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News of the Month

PG&E Expands in Concord

PG&E has significantly expanded their business operations in Concord. During the past year, PG&E moved several business units to 1850 Gateway, raising their overall employment to approximately 950 workers. This makes PG&E the fourth largest private sector employer in Concord (after Bank of America, Chevron and Wells Fargo).



PG&E has two facilities in Concord: their office at 1850 Gateway provides a regional headquarters for real estate, project management, and other business units; and their yard operation on Detroit Ave. For more information about PG&E and their energy efficient programs that assist businesses in saving money go to: www.pge.com.

Concord: A Test City for Google?



Google is planning to build and test ultra high-speed broadband networks in a small number of trial locations across the country. The network will deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today. Concord could be one of the places chosen to test this network. The City is currently working to provide Google with information about Concord through a Request for Information (RFI), which they will use to determine where to build the test networks.

The City's application will be stronger if people will log onto the Google site and answer a few questions about how the service will help our community. Please log on to the following link and help the City bring the Google project to town. The deadline is Friday, March 26.

Go to www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/public/options.
Click on the "**Nominate your community**" button.

Google will use these nominations to help gauge the community's interest so the more people who nominate Concord, the better. Ask your Face book friends, Twitter followers, fellow bloggers and friends to help Concord compete for Google's attention.

Event of the Month

City and Chamber to Hold Business Community Workshop

The current recession has resulted in an extremely abrupt and severe decline in both sales tax and property tax revenues for the City. Due to these declines, last year the City's General Fund experienced a \$14.2 million gap. To address this budget crisis, the City cut \$4.5 million through salary and benefit reductions, reductions in City services, and reduction in City staff from 499 to 415 employees. However, this still leaves a \$9.7 million budget gap. The next round of budget cuts will force the City to make serious changes in the City Budget.

The City of Concord and the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce are asking for input from the business

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community on what City services are the highest priorities. This input will assist the City Council in making decisions about the budget. All interested Concord-based businesses and members of the Chamber of Commerce are invited to attend:

Concord Business Community Budget Workshop

Wednesday, March 17th

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Centre Concord

5298 Clayton Road

Please let the Chamber know that you plan to attend!

Register for the workshop online at www.concordchamber.com and click on "Business Community Workshop".

Any questions, please call the Chamber at: (925) 685-1181.

Deal of the Month

The Chicks are Coming!

Concord Feed, a pet supply and feed store that has been in Concord since 1922, has a special promotion every March – they offer a wide variety of baby chicks, as well as other products and advice for raising chickens. Located at 5288 Clayton Road, Concord Feed offers high quality food and supplies for dogs, cats, fish (particularly Koi), horses, birds, and other animals.

Click here for more information about [Concord Feed and other promotions from local companies](#) on the BuyConcord.Net website.

