



## Summer favorite Music and Market returns

The free Thursday Night Music and Market series opens May 17 in Todos Santos Plaza in downtown Concord. Don't miss The Purple Ones (Prince Tribute band) on June 7. Series continues through Sept. 14 with Farmers' Market in the plaza from 4 to 8 p.m. and music on the Todos Santos stage 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mark your calendar for Tuesday Blues series returning in July.

[Learn more](#)



## Capital Improvement Budget Hearing



The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed two-year 2018-20 Capital Improvement Program budget at the May 8 City Council meeting. A mid-cycle report on the City's 2017-19 General Fund Budget will be held at the May 22 City Council meeting. The public is welcome to comment at either of the meetings. Budget information will be available at [www.cityofconcord.org](http://www.cityofconcord.org).

[Learn more](#)

## Have you ever considered running for office?

The Contra Costa Elections Division will present a Candidate Workshop on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pacheco Community Center. The workshop is designed to take the mystery out of running for office. Experts will talk about how to file candidate paperwork, campaign finance disclosure requirements, and strategies for spreading your message. To RSVP, call (925) 335-7805 or email [Outreach@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:Outreach@vote.cccounty.us).

[Learn more](#)



## Count down to spray park summer season



The popular Meadow Homes Spray Park at 1351 Detroit Ave. will open for the 2018 season on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 26 and run through Sunday, September 30. While school is in session, hours are 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. After school recesses for the summer, hours will be noon to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

[Learn more](#)

## Concord Library closed for remodeling

The Concord Library at 2900 Salvio St. will be closed for remodeling of the restrooms from May 6 to May 28 and will reopen on Tuesday, May 29 with regular hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. During the closure, patrons are encouraged to use neighboring libraries in Pleasant Hill or Clayton to return books and can request to pick up holds at other branches.

[Learn more](#)



## Concord Pavilion has lots to offer this summer



Plan to enjoy some of this summer's best entertainment right in your own backyard. The Concord Pavilion season offers something for everyone, from Imagine Dragons to Chicago, Steven Miller to Kevin Hart, KBLX Stone Soul Concert to ALT 105 BFD. Get tickets through [Livenation.com](#) or [Ticketmaster.com](#) or at the Pavilion Box Office with no service charge for tickets purchased on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

## Bring the family to KidFest for a day of fun

Bay Area KidFest returns on Memorial Day Weekend May 26, 27, and 28 to Mt. Diablo High School, 2450 Grant St. Entertainment, Alaskan pig races, face painting, Kidz Science Safari, animal and balloon art, and more with price of admission (\$7/\$6 with a donation of canned food to the Food Bank, babies under two years and seniors 65+ free). Plus rides and food court.

[Learn more](#)



## New Parks & Rec registration system launched



Parks & Recreation has launched a new class and activities online registration system at [ConcordReg.org](#). It has a new look and feel, and with a couple of clicks and a few taps of the keyboard, customers are able to register for classes or activities in a flash. Don't hesitate to email [Concord.Registration@cityofconcord.org](mailto:Concord.Registration@cityofconcord.org) or call (925) 671-3404 if you have any questions.

[Try it out here](#)

## Gear up for Bike to Work Day



Bike to Work Day 2018 is Thursday, May 10. Bike East Bay invites riders to stop enroute at any of the 140 Energizer Stations for free refreshments and give-aways. Bicycling can be a fun, dependable and virtually free mode of transportation. Bicycling also burns 300 to 500 calories an hour, so you can commute and stay fit at the same time. Find some handy tips [at this link](#).

[Find an Energizer Station](#)



## Bring the family to Camp Concord at South Lake Tahoe



Family Camp at Camp Concord is a great opportunity for parents and kids to unplug and experience nature together at beautiful South Lake Tahoe. Truly a vacation for everyone â€” all meals are provided, families stay in rustic cabins, and a variety of activities are available for all ages. Parents get time to relax knowing their children are experiencing new adventures under the guidance of a highly-trained counseling staff.

[Learn more](#)

## What single action can you take to help the environment?

Are you up to the Challenge? The Community Resilience Challenge East Bay is an annual mobilization campaign that inspires thousands of citizens and groups to take single actions to save water, grow food, conserve energy, reduce waste, and build community. Take on the Community Resilience Challenge by going online and pledging to make changes in your everyday life. You can make a difference.

[Learn more](#)



## Concord Fun Fact Concord's Secret Garden: Markham Nature Park and Arboretum



Markham Nature Park and Arboretum is a 17-acre island of natural beauty located at 1202 La Vista Ave. The park is owned by the City of Concord and operated in partnership with the nonprofit Markham Regional Arboretum Society.

The Markham has an active nursery, stocked with the unique and unusual plants, and staffed by volunteers including landscapers, arborists, native plant enthusiasts and master gardeners. Plant sales are held several times a year.

Don't miss the International Garden, which includes a number of demonstration gardens surrounding the Bud Hansen Arbor. This area displays plants from countries around the world that have climates similar to Concord's climate. Also see the rose and camellia gardens, a bee farm, a community garden, and a path that links to other parks.

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