Lake Perris. **Second photo:** City staff members Cynthia Quintana, Richard Beltrudoz, Sabrina Chavez and Malinda Ward share a laugh during the day's festivities at Lake Perris. **Third photo:** Tribal dancers and drummers chant in a Native American ceremony. **Fourth photo:** Colorfully dressed Native American dancers and drummers represented tribes from across the western U.S. **Bottom photo:** Perris school children received t-shirts courtesy of the City.



100th Anniversary
CHILI COOK-OFF

Perris Valley Regional Chili Cook Off

Admission \$3.00

SAFELY PRICES **FREE PRIZES FOR KIDS!** **FREE PRIZES FOR ADULTS!**

CONTEST

2011 APRIL 29, 2011
FROM 10 AM - 5 PM
American Legion Post 595
600 "B" Street, Perris, CA 92570
951-940-6275

Breakfast will be served 7:00-9:00 AM
Actual Chili Cook-off starts @ 10am - 4pm
CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

City of Perris & Perris Lake State Recreation Park

PRESENTS
FREE Weekend Camping to Perris Residents Honoring 100 years of Service

200 campsites reserved for the weekend of April 29 Friday - May 1 Sunday

Reservations Required
Call 951-940-5603
Email: pioneerdays@parks.ca.gov

First come, first served!

Residents must provide the following when calling to reserve a campsite:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Number of vehicles (maximum of 3)
- Number of people (maximum of 6)
- Date of check in
- Date of check out

Visit the website for more information!
www.cityofperris.org www.perrislake.org

Home Ownership



GREEN LIGHT SAVINGS PROGRAM



UP TO \$5,000 TO UPGRADE YOUR HOME!


For more information, please call
888-943-6101
or visit
www.cityofperris.org



Residential Beautification Program




Perris Redevelopment Agency
www.cityofperris.org

Substantial Rehabilitation Program

*Unlock Your . . .
Home-Improvement Potential!*




Programa de Reparaciones de Casa para los Mayores de Edad



Perris Redevelopment Agency
www.cityofperris.org




City of Perris Housing Division
Improve the look and facade of your home!

Green Light Savings Program
Homeowners, receive up to \$10,000 in grant funds to help reduce your water and energy costs by making energy efficient appliance upgrades:

- Energy Efficient Appliances
- Energy Star Windows
- Insulation
- Ceiling Fans
- Weatherstripping
- High-Efficiency Furnace
- Tankless Water Heater
- High-Efficiency Water Heaters
- Air-Conditioning Units, and more.

Senior Home Repair Program
Seniors and Permanently Disabled Homeowners apply for a one-time grant of up to \$5,000 to apply towards senior home health and safety repairs:


- Flooring, Accessibility
- Handrails & Grab Bars
- Repair/Install of Bath & Toilet
- Minor Plumbing and Electrical Problems
- Weatherstripping
- Water Heater Repair/Replacement, and more.

Not every program requires an inspection. *Owner Occupied Property. *Maximum within the city limits. *Grant Program/562 Green Requirements.


FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, CALL OR VISIT THE CITY'S WEBSITE
(951) 943-5003 Ext: 496 Visit: www.cityofperris.org







For more information, contact
City of Perris Economic Development
at (951) 943-6100
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City of Perris Presents:
In partnership with The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County

Free Homebuyer Educational Workshop

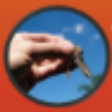
If you dream of owning a home, attend one of these free workshops and you will learn the steps required to purchase a home, including how to qualify for first-time homebuyer benefits and programs.

Things you'll learn about at this workshop:



- The Importance of Budgeting
- Finding the right home
- The mortgage loan process
- The home buying process
- How Credit scores impact you
- How to identify predatory lending
- Down payment assistance.

Held Once a Month @
City of Perris Senior Center
100 N "D" Street
Perris CA 92570

Call to Reserve Your Seat Today!
951-682-6581
1-800-655-1812



The Fair Housing Council is HUD Approved
Non-Profit Housing Counseling Agency

City Parks



- ### Legend
- 1 Liberty Park
Corner of Travis Road & Kestrel Gate
 - 2 Frank Eaton Memorial Park
5600 Bradley Road
 - 3 Paragon Park
264 Spectacular Hill
 - 4 Copper Creek Park
217 Cisco Avenue
 - 5 Panther Park
Ruby Drive & Midland Street
 - 6 Metz Park
211 Metz Road
 - 7 Foss Field Park
136 N. Penns Boulevard
 - 8 Senior Center/Bernie Deedy Park
100 N. "D" Street
 - 9 City Hall
104 N. "D" Street
 - 10 Cesar Chavez Library/
Russett Stewart Park
103 E. San Jacinto Avenue
 - 11 Bob Long Park
999 E. San Jacinto Avenue
 - 12 Rotary Park
1491 A Street
 - 13 Public Works Corporate Yard
1013 S. G Street
 - 14 Perla Sheriff Station
137 N. Penns Boulevard
 - 15 Community Services Office
Bob Glass Gym
 - 16 Monument Ranch Park
163 Monument Parkway
 - 17 Skydiver Baseball Park
415 Dale Street
 - 18 Morgan Street Park
600 E. Morgan Street
 - 19 Patriot Park
525 Marrion Road
 - 20 May Ranch Park
3033 Poppy Ct.
- Parks
 Bob Glass Gym
 Cesar Chavez Library
 City Hall
 Public Works Corporate Yard
 Senior Center
 Sheriff Station



Redevelopment



Dr. Reid Health Clinic



Senior Citizen's Center



Community



Ward Kimball Multimodal Facility



Travelers using the Perris Multimodal Transit Center, dedicated in January 2010, will notice Disney cartoon characters in the murals decorating the combination bus-train and park-and-ride station, which will serve as a Metrolink station in the future.



American Legion



Riverside County Sheriff's Department



Evelyn Hall Building

Future Planning



TARGET
Anchored 875,000 SF Community Center
Anchor, Pad and Shop Space Available

PROJECT FEATURES

- Regional shopping and entertainment center
- Project site includes the 48 Greenbelted Acres east of the I-75 freeway
- The location offers easy access, easy access, accessibility to many growing communities
- The project offers destination shopping, only needs variety of retailers and entertainment
- 41 retail sites on the Eastern Shale commissioned by City of Perris
- There are already numerous available within a few blocks for abundance of residential destinations
- Projected Opening 2011

Perris Valley Towne Center
MEC OF I-215 AND REELAND AVENUE (HWY 74) PERRIS, CALIFORNIA



**FIRE STATION #1
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**

\$3.5-million Downtown Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center at San Jacinto Avenue and F Street

100TH ANNIVERSARY
RECOGNIZING HISTORY & INNOVATION
CITY OF PERRIS
1911-2011

Thank You

Special Thanks

The City of Perris would like to thank the following volunteers and contributors. Without their help this exhibit would not be possible.

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Perris Valley Historical Museum



Hours:

Thursday - Sunday 12-4

(951) 657-0274

perrisvalleymuseum.org

Come learn our
history at the historic depot
in downtown Perris.



Perris Valley Historical Museum Archives

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perrisvalleyarchives.org
(951) 657-6700

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