



Council needs your input on district elections

The Concord City Council is seeking input from residents in the process to change the way City Councilmembers are elected- from at-large elections to district elections. Proposed [district maps are now available](#) on the City's website. Public hearings on the maps are scheduled for Feb. 6 and Feb. 27. Submit comments by [email](#) or take the survey at [Concord Community Town Hall](#). [Learn more](#)



Concord cuisine is focus of new VIBE video



Concord VIBE promotes Concord lifestyle amenities that are attractive to young professionals, which is a growing segment of the Concord community. A new VIBE video was recently released on the community's global cuisine called "A Look Inside the East Bay's Melting Pot." Visit four restaurants, both new and old, and hear the secrets of their success. [See the video at this link](#)

Detective honored as Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Concord Police Detective Rey Valeros, who has been named the 2017 Kiwanis Officer of the Year. Detective Valeros was honored at a recent luncheon and thanked for his commitment to the Concord community. He served as a School Resource Officer at Mt. Diablo High School where he initiated several effective programs. He is pictured with Police Chief Guy Swanger (left) and Rocci Barsotti (right), of the [Concord Kiwanis](#).



Free Senior Healthy Lifestyle Expo

The Age Strong, Live Long Healthy Lifestyle Expo is coming to the Concord Senior Center on



Friday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about services, resources and products that benefit older adults, their families and caregivers. Over 40 vendors and service providers will be on hand. A free tote bag will be given to the first 500 attendees.

[Learn more](#)

Exchange zone at Police Department

The Concord Police Department has announced the creation of a new, designated exchange zone in the parking lot of the Police Department building, 1350 Galindo Street. The parking spaces are on the Laguna Street side of the building. If you need a safe location for a child custody exchange, private property exchange or E-commerce exchange, these two parking spots are now available and under 24 hour video surveillance.



Concord dog parks to close for maintenance



Concord's two dog parks will undergo annual maintenance over the next few months. Baldwin Dog Park at 2700 Parkside Circle will be closed from Feb. 2 to March 26. Newhall Dog Park at 1351 Newhall Parkway will be closed from March 26 to May 11. Annual maintenance is necessary to keep the popular and well-used dog parks in top shape. For more information, contact Park Maintenance, (925) 671-3444.

Volunteer Opportunity: English tutors needed

The Diablo Valley Literacy Council is seeking volunteers to tutor adults in English. No experience is required and training will be provided. Register now for the training coming up on Saturday, March 3 and March 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4000 Clayton Rd. in Concord. You must attend both sessions. \$20 registration fee.

[Learn more](#)



Lose the lawn, gain a garden, save on your bill



The Contra Costa Water District is offering free workshops on converting a water-thirsty lawn to a water-wise garden on Friday, March 2, Friday, April 13, Saturday, May 12, and Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the district office, 1331 Concord Ave. Experts will provide advice on landscape design, plants and drip irrigation as well as information on the garden rebate program.

[Learn more](#)

Year round farmers' market

Todos Santos Plaza hosts the [Farmers' Market](#) Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. year round. This time of year, look for seasonal items and colorful flowers in addition to fresh fruits and vegetables. You'll find everything you need for a warming winter soup. You can even find recipes [at this link](#). Todos Santos Plaza is located on Willow Pass Road between Grant and Mt. Diablo streets.



City offices closed Monday, February 19



[City of Concord](#) offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 19 for President's Day. The holiday honors the nation's first president, George Washington, whose birthday is February 22, and all presidents after him. State and Federal offices are closed as are most schools, banks and the Post Office.

[Learn more](#)

Concord Fun Fact - Pixieland Amusement Park

Did you know that Concord is one of the few cities in the Bay Area with its very own amusement park for the little ones? Pixieland Amusement Park at 2740 E. Olivera Rd. has an interesting history. Norman Rosenberg created a mini-amusement park in the 1950s next to his toy store in the Park & Shop center on Willow Pass Road. It closed in 1965 when the shopping center expanded, but the rides were purchased by Bill Edwards, who eventually reopened the attraction in Willow Pass Park. Over the years, it has had several owners, expansions and renovations. Pixieland is proud to support the City's slogan, Concord, Where Families Come First.

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