



Bring the family to the annual tree lighting

Downtown Concord kicks off the holiday season at Todos Santos Plaza on Saturday, Dec. 1. Santa and his elves will hear children's holiday wishes from 4 to 6 p.m. Performances by numerous community and school choirs begin on the Todos Santos stage at 5 p.m., followed by the Mayor's Sing-Along and the countdown to the annual tree lighting.



Unique gifts for the holidays



A Holiday Gift and Craft Fair will be held at the Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle, on Friday, Nov. 30 from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Gifts will be available from a variety of vendors selling unique items, knitted scarves and hats, jewelry, hand-made baby items, wood products, art, glass, baked goods, plants and other merchandise.

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Meet your neighbors at Nextdoor.com

The City of Concord has officially launched its program to promote the community's use of the new social network Nextdoor.com. Nextdoor makes it easy for you to communicate with your neighbors about important issues including crime prevention, recommendations for a plumber or contractor, or asking for help finding a lost pet. The possibilities are endless. Each Nextdoor website is password protected and available only to people living in that neighborhood.

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City Council to select 2013 Mayor, Vice Mayor



At the meeting on Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m., newly-elected City Councilmembers Dan Helix and Edi Birsan will be sworn in and the City Council will self-elect a new Mayor and Vice Mayor to serve for 2013. Watch the proceedings on Concord TV cable channel 28 (Comcast), 29 (Astound) or U-verse 99 or on the [City's website](#). For more information, contact the City Clerk's office, (925) 671-3495.

New sandbag area open 24/7

Bags, sand and shovels are now available for residents to build sandbags at the City Corporation Yard, 1455 Gasoline Alley. In the past, access to the sandbag area was limited to business hours. This year, a station is provided just outside the main gate which allows residents to build sandbags 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The limit is 25 sandbags per household.



November office closures



City of Concord offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12 for Veteran's Day, and from Monday, Nov. 19 through Friday, Nov. 23 for unpaid furlough days and the Thanksgiving holiday. Employees are taking 13 unpaid furlough days during the 2012-13 fiscal year, equivalent to a five-percent reduction in pay, to help balance the General Fund budget.

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