



Perris Press Release

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Perris History Featured at Southern California Fair

Admission is free for the first four hours of the annual Southern California Fair, and fairgoers can take advantage of free carnival rides for the first 100-minutes after the gates open on Oct. 8.

Perris residents have extra incentives to attend this year's fair.

The City of Perris, working with Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley and the Perris Optimist Club, will construct a new home for a deserving family during the fair.

The 1,300 square foot home will feature three bedrooms, two baths and a detached garage. Green technology will be incorporated into the house including earth friendly building materials, an energy efficient attic fan, an organic garden with a mulching bin and a drought tolerant landscape.

Habitat for Humanity invites individuals and organizations of all skill levels are welcome to participate in this volunteerism opportunity; prior construction experience is not required. Volunteers must be 16 years or older.

The residence later will be moved to a lot in Downtown Perris.

"This is a great project," said Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough, who will be swinging a hammer during the home building. "It's about neighbor helping neighbor. It's the ultimate example of charity."

Perris residents also will be treated to a brief look at the City's history. Harrison Hall on the fairgrounds has been converted into a temporary repository of Perris' past, including old newspaper accounts, photographs, documents and mementos. Visitors will wind their way through a maze that features Cirty memorabilia through the decades.

A team of Perris Valley Historical and Museum Association volunteers has been months assembling the creating the display.

"This is an amazing opportunity to showcase our history and progress," Yarbrough said.

Gael Scott, interim CEO of the Southern California Fair, says the Oct. 8-16 extravaganza offers something for everybody. Gates open at 11 a.m. Oct. 8 and admission is free until 3 p.m. Rides are free until 12:40 p.m.

This year's activities include up-close encounters with sea life, a Wild West Turkey Stampede, exciting auto racing, Monster Truck Shows and discounts for children and seniors. The fair also includes carnival rides and livestock displays.

She said this year's fair offers a "Live Shark Encounter" and sting ray exhibit. The shark encounter experience takes place inside a tank and includes a diver who interacts with the creatures. The sting ray exhibit allows visitors to pet the animals.

Scott said that one of the most popular exhibits, the Wild West Turkey Stampede, will be filmed for an upcoming television show.

Additional information about the annual Southern California Fair ticket sales are available at www.socalfair.com