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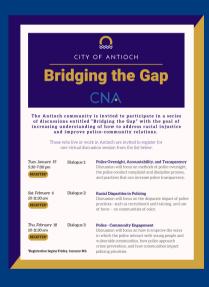
Executive
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**Rick Carraher** first made his mark on Downtown Antioch when he and his wife lanice opened Rick's On Second. Rick took his emphasis on quality and excellence to the El Campanil Theater, where he has served as the Executive Director for the past 19 years. Rick has always been an avid supporter of the downtown where under his leadership, the El Campanil has become and remains the anchor. Congratulations, and wishing you the very best in vour retirement years ahead.



## **Bridging the Gap Roundtable Discussions**

The Antioch community is **invited** to participate in a series of discussions with the goal of **increasing understanding** on how to address racial injustice and improve police-community relations. Those who live or work in Antioch are **invited to register** for a virtual discussion on January 19, February 6 or February 18th. The roundtable discussions are facilitated by **CNA Corporation**. Click **here** for more information and to register.



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#### **Remembering our friend Tom Guarino**

PG&E's longtime **Public Affairs Officer** for the East Bay Area, Tom Guarino, passed away due to complications from COVID-19 late last month. Tom was my, and many others in the region's, "go-to person" whenever a matter, big or small needed attention. Always sporting a pleasant disposition and Hawaiian shirt, Tom was known for his

**caring heart** for the communities he served and the many non-profits and organizations he supported through his role.

The City of Antioch has **benefitted** tremendously from **Tom's role** in helping shepherd many projects from gas line testing to high-voltage power line replacements, to tree removals to problem developments that needed his helping hand to **maneuver t**he PG&E bureaucracy. Thank you for a life well-lived. You'll forever be a part of this city you loved.



## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **A Holly Jolly Day!!**

While we didn't have Rudolph to cut through the morning fog, there was plenty of blue to light the way during the Antioch Police Department's **Annual Holiday Giveaway**. Our 7th Annual Giveaway looked a little different due to the pandemic, but **250 Antioch families** were treated to new toys, groceries, and fresh produce at the end of the event. Approximately **30 volunteers**, made up of police officers and their families, Police Cadets, and other community members worked hard to organize, greet guests, and hand out the goods. Grateful families drove through the parking lot to receive a variety of **food and toys** ranging from dolls and puzzles to art kits and stuffed animals. In addition to our Giveaway, members of the Antioch Police Department also **adopted ten families** from our community to provide an individualized Christmas to help make the holiday season just a little bit brighter.

We are incredibly grateful to our **many contributors**. Without them, this event would not have been possible:

Bridge Marina Yacht Club. Antioch Fellowship Church, Antioch High, Antioch Middle, and Park Middle schools, Antioch Woman's Club, Dr. Ali Shirani (DDS), Golden Hills Community Church, Holy Rosary Church, Sail Bible Study group, Trokiando Truck Club, VFW Antioch, Antioch PAL, Antioch Rotary, White Pony Express as well as countless outstanding community members and businesses that either dropped donations off at the Police Department or visited our #GivingTuesday events at Target and Walmart.

#### **Officer Eric Johnsen**

Please join us in recognizing Officer Eric Johnsen's dedication and service to Antioch Police Department's Traffic Unit! Eric has been a Police Officer for 21 years. He worked for the Oakland Police Department for seven years before transferring to the Antioch Police Department in 2006. Eric served in the Traffic Unit from 2008-2009. when, due to staffing issues, he went back to Patrol. In 2016, as staffing improved, he returned to the Unit. Eric is also a Driving, Radar, and Lidar **Instructor** and an active member of our Recruiting Team. In his free time, Eric enjoys spending time with his family and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Eric is rotating back to patrol after five years of service as an APD Motor Officer. When asked what he will miss most about being a Motor Officer, Eric responded he would miss doing a job he loves while getting to ride a motorcycle.

Thank you, Officer Johnsen, for your **dedication** and **service** to the Antioch Police Department Traffic Unit!



## **PD-ANIMAL SERVICES**



#### **Congratulations Melissa Ethridge!**

Antioch Animal Services is proud to announce Animal Control Officer Melissa Ethridge has earned the designation as a Certified Animal Control Officer (CACO) from the California Animal Welfare Association (CalAnimals).

CalAnimals launched the CACO Program in 2020 with the goal of ensuring the highest level of professionalism in animal care and control by setting standards, minimum requirements, and ongoing educational requirements for Animal Control Officers. To earn the CACO designation, animal control officers must achieve a high level of training, then complete at least 40 hours of

continuing education every three years to maintain their certification. Antioch Animal Service is committed to providing the highest level of service to our community and sees the CACO program as one way to show our dedication to excellence.

Join us in congratulating Melissa on earning her CalAnimals Certification!



### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:**

• **Vanessa Flores** was hired as a Police Records Technician for the Police Department on January 4, 2021.

Please join me in welcoming this employee to their new position with the City of Antioch.

#### **Currently open recruitment's include:**

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Assistant City Engineer
- Operations Supervisor (Public Works)
- Collection Systems Supervisor
- Senior Civil Engineer
- Computer Technician

## Please check our website for the following future recruitment:

• Business License Representative

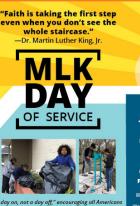
There are always exciting career opportunities with the City of Antioch.

The City's recruitment openings can be found on the Human Resources page **here**. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the Job Position, click on **Apply**.



#### **MLK Day of Service**

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Antioch Recreation Department is hosting an MLK Day of Service, Monday, January 18th, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. This COVIDsafe community clean-up will take place at four different park locations. Social distancing and wearing facial coverings are required. To meet health and safety guidelines, pre-registration is required for all participants, and space is limited. Pre-registration begins online Monday, January 4th at 8:00 a.m. To see locations, registration, and more information, please visit www.antiochca.gov/recreatio **n/activity-registration**. Let's work together to build a stronger Antioch!





#### Monday, January 18th, 2021 9:00–11:00 AM

Let's work together building a stronger Antioch

COVID-safe for everyone
For location information visit our website
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Wear facial covering and bring work gloves

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

#### **Winter/Spring Recreation Guide**

Check out all of the Winter/Spring classes and programs on the Recreation Department webpage <a href="here">here</a>. This is an online guide that can be accessed anytime at your convenience. There are a variety of class offerings, both virtual and in person. All in-person classes and programs have been modified



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to reflect current health and safety measures and guidelines. Online registration begins Monday, January 11th, at 8:00 a.m., and a **one day only 20% off coupon** is available for Antioch residents to access all Winter/Spring classes and programs. Enter code: **NEWYEAR21** at checkout. The 10% off-season discount begins Tuesday, January 12th! Enter coupon code: **LIMITLESS** at checkout to receive this offer for online registration only. We look forward to seeing you in parks and programs!



#### Virtual Classes for Seniors

During the pandemic, virtual classes and activities can promote social connections among seniors, who are already at risk of experiencing feelings of loneliness and isolation. It is an opportunity to learn, laugh, share, and connect. Classes can also provide stimulating challenges, and new skills can help alleviate anxiety and depression, along with enhancing mood and well-being. In this time of separation, Well Connected and Well Connected Español is here for you! The next session with expanded options starts in January 2021, but you can join anytime. This program is easy because all it requires is a **phone**. There are various activities such as Armchair Travel, Arts, Conversation, Fun & Games, Reading & Writing, Health & Wellness, Meditation, Technology, and Support groups. Please visit Covia.org **here** for more information. Or in Spanish here ANTIΩCH



## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **RHNA Update**

Every seven years, the **Association of Bay Area Governments** (ABAG) coordinates the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. The purpose of this process is to allocate the regional share of housing prescribed to the greater San Francisco Bay Area by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Each jurisdiction is ultimately given a total number of housing units to be developed over the coming seven years, along with **required housing units** for moderate, low, and very low-income households. To determine the most equitable means to allocate these housing units, ABAG formed the Housing Methodology Committee (HMC) consisting of elected officials and City staff from throughout the region.

Forrest Ebbs, Community Development Director, represented Contra Costa County and other area staff and elected officials. The HMC completed its task of creating a methodology and presented it to the ABAG Executive Board in late 2020. On January 14, 2021, the ABAG Regional Planning Committee will consider the **resulting allocations** and make a recommendation to the ABAG Executive Board, who will take action on January 21, 2021. More information is available **here**. As currently proposed, the City of Antioch would likely be prescribed a total of 3,046 units.

Of these, 811 would be for very-low-income households, 467 for low-income households, and 493 for moderate-income households. The remaining 1,275 units would be available without restriction. This represents an approximate 9% growth rate for the period of **2023-2031**.

#### **In-Person Services**

The Community Development Department is offering limited in-person services for all of its divisions at its public counter on the second floor of City Hall. These services are available Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. by appointment only for the following services:

- 1. Building Permit Issuance
- 2. Building Code/Project Inquiries
- 3. Planning Permit Issuance
- 4. Code Enforcement Inquiries
- 5. Code Enforcement Citation Payment

Please note that the **public counter is closed** to the general public and those **without an appointment** will not be served. In addition, face masks are absolutely required for all those visiting City Hall. To set up an appointment, please use the following contact information:

Code Enforcement: (925) 779-7042 Building Inspection: (925) 779-7065 Engineering Division: (925) 779-7035 Planning Division: email at planning@antiochca.gov

In addition, an application kiosk is located in the **outer lobby** of the Community Development Department where the public may submit applications without contact. Once submitted, CDD staff will contact the applicant for **next steps**. A Building Permit application form is required and is available here.



### **CITY CLERK**

The City Clerk's Office is responsible for preparation of agendas and minutes; ensures compliance with legal noticing requirements; serves as the Elections Official for the conduct of general municipal and special elections; responding to requests for public records; maintenance of the City's Municipal code; and management of the citywide records management program.

The City Clerk is also the filing officer for Political Reform Act Documents. Copies of **Campaign Statements** are available on the City's website. Copies of Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk.

#### **City Council Meetings**

City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports are typically posted onto our City's Website **72 hours** before each Council Meeting. To be notified when the agenda packets are posted onto our City's Website, simply click on this link: <a href="https://www.antiochca.gov/notifications/">https://www.antiochca.gov/notifications/</a> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the current and past agenda information, click on the following link: <a href="https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/">https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/</a>.

#### **Openings on City Commissions and Committees**

The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in their local community. One way to do so is to serve on various commissions, boards and committees. The City Clerk's Department is accepting applications for the following Boards/ Commission/Committee vacancies:

#### **Police Crime Prevention Commission**

One (1) Commissioner partial-term vacancy, expiring **October 2021**One (1) Commissioner partial-term vacancy, expiring **June 2023** 

#### **Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee**

One (1) Committee Member, 4-year term vacancy, expiring **March 2024** One (1) Committee Member, partial-term vacancy, expiring **March 2022** 

Any interested resident is encouraged to apply. To be considered for these volunteer positions, a completed application must be received in the City Clerk's Department by the deadline date of 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2021. Applications are available at

https://www.antiochca.gov/#.





#### **BART Passenger Bulletin**

As part of the ongoing Antioch
Station Parking Expansion
Project, modifications will be
made along Slatten Ranch Road
and a concise portion of Hillcrest
Avenue to improve bicycle and
pedestrian access to the Antioch
BART Station. Visit our website
to read the complete bulletin
<a href="https://www.antiochca.gov/fc/community/announcements/bart-notice.pdf">https://www.antiochca.gov/fc/community/announcements/bart-notice.pdf</a>



Bay Area Rapid Transit

#### **Capital Improvements**

The water main replacement has been completed on Shaddick Drive and the adjacent streets; the crew will now begin the permanent paving on those streets and the previously completed Putnam Street and surrounding residential streets. The waterline crew has moved on to Delta Fair Boulevard, Kendree Street, and Desrys Boulevard. Residents should expect minor traffic delays in these areas.

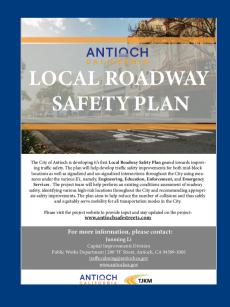
## **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Public Works Department**

The Public Works Department provides maintenance service to Antioch's roads, parks, marina, open spaces, flood control areas, water and sewer lines as well as providing safe potable water to residents. In addition, the Public Works Department provides



24-hour emergency response water and sewer line as well as urgent calls related to public infrastructure. After regular working hours, weekends and holidays, call the Police Dispatch non-emergency number, (925) 778-2441 for service.



#### **Engineering**

Public Works is undertaking the citywide Local Roadway Safety Plan to improve traffic safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers.

Please participate in this important study by marking your roadway safety concerns on our map and provide any additional comments in the feedback section on our website at <a href="mailto:antiochsafestreets.com">antiochsafestreets.com</a>.



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## **Small Business Relief Grants**

The California Office of the Small Business Advocate will accept applications for the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant from small businesses



impacted by COVID-19 between December 30, 2020, and January 13, 2021. \$500 million in grants are available. You can begin preparing your documents at **CAReliefGrant.com**.



#### **Opportunity Zones in California**

Antioch has **census tracts** that include areas around the Somersville Town Center, the BART station, and Wilbur Avenue. The federal tax bill passed at the end of December 2017 allows the Governor to designate certain census tracts as **Opportunity Zones**. Investments made by individuals through special funds in these zones would be allowed to defer or eliminate federal taxes on capital gains.

- Northern Waterfront Economic Development
- Bay Area Urban Manufacturing BAUM

## **Economic Development Department Hours**

The Economic Development
Department staff will continue to
provide service and information
remotely during the **Contra Costa County mandated shelter in place order**. The hours of
operation are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(925) 779-7012

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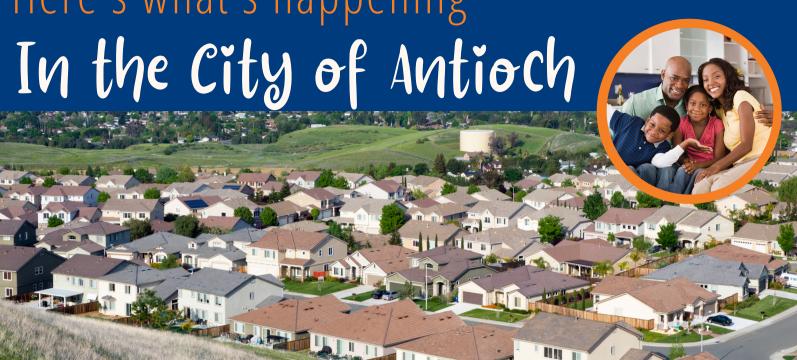
The City of Antioch is working with **Bludot** to provide a more user-friendly version of the **Antioch Essential Business List.** The list combines information for customers seeking open essential businesses and business owners seeking to be added to the list, in one convenient location. The program is available on both desktop and mobile platforms. Be sure to use the "filter" feature to search by business type. Please visit **Antioch Open Essential Businesses**.



Antioch - Opportunity lives here.



Here's what's happening



#### **El Campanil Theatre Academy**

Since 2006, El Campanil Theatre has offered El Campanil Children's Theatre--a tuition-free, performance-based program that has served as a first stepping stone for hundreds of young actors over the years. As arts programs get slashed everywhere, we asked ourselves what our greater responsibility was: to our students, to their parents, and the community.

**El Campanil Theatre Academy-**-is a tiered, multi-layered program meant to educate students in the performing arts and give them tools for career placement in the performing arts. Classes range from acting to design, from directing to playwriting, and from voice to movement--all taught by industry professionals.

Tuition-free and low-tuition classes are available below. Limited scholarships are available by **applying** <u>here.</u>

These classes have been designed to be taught either virtually or in-person, depending on the **COVID regulations** at the time that classes begin. Full information will be sent out as we get closer to start dates.

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### **Grab and Go Activity Kits**



### Snow Slime Grab & Go Activity Kits Starting 1/19

Stop by the library to pick up a fun activity while supplies last.

Antioch Library
Front Door Service Only
501 W. 18th Street 94509 | 925.757.9224
Mon Closed • Tues 1-8 • Wed 11-6 • Thurs 11-6
Fri 10-5 • Sat 10-5 • Sun Closed

