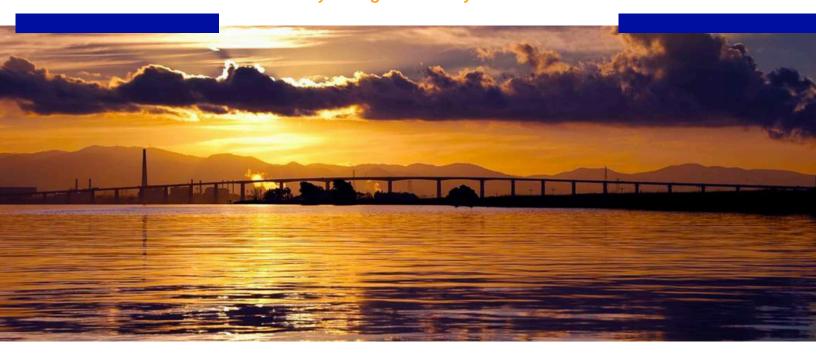
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THE ANTIOCH ADVISORY

The City Manager's Monthly Newsletter



OPPORTUNITY LIVES HERE

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S INSIDE

We're excited to bring you the latest edition of the City of Antioch Newsletter, your go-to source for city updates, community highlights, and helpful resources. Inside, you'll find news about local events, public services, employee achievements, and ways to stay engaged with your city. Whether you're curious about upcoming programs, interested in learning more about your local government, or just want to see what's new in Antioch, there's something here for you!

Antioch residents can report potholes, graffiti, and other concerns online in just a few clicks. Quick, easy, and right at your fingertips—city service just got smarter!

Download SeeClickFix on the App Store or Google Play Store today!

DID YOU KNOW?



Dear Antioch Residents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the City of Antioch's community newsletter, a renewed effort to strengthen our connection with you, the heart of our city.

Over the past month, I've had the privilege of representing Antioch in several key engagements that reflect our city's commitment to progress, collaboration, and community. Our recent trip to Washington, D.C., as part of Hill Week with Townsend Public Affairs, was a valuable opportunity to advocate for resources and policies that will support Antioch's growth and resilience. I also had the pleasure of speaking with local leaders at the Delta Association of Realtors, where we discussed economic development, housing opportunities, and the bright future ahead for our region.

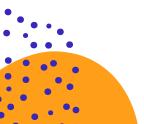
Building regional cooperation continues to be a top priority. Through our participation in Delta 6 meetings and ongoing dialogues with the Antioch Unified School District, we're laying the groundwork for strategic partnerships that benefit every resident—from our youngest students to our senior citizens.

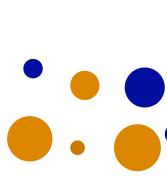
As City Manager, I'm proud of the strides we've made. We've successfully completed our two-year operating budget, implemented the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) initiatives, filled vital leadership roles across the city, and enhanced transparency through expanded public communication, including hiring a Public Information Officer. Looking forward, we are focused on advancing our Strategic Plan, improving city operations, and strengthening economic development efforts.

Antioch is a city of potential and full of people who care deeply about its success. This newsletter is one way we're ensuring you're informed and empowered to be a part of our journey forward.

Warm regards,

Bessie M. Scott





MAY IN REVIEW

MARKET SATURDAZE BRINGS COMMUNITY & CREATIVITY TO PREWETT PARK! <<<

Market Saturdaze is a vibrant new monthly event in Antioch, held on the first Saturday of each month at Prewett Community Park, located right next to the Antioch Water Park. Created in collaboration with the Bay Area Backyard Movement, Market Saturdaze aims to support local small businesses, foster community connections, and offer Antioch residents a chance to discover unique, handcrafted goods. On May 3rd, the community came together for the second Market Saturdaze, kicking off Mother's Day weekend! Shoppers enjoying delicious offerings from local food vendors, a lively performance by Dance it Up Performing Arts Studio, and a wide variety of artisan booths showcasing everything from handmade crafts to one-of-a-kind treasures. Learn more about Market Saturdaze and how to get involved when you visit antiochca.gov/market-saturdaze.





>>> ACADEMY CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY WITH A TEA PARTY

On May 8, preschool students and their families gathered for a heartwarming Mother's Day Tea Party. The event was beautifully set up with charming decorations and a welcoming atmosphere, where students welcomed their mothers with handmade cards and crafts, proudly showcasing their creativity and love. Guests enjoyed a delightful assortment of tea, juice, finger sandwiches, and sweet treats while spending quality time with their children. Throughout the afternoon, students sang songs they had been practicing in class, bringing smiles and even a few happy tears to the room. The event offered families a meaningful opportunity to connect, reflect, and make memories that will last a lifetime. Learn more about Preschool Antioch Recreation Academy when you visit, antiochca.gov/preschool.

CHIEF JOE VIGIL OFFICIALLY SWORN IN AS ANTIOCH'S CHIEF OF POLICE



On May 27th, the City of Antioch proudly held the official swearing-in ceremony for Chief Joe Vigil, marking the beginning of a new chapter in leadership for the Antioch Police Department.

Surrounded by city staff, community members, and local leaders, Chief Vigil took the oath of office administered by City Clerk Melissa Rhodes. With decades of law enforcement experience and a deep commitment to transparency, community partnership, and public safety, Chief Vigil expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and lead in Antioch.

The City looks forward to working together under his leadership to build stronger connections between law enforcement and the community we serve!

ANTIOCH AWARDED GRANT TO BOOST LOCAL JOB CREATION AND COLLABORATION

The City of Antioch is proud to announce that we've been selected as one of twelve cities nationwide to receive a \$20,000 grant through the 2025 Advancing Economic Mobility Rapid Grant Program, awarded by the National League of Cities (NLC).

This funding will support our new Better Together Grant Program, a local pilot initiative that encourages small businesses and nonprofits to work together to create jobs and increase economic opportunities for Antioch residents. The program will award funding to a number of collaborative projects that focus on creating jobs for low-income residents while building stronger ties across Antioch's business and nonprofit communities.

In addition to funding, Antioch will receive national recognition, expert coaching, and promotional support from NLC. This initiative is an exciting step forward in fostering trust, innovation, and collective action to improve economic mobility across our city.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Meeting		
6/2/25	Antioch Police Oversight Commission Meeting		
6/4/25	Planning Commission Meeting		
6/5/25	Board of Administrative Appeals (BOAA) Review Panel Meeting		
6/10/25	City Council Meeting		
6/16/25	Antioch Police Oversight Commission Meeting		
6/18/25	Panning Commission Meeting		
6/24/25	City Council Meeting		



ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CENTER 4703 LONE TREE WAY ANTIOCHCA.GOV/REGISTER

> \$140 RESIDENT \$154 NON-RESIDENT



ANTIOCH SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

PROS GRADES 2-5 8:30AM-12:30PM

ALL-STARS GRADES 6-8 1:00PM-5:00PM

WEEKLY THEMES

JUN 23 - JUN 27

JUL 7 - JUL 11

JUL 14 - JUL 18

JUL 21 - JUL 26

JUL 28 - AUG 1

BASKETBALL JUN 30 - JUL 4*

SCHOOL YARD GAMES

VOLLEYBALL

SOCCER

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

FLAG FOOTBALL

Antioch Youth Sports Summer Camp offers a fun and educational experience for young athletes, teaching the basics of basketball, baseball/softball, soccer, volleyball, football, and playground games. Campers also enjoy swimming and water play at Antioch Water Park twice a week. The program emphasizes teamwork, health, and wellness. For more details, contact sports@antiochca.gov.

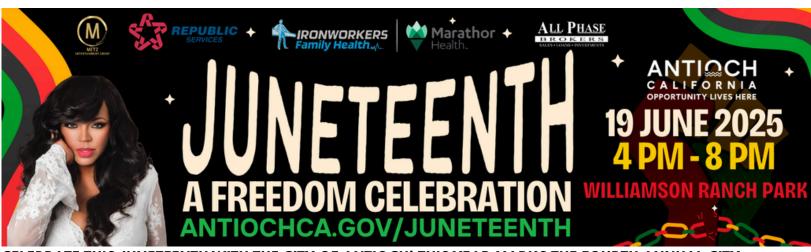
*NO CAMP JULY 4



GET READY TO SPLASH INTO SUMMER FUN! WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING TO COOL OFF, RELAX BY THE POOL, OR MAKE LASTING MEMORIES WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, THE PARK HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. WITH FIVE POOLS, THREE WATER SLIDES, LILY PADS, AND SPRAY PARK, IT'S THE PERFECT SPOT FOR ALL AGES TO ENJOY THE SUNSHINE. OUR TRAINED LIFEGUARDS AND STAFF ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU BACK FOR A SAFE, FUN, AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE ALL SUMMER LONG.

SEASON PASSES, DAILY ADMISSION, AND PARTY RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE NOW, SO PLAN AHEAD AND MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE POOL!

FOR HOURS, PRICING, AND MORE INFO, VISIT: ANTIOCHWATERPARK.COM



CELEBRATE THIS JUNETEENTH WITH THE CITY OF ANTIOCH! THIS YEAR MARKS THE FOURTH ANNUAL CITY SPONSORED JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION, WHERE WE COME TOGETHER AS A CITY TO HONOR FREEDOM, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY. JOIN US FOR A DAY OF REFLECTION THAT SHOWCASES THE RICHNESS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AS WE EMBRACE THE VIBRANCY AND RESILIENCY OF BLACK CULTURE. THIS EVENT FEATURES LIVE PERFORMANCES, MUSIC, FOOD, ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS, AND SO MUCH MORE!

COMMUNITY UPDATES



Pet of the Month: Meet Samurai!

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Samurai, an approximately 2 year old Siberian Husky mix, has been in our care since June 2024! He has remained equal parts fun and friendly since his arrival. He is a big boy, but that just means there is more to love and love you will. "Sammi" is goofy, playful, smart and entertaining. He has his husky moments where he talks back, doesn't listen, wants to invade your personal space with a hug or tug on that leash to get moving, but he is also very fond of being brushed, loves his walks and enjoys other dog company, especially an equally energetic Husky.

Check out his "fur-iend", Kent, on 24petconnect.com/AntiochAdoptablePets.

Antioch Animal Services is open to the public for adoptions, Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm. No appointment necessary. Check out our Facebook for adoption specials. All adoptable pets are spayed/neutered, microchipped and up to date on vaccinations at the time of adoption.

Understanding Antioch's Master Fee Schedule

The City of Antioch periodically releases updated Master Fee Schedules, which outline the fees the City charges for various services—ranging from building permits and planning applications to recreation programs and business licenses.

The Master Fee Schedule helps ensure that city services are delivered efficiently and sustainably, aligning fees with the actual cost of providing those services. It also promotes fairness and transparency in how the City funds operations and meets community needs.

View the current master Fee Schedule at: AntiochCA.gov/finance-department/master-fee-schedules/.



Master Fee Schedule



Sniff Happens: Why Your Water Smells Earthy

If you've noticed a musty or earthy odor in your water, it's due to natural algal blooms releasing harmless compounds (MIB & geosmin) into our source water. Your water remains safe to drink!



As temperatures rise, be sure to stay cool and stay safe! Drink plenty of water, never leave pets or kids in hot cars, and check on elderly neighbors during heat waves. Antioch cooling centers and resources are available if you need a break from the heat.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ANTIOCH SELECTED FOR ADU ACCELERATOR REBATE PILOT PROGRAM!

The City of Antioch's Community Development Department is proud to announce our participation in the ADU Accelerator Rebate Program, a new initiative piloted within California Senator Steve Glazer's District 7.

Through this exciting program, homeowners and property owners in Antioch may be eligible for rebates of up to \$7,500 to support the construction of new Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Rebates of up to \$30,000 are available for new ADUs that are deed-restricted to low-income households for a minimum of 20 years.

Interested in expanding your property or creating new housing opportunities? Learn more about eligibility and how to apply by visiting: antiochca.gov/adu.

SHAPING ANTIOCH'S FUTURE: GENERAL PLAN UPDATE UNDERWAY

The City of Antioch's Community Development Department has officially kicked off a Comprehensive General Plan Update by releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional planning services.

A General Plan serves as the blueprint for Antioch's long-term vision, guiding decisions around land use, transportation, housing, parks and recreation, public safety, and more. While Antioch's current General Plan was last fully updated in 2003, the City made important updates in 2023 to align with state law, including revisions to the Housing Element, Environmental Hazards Element, and the addition of a new Environmental Justice Element.

The release of this RFP marks the first step in a once-in-ageneration opportunity to build a shared vision for Antioch's future —one shaped by the voices of our entire community.

View the full RFP: antiochca.gov/fc/purchasing/bids/rfp-042325.pdf

RFP DEADLINE

Submissions are due by June 11, 2025.

Honoring Dedication: 2025 Employee Service Awards



5 Years of Service

Thank you for five strong years of energy, growth, and contribution to our city's future!

SAUL AGUILAR, ADRIANNA BALESTRIERI,
TRINO BARAJAS, TOBY BEACH,
CATHERINE BEITE, JOSEPH CHANDLER,
PEDRO CEJA, MARTIN DELGADO
VAZQUEZ, RENE ESQUIVIAS, KAYLEY
GLENN, JAMIE GOODALE, RONALD
HEINY, TASHA JOHNSON, BRENDAN
LASSAS, JOHN LOGRASSO, AMANDA
LUNSFORD, RYAN MORGAN, GEOFFREY
MORRIS, ROBERT NALEZNY, RUDOLPH
NIEVES, NICCO PEDREIRA, NICHOLAS
PUTMAN, MICHAEL RANEY, ANDREA
RANGEL, STEPHANIE SIMMONS,
MONIQUE VILLAGRANA, JOSEPH VIGIL,
WILLIAM WHITAKER

10 Years of Service

One decade of dedication and excellence. Thank you for your continued commitment!

KIM FERNANDEZ LOPEZ, RANDALL GRAGG, VANESSA ROSALES, COLE SHAFFER

20 Years of Service

Two decades of service. Your legacy is part of Antioch's story!

LOREN BLEDSOE, JOSEPHINE CASTRO, JISEOK JEONG, GARY LOWTHER, STACEY MALSOM, LORILEE MEDEIROS, MICHAEL SCHATZ proudly recognizes the outstanding dedication and commitment of our employees through the Annual Service Awards. These milestones mark more than just time—they reflect years of hard work, community service, and a deep investment in Antioch's success.

In 2025, we're thrilled to honor a remarkable group of individuals who have reached 5, 10, 20, and even 25 years of service with the City. From keeping our operations running smoothly to serving our residents with care and professionalism, each of these team members has made a lasting impact.

Please join us in congratulating these honorees!

25 Years of Service

A quarter-century of dedication. Thank you for shaping the heart of our city!

BENJAMIN AMBRIZ

SHAUN CONNELLY

JOSE URENO

ALAN BARTON

JOHN FORTNER

CARLOS ZEPEDA

Antioch Police Department's Employees Of the Month

Officer Kawalya has diligently been working to improve the knowledge of fellow patrol officers on his team. Officer Kawalya identified that his patrol team had minimal exposure to writing search warrants. He took the initiative to write a lesson plan focusing on this area and presented it to his patrol team. The patrol team gained a working understanding of search warrants. He worked with fellow team members during a shooting investigation and wrote a search for a vehicle that was linked to the suspect. His team executed the warrant and a firearm was recovered.

Beyond mentoring fellow officers, Officer Kawalya has worked tirelessly to reduce theft at businesses in the City of Antioch. He formed a working relationship with local business owners. These relationships allowed him to identify subjects who have been responsible for thousands of dollars in theft. These subjects were ultimately taken into custody. Officer Kawalya demonstrated the importance of community policing during his engagement with local business owners.



Costantine Kawalya
Officer

Michael Raney
Crime Analyst

Since joining APD in December 2019, Michael has made significant and lasting contributions to the department. Whether he's assisting VCU detectives with a cold case homicide or supporting graveyard supervisors during large-scale sideshows, Michael's presence and expertise are always valued. His accessibility and willingness to assist do not go unnoticed, he consistently provides accurate, timely, and useful intelligence to both line staff and management.

Michael is a subject matter expert in several areas of digital forensics and even authors his own search warrants to support investigations. His initiative and technical proficiency have strengthened our investigative capabilities.

More importantly, Michael is simply a good person, reliable, approachable, and always willing to lend a hand. His efforts and expertise are truly appreciated, and he will continue to be a tremendous asset to APD for years to come.

DID YOU KNOW?

JUNETEENTH EDITION

Juneteenth, short for June Nineteenth, marks a pivotal moment in American history. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that all enslaved people were free, in accordance with President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had been signed more than two years earlier on January 1, 1863. Because news traveled slowly—and enforcement even slower—Texas was one of the last

states where slavery continued after the Proclamation.

For the newly freed individuals in Texas, that day became a cause for celebration. Over the generations, Juneteenth became a symbol of Black freedom, resilience, and the ongoing pursuit of equality. Families and communities have commemorated it with parades, storytelling, music, food, and reflection, passing down its meaning through culture and tradition.



Despite its deep roots, it wasn't until 2021 that Juneteenth was officially recognized as a federal holiday. President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, making it the 11th federally recognized holiday in the United States. Today, Juneteenth stands as both a celebration of freedom and a reminder of the work that remains in the fight for racial justice and equity.

As communities across the country, and here in Antioch, gather to honor Juneteenth, we embrace not just a moment in history, but a continuing commitment to understanding, progress, and unity.





Did You Know?

Pride Month honors the Stonewall Uprising that began on June 28, 1969, in New York City. A group of LGBTQIA+ individuals stood up against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn, sparking a movement that led to the first Pride marches—and a lasting legacy of advocacy, visibility, and celebration around the world.

RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH IN ANTIOCH

Each June, communities across the nation come together to celebrate Pride Month, a time to honor the history, achievements, and ongoing contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Pride is more than a celebration. It's a reminder of the power of visibility, inclusion, and the ongoing fight for equity and human rights. Here in Antioch, we are proud to stand with our LGBTQIA+ residents, employees, and community leaders.

As a city, we are committed to fostering a community that is welcoming, respectful, and affirming of all people, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

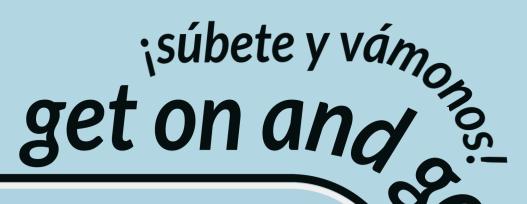
Whether you're celebrating with a flag, participating in a local event, or taking time to learn and reflect, Pride Month is an opportunity to uplift voices, embrace diversity, and affirm that everyone belongs.

Antioch celebrates diversity. Antioch celebrates you.





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