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## Can you feel the Concord VIBE?

Concord VIBE, the City's program to promote Concord's many attributes that are popular among young professionals, is back with its 2nd annual Beer Release Party at The Hop Grenade, 2151 Salvio St. on Sunday, March 18 from 12 to 2 p.m. Epidemic Ales and EJ Phair have partnered with Rachel Dunn Chocolates for a Dominican Republic Golden Chocolate Stout. First 250 receive a Concord VIBE glass.

[Learn more](#)



## Concord one of Most Instagrammable Cities



Concord joins San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley on SmartMeetings.com list of Most Instagrammable cities in California. SmartMeetings says "The East Bay city of Concord has been emerging as a much more popular meetings destination. It has an impressive list of affordable venues and lodging options, as well as excellent restaurants and breweries, plenty of shopping options, a downtown square with a weekly farmers market."

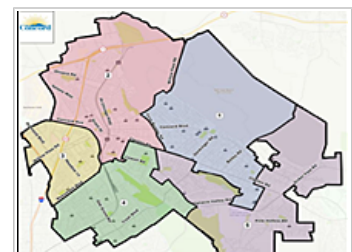
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## Find your new voting district

On February 27, the Concord City Council voted to change the way City Councilmembers are elected. Previously, five City Councilmembers were elected at-large, meaning that all registered voters in Concord had the opportunity to vote for all five council positions. Under the new system, City Councilmembers will be elected by district. Residents will vote by district for the first time in the 2018 elections.

[Find your residence on the new district map](#)



## MCE Community Choice Energy coming soon



Concord residents should have received informational mailers about the new MCE program. In April, MCE will become the default electricity provider in Concord. This move gives residents a choice in deciding how much of their electricity should be produced from renewable sources. An MCE Town Hall will be held Thursday, March 22 at 6 p.m. at Civic Center, 1950 Parkside Dr. Staff will be on hand to answer questions.

[Learn more](#)

## An alternative to renting an apartment

The Home Share Contra Costa program connects home owners with home seekers. The program matches Concord homeowners who are over age 55 and who want to share their residences with home seekers who are over age 18 and live, work or go to school in Contra Costa County, and have an annual income under \$61,380. A great idea in this age of skyrocketing rents.

[Learn more](#)



## Dry winter means water conservation needed



Winter months are usually the wettest part of the year in the Bay Area, but this winter has been particularly dry. One way residents can help is by conserving water. The Contra Costa Water District has a number of programs and free offers to help improve water use efficiency. Replacing older faucets and showerheads with low-flow fixtures will reduce water usage by 25-60%, lower heating bills, and save money.

[Learn more](#)

## You can save a life - Concord Library hosts blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Concord Library, 2900 Salvio St., on Thursday, March 8 from noon to 6 p.m. The Red Cross reminds everyone that giving blood ensures that there will be a sufficient supply when you or your friends and family need it. It's the one thing almost anyone can do to save lives. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

[Learn more](#)



## Applications open for spring Concord Community Institute



The City of Concord announces an opportunity for those who live, work or own a business in Concord to learn more about the City at the Concord Community Institute. Take part in lively discussions. Learn about how the City operates and how decisions are made. Seven sessions will be held from April 14 to May 19. The deadline for applications is Monday, March 12 at 5 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

## Make memories at Camp Concord this summer

Now is the time to plan a family vacation at Camp Concord at South Lake Tahoe. Stay a day, a week, or longer. Enjoy private cabins, delicious prepared meals, and a variety of activities for family members of all ages at beautiful Lake Tahoe. Make family memories that last a lifetime. Specialty camps include "50 and Better" and "Labor Day Weekend."

[Learn more](#)



## Get your slow-pitch softball team together and register



Concord's adult slow pitch softball program is one of the largest in the area and serves thousands of active adults each year with men's, women's and coed recreational leagues to accommodate all skill levels. Team registrations for the summer will be available mid-March. Summer leagues, which start in May and run through August, are expected to draw an estimated 170 teams and 2,400 players.

[Learn more](#)

Email [sports@cityofconcord.org](mailto:sports@cityofconcord.org)

## Fun fact Willow Pass Park - Sports haven

Concord's Willow Pass Park has been on the map nationally as a prime location for adult slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball tournaments. The Concord Parks and Recreation Department partners with United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA), All World Sports, American Softball Association (ASA) and the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) to bring over 30 sporting events to Willow Pass Park each year. Concord's own Danny Brown (pictured), a long-time former City employee and volunteer, can even be found in the USSSA Hall of Fame. He was appointed to the USSSA California State Director in 1979 and served as regional vice-president from 1979-1994. He was then appointed Executive Vice-President of All Sports and presented with the coveted USSSA President's award in 1984. He hosted some of the association's premier events at Willow Pass Park, including the 1980 Men's Major World Series.



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