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It's Senior Prom Time Again

Perris residents 55 and older should get ready to don flapper dresses and fedoras to take part in the City's second annual "Senior Prom" May 30 at the Bob Glass Gymnasium.

Tickets are selling quickly for the "Great Gatsby" themed formal prom, which features dinner and dancing, pictures of all the attendees and the selection of a Prom King and Queen.

Event planners are expecting to sell all 200 tickets, said Sabrina Chavez, the Assistant Director of City's Community Services and Housing Division.

"It's a great opportunity to get out and dance and have a great time," Chavez said. "A lot of our seniors can't drive to other communities to take part in similar events so it's great to be able to provide it to them in their home town."



Perris residents dance to the music during the inaugural Senior Prom in 2014.

Registration for the Perris Senior Prom runs from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dinner is served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. while dancing begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Tickets for the prom are free for seniors (55 years and older) who are members of the Perris Senior Center; \$5 for seniors who are not members of the Senior Center and \$10 for non-residents.

Sizzler Restaurant is catering the affair. Members of the City's Youth Advisory Committee will meet and greet seniors and help serve meals.

Seniors who choose to dress up in 1920s garb will have the chance to don a wide variety of clothing options. Emerging from the drab dress of World War I, fashion designers created women's dresses, pantsuits and hats in a wide variety of colors and fabrics. Women sported canes as fashion accessories and wore jackets lined with fur. Men ditched formal three-piece suits in favor of wide-leg trousers and sport coats. Fedora hats became a rage.



Members of the Perris Youth Advisory Committee serve dinner to seniors during the first-ever Senior Prom in 2014.

Chavez said the prom continues the City's ongoing Live Well Perris healthy-eating active-living campaign. That's why more than two hours of the program are devoted to dancing.

"We are excited to give something back to the seniors who have given our community and country so much," Chavez said. "They enjoy dancing. They enjoy living well!"

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch and City Councilwoman Rita Rogers, both seniors, plan on attending.

"It's a great opportunity for seniors to get out and have some fun," Busch said. "Last year everyone enjoyed it, we had a great turnout and we expect a great turnout this year."

Rogers said the smiles on the faces of seniors who attended last year's prom made her smile too.

"It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic the seniors were," she said. "I am looking forward to this year's prom. It's about fun and exercise."

In addition to Sizzlers, other sponsors include Live Well Perris, Smart & Final, Prime Care, CR&R and Seidners Collision Centers.

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