

# City of Concord, California



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## New Mayor and Vice Mayor

At the December 1 City Council meeting, Mayor Tim Grayson passed the gavel to Laura Hoffmeister (pictured at right), who will serve as mayor for a two-year term (2016 - 2017). Councilmember Ron Leone will serve as Vice Mayor in 2016. Sandra Scherer of the Monument Crisis Center received the Mayor's 2015 Community Service Award and Councilmember Dan Helix was honored as "Mayor a Priori."

[Learn more](#)

[View a video of the meeting](#)



## Holiday event Saturday in downtown Concord



This Saturday, Dec. 5, is the annual Mayor's Sing-Along and Official Tree Lighting in Todos Santos Plaza. Santa arrives at 4 p.m., followed by entertainment by local choirs and dance groups at 5 p.m. Carriage rides available for a fee. The Mayor will lead everyone in traditional carols before the lighting of Concord's official holiday tree.

[Learn more](#)

## Senior Center hosts craft fair Friday

The Concord Senior Center, at 2727 Parkside Circle, will host its annual Holiday Gift & Craft Fair on Friday, Dec. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fulfill holiday shopping needs with unique hand-crafted gift items and delicious homemade goodies. While you're visiting the Senior Center, say 'hello' to the helpful staff - always ready to answer your questions about their services and programs.

[Learn more](#)



## Be a Santa to a Senior



Share the holiday spirit and take part in the Be a Santa to a Senior service program. This program provides holiday cheer and gifts to the senior citizens in the community who are in need and are unlikely to receive a present this holiday season. Pick up a senior's wish and return your gift at a participating location to make spirits a little brighter.

[Learn more](#)

## New Parks & Recreation Director appointed

Steve Voorhies has been promoted to the position of Director of Parks and Recreation. He replaces Joan Carrico, who is retiring. Steve has worked for the City for 18 years, most recently as Parks Manager in the Public Works Department. He looks forward to meeting members of the community and delivering programs that have a direct impact on the quality of life in Concord.

[Learn more](#)



## Pavilion already announcing 2016 shows



After a very successful 2015 season, the Concord Pavilion has already announced two exciting shows for the 2016 season. Tickets are on sale for Janet Jackson's show on May 19 and Bryan Adams on July 9. Visit [Live Nation.com](#) for tickets and more show and special event information.

## City News & Activity Guide in your mailbox

The Winter/Spring Concord City News & Activity Guide should be hitting your mailbox any day now. Look for the latest news about City projects and programs, and how to contact City offices. There are also lots of holiday gift ideas amongst the trips and tours. Planning to get more exercise in the New Year? You'll find a class to help you reach your goals.

[Learn more](#)



## Oversight committee looking for new member



The Measure Q Oversight committee is recruiting for one new member. The committee provides recommendations to the City Council on the use of the Measure Q half-cent sales tax revenue. Voters passed Measure Q in 2010 and extended it in 2014. The committee also reviews the Measure Q annual audit report and makes a presentation to the community. Deadline for applications is December 18.

[Learn more](#)

## Free sandbags and sand pick up now available

Even when City offices are closed, the 24-hour self-serve sandbag station outside the gates of the City Corporation Yard, 1455 Gasoline Alley off of Bisso Lane, has everything residents need to make their own sandbags. Filled sandbags are available for the elderly at (925) 671-3448. Or bring bags and shovels to the two satellite stations at Lime Ridge and Hillcrest Park to pick up sand.

[See sandbag station map](#)



## City office hours



City of Concord offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday, and Friday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. Concord Community Pool will be open for lap swim, from 10 a.m. to noon, on Dec. 24, and will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan 1. Happy holidays to you and yours from everyone at the City of Concord.

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