



Perris News

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First Housing Fair Welcomes Newcomers

The City of Perris is rolling out the welcome mat for hundreds of new residents who have moved into the community since last year.

The first ever Housing Fair, set for Sept. 11 at Foss Park, will answer a wide range of questions facing many new homebuyers—everything from mortgage modification to obtaining homeowners insurance to learning about home-improvement programs offered by the City. There will be food vendors and face painting, free fingerprints for kids, a raffle and music all day long.

Event organizer Sabrina Chavez says the name of the upcoming says it all: Connecting people, community, opportunities.

Prospective home buyers and those looking to improve their residences by taking advantage of City beautification programs also are encouraged to attend.

"We are excited," said Chavez, a Perris Associate Planner. "We love doing community outreach and welcoming new residents to Perris."

Chavez said the upcoming housing fair grew out of the success of the City's First Time Homebuyers Program and Foreclosure Home Ownership Program. Both efforts, begun about 18 months ago, have resulted in more than 200 families relocating to Perris from Riverside, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino counties.

Many of those newbies had questions about the City, its businesses, recreational and family oriented activities.

The fair is aimed at providing the answers. Organizers are expecting at least 300 people to attend.

Perris officials say contractors, Realtors and non-profit agencies will take part in the fair. Eight food vendors--featuring African, Mexican, Filipino and barbecue fare along with Kettle corn, sea food and shaved ice--have signed up to participate.

"What a great way for our City to welcome new residents," said City Councilwoman Joanne Evans. "Maybe we will be able to get people to move into homes in Perris. To me there is no better City to live in. We've got new homes and schools, great parks and new businesses. It's a great town."

City Councilman Mark Yarbrough said the fair exemplifies what Perris does best—bringing businesses, vendors, non-profits and civic groups together for the betterment of City residents.

"We are always looking for ways to make our City the best it can be," he said. "This is why Perris is a wonderful City with a wonderful future."

City Councilman Al Landers said Realtors in the office he runs pitched in to purchase a large barbecue grill which will be raffled off at the Housing Fair.

"We are rolling out the red carpet to everyone can become an integral part of our City," Landers said.

For more information about the Housing Fair, call 951-943-5003.

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