



SHOP CONCORD RELAUNCHES GIFT CARD PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Community e-gift card program keeps dollars local to benefit businesses and residents

CONCORD, Calif. (May 22, 2023) – Today, the City of Concord and the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce are relaunching the popular *Shop Concord* program to support the city’s small businesses by encouraging residents to shop locally over Memorial Day weekend and into the summer. The *Shop Concord* program helps increase sales for local businesses while also benefiting consumers and providing a boost to the local economy.

Shop Concord is relaunching thanks to a \$10,000 contribution from the City of Concord to supply a bonus gift card with every purchase. While supplies last, receive a free \$50 *Shop Concord* bonus card with every original \$100 gift card purchase, a free \$25 *Shop Concord* card with every \$50 gift card purchase, or a free \$10 *Shop Concord* card with every \$20 gift card purchase. Gift cards can be used for purchases at any participating business. The bonus gift cards with purchase are available until the allotted \$10,000 is distributed.

“It’s great we are able to relaunch the *Shop Concord* program,” said Mayor Laura Hoffmeister. “Our previous holiday relaunches have helped build momentum for the program and helps us achieve our objective of supporting the local economy.”

The initial *Shop Concord* program launched in November 2020, with 978 e-gift cards purchased for a total of \$31,020 in value. Local businesses saw the momentum and reaped the benefits. Now, with six programs launched in the past three years to show continued support for the local economy, the total amount of gift cards distributed is valued at more than \$188,000.

“The *Shop Concord* program has been an overwhelming success since it was originally launched in November 2020 to support our local business community that experienced significant setbacks due to the pandemic,” said Melissa Rea, President/CEO of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce. “This Memorial Day weekend, the Chamber is excited to partner with the City of Concord on the launch of a new round of the *Shop Concord* program, and to build on the program’s success from previous years. This program will inspire a new wave of support for our local business community, and we are thrilled we can continue to support our business community in this way.”

The e-gift cards can be purchased on the [Shop Concord Yiftee page](#), which includes a list of participating merchants. The cards purchased can be redeemed at any participating Concord business. The digital nature of the gift cards allows customers to split the original and bonus portions to keep for themselves or gift to others via text or email.

“Take advantage of the *Shop Concord* Program,” said Sifu Steffani Tomizaki, Co-Owner/Manager for [Tomizaki’s Champions Kung Fu](#). “It’s a great way to support local businesses. We have had folks use it for classes, private lessons and merchandise.”

Concord local business owners can sign up anytime for free to participate in the *Shop Concord* program. Instructions for how to become a participating merchant are online at www.concordfirst.com/shop-concord.

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