



## Perris Press Release

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### “D Street a Documentary” Premieres October 20

Excitement is building for Saturday’s premiere of a documentary exploring the 130-year history of D Street in Perris, a business and commercial corridor that maintains its vibrancy well into the 21st Century.

“D Street: A Documentary” will be shown at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Regency Theatre, 1688 North Perris Blvd. A dinner will follow at the Bob Glass Gymnasium on the City Hall Campus, at which time filmmaker David Houten will answer questions about the making of the movie.

Tickets remain available for the premiere and dinner.

Ticket prices are \$75 for the movie, the dinner and a DVD of the film. More information about ticket purchases is available by emailing Katie Keyes or Dan Yost, both of the Perris Valley Historical and Museum Association. They can be reached at [kkeyes@perrismuseum.com](mailto:kkeyes@perrismuseum.com) or [dyost@perrismuseum.com](mailto:dyost@perrismuseum.com)

“This is going to be a very special event,” said Keyes, a Perris historian. “The documentary will tell a lot about the history of D Street and of the Perris Valley through historical photographs, interviews with historians, elected officials and members of Perris pioneer families and video captured during the (2011) City Centennial.”

Hollywood filmmaker David Van Houten shot more than 100 hours of video at numerous events honoring Perris’ 100th birthday.

That footage has been narrowed down to a 55-minute movie. Van Houten is the great grandson of Perris pioneers Mabel and Albert Hook, who operated a mercantile on D and Seventh Streets beginning in the 1880s—30 years before Perris became a City.

D Street has played a vital role in the development of Perris for 130 years.

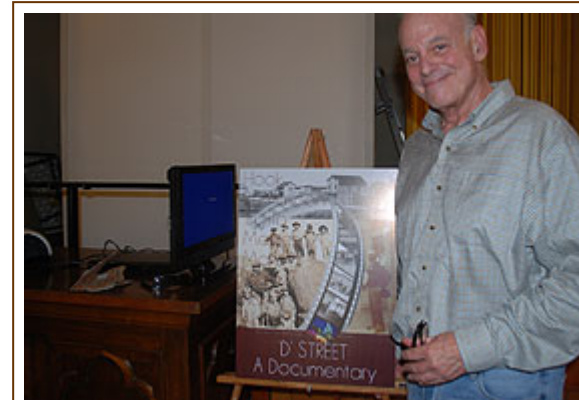
The mile-long street is just a few feet from the California Southern railroad tracks surveyed by railroad engineer Fred T. Perris, the man for whom the City is named. D Street also sported livery stables, grain mills, clothing and farm-supply stores and the Southern Hotel, which was renowned for its opulence when it opened in 1886.

The 1892 Victorian-era Depot lies just off D Street. Although it has relocated several times, Perris City Hall always has been located on D Street. Later additions to the street include the 1918 Bank of Perris, now fully restored and used as a City archive, and the 1930s art deco Perris Theatre. Today, D Street thrives as a government center, small business corridor and residential neighborhood boosted by the recent completion of one apartment complex and ongoing construction of another complex set to open in 2013.

Keyes said “D Street: A Documentary” will provide a detailed look at Perris through the decades. Although rich in Perris history, the movie also contains several speakers discussing their hopes and aspirations about Perris in the coming years.

“It will tell what Perris was like, what it is like and what it will be like in the future,” she said.

Keyes said documentary DVDs will be available for \$15. Orders may be sent to the above email addresses beginning on Nov. 1.



Filmmaker David Van Houten stands before a placard announcing the movie “D Street: A Documentary” that premiere Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Regency Theatre in Perris.