

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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When it Rains, It Pours

Preparing for the next rainy day

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The recent storms remind us of the adage, “when it rains, it pours.” During the week of December 27, 2022, Contra Costa County experienced one of the worst storms in its history. Antioch did not escape the brunt of the storm’s powerful impact. According to the County Administrator of Contra Costa County, extreme peril to the safety of our residents and property reached unprecedented dangerous levels caused by the uncommonly extreme weather conditions consisting of enormous rainfall and high cyclone winds. These perilous conditions resulted in citywide flooding, downed trees, street damage, and destruction to our aged, and antiquated storm water infrastructure. These times call for the City to look to our emergency operations plan to keep our residents safe and safeguard our properties.

With the large amount of rainfall we experienced in such a short period, our City has some pressing challenges to overcome. One challenge is the cost of repairing the damage caused by the storm. Recently, the City conservatively estimated that the damage to our City’s streets, roads, and outdoor trails could exceed 4 million dollars in repair costs. With the huge cost of repairs, the

extensive property damage, and potential upcoming storms, the County Administrator of Emergency Services has proclaimed a county emergency. This declaration of emergency will place our City in a better position to recoup costs incurred in the form of reimbursement for any repairs.

I want to thank our entire Public Works Department crews who worked around the clock to keep our storm drains and public streets open, our city staff who tirelessly worked to open and manage our emergency shelter site, the private security officers who stood post at the unhoused emergency shelter, our county partners, the CORE team, and Red Cross.

Lastly, I want to thank Mayor Lamar Thorpe and our city council members who provided calm leadership during the storm, and our Assistant City Manager, Rosanna Bayon Moore, who ensured all the moving parts worked in unison to serve our residents during these moments. These unsung and dedicated individuals went beyond the call of duty to preserve life and property.





ANTIOCH POLICE DEPT.

Canine Demonstration

Yesterday, Officer Kyle Smith and Officer Brandon Bushby went to Prospect High School for a canine demonstration. Officer Smith's right-hand pup's name is Kona, and Officer Bushby's pup's name is Nox. Our furry companions are an asset to our department and are used to find missing adults or children, narcotics, discarded items, firearms, and assist with apprehensions.

These demonstrations allow our officers to educate the children on the use of the dog and show some tricks the dogs can do. We were super excited about this demonstration because it was with a group of home-schooled children. Because they are home-schooled, they may not get to see or attend the other demonstrations our officers do at the schools throughout the year. Thank you for having us!



Coffee with A Cop

What a great turnout for Coffee with A Cop. Coffee and incredible company make for a wonderful morning. First, we want to thank Starbucks on Lone Tree Way for hosting us and being wonderful hosts. Second, we are so thankful for every person who showed up to hang out and have conversations with us. We genuinely enjoy your company and look forward to our next opportunity to enjoy visiting over some coffee.

Adopt a Cop

Thank you to the Antioch Rotary for the Adopt a Cop program! We are so grateful for all the kind gestures sent our way.

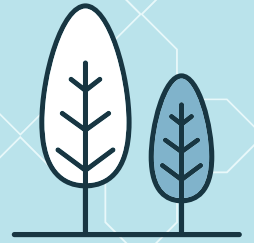
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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Senior Center Dating Workshop

Join us Wednesday, January 25th, for a Senior Dating Workshop with TreVista! Learn **practical tips on dating** and making new friends during your golden years! Attend this fun workshop from 9 am-10 am. RSVP with Tamsen by phone (925) 470-3395 or email: tmeierdierck@trevista-antioch.com.

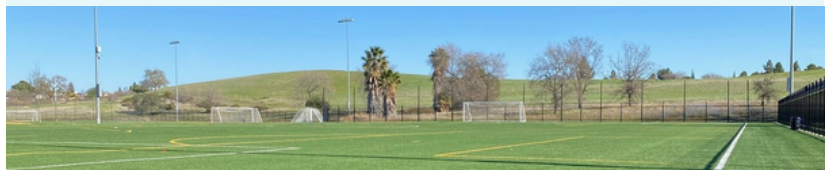


APD Visit to Preschool

On Wednesday, January 18th, our preschool students had a **surprise visit** from Antioch Police Officer Matthew Mulholland. Officer Mulholland spent time passing out stickers and playing cars with a few of the kids. Special thanks to Officer Mulholland and the APD staff for keeping the city safe and putting smiles on our preschoolers' faces. If you want to **sign up** or know more about our preschool, please schedule a tour by calling (925) 776-3050 or visiting our website.

Antioch Community Park Fields are Dry and Ready

The recent record-setting rain has left many East Contra Costa County sports fields closed, flooded, and in disrepair. The synthetic turf soccer fields at Antioch Community Park off James Donlon Blvd. have been a refuge for local teams. Because of the all-weather surface, these fields have remained open and used by soccer, softball, and baseball teams. Deer Valley High School has moved their Men's and Women's Soccer games to Antioch Community Park for the remainder of their season due to the conditions of their school field. The turf soccer fields at Antioch Community Park are open year-round and are available to rent by contacting Recreation Supervisor Troy Faulk at (925) 779-7075 or tfaulk@antiochca.gov.



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ANIMAL SERVICES



Dog Licensing

All dogs over four months of age must have a rabies vaccination and a City of Antioch Dog License. Dog Licenses must be purchased within 30 days of establishing residency in Antioch or when adding a new dog to your home. For your convenience, Antioch Dog Licenses may be purchased online, in person, or by mail. To purchase online, visit www.petdata.com/cs/ant.

To purchase by mail, send a current rabies vaccination certificate, a spay/neuter certificate, and a check for the correct amount to Antioch Animal Services, 300 L Street, Antioch, CA 94509. To purchase a dog license in person, call (925) 779-6989 to schedule. Appointments are available Tues. – Sat. from 10 AM – 5 PM. The last appointment each day is at 4:30 PM and we are closed on Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays. Be sure to bring a current rabies vaccination certificate and a spay/neuter certificate when you visit. For more information, visit our website [here](#), then scroll down to the Dog License Information tab.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Accounting Technician
- Equipment Mechanic I/II
- Junior Engineer/Assistant Engineer/Associate Civil Engineer
- Operations Supervisor (Public Works Maintenance)
- Senior Civil Engineer
- Youth Services Program Coordinator

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions

- **Emily Modar** was hired as Business License Representative I for the Finance Department effective December 18, 2022
- **Theodore Romano** was promoted to Code Enforcement Officer for the Community Development Department effective January 1, 2023
- **Danielle Wisniewski** was hired as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Community Development Department effective January 3, 2023

Please join me in welcoming these employees to their new positions with the City of Antioch.

THERE ARE ALWAYS EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF ANTIOCH!

The City's open recruitments can be found on the [Human Resources page](#) of the City website. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.



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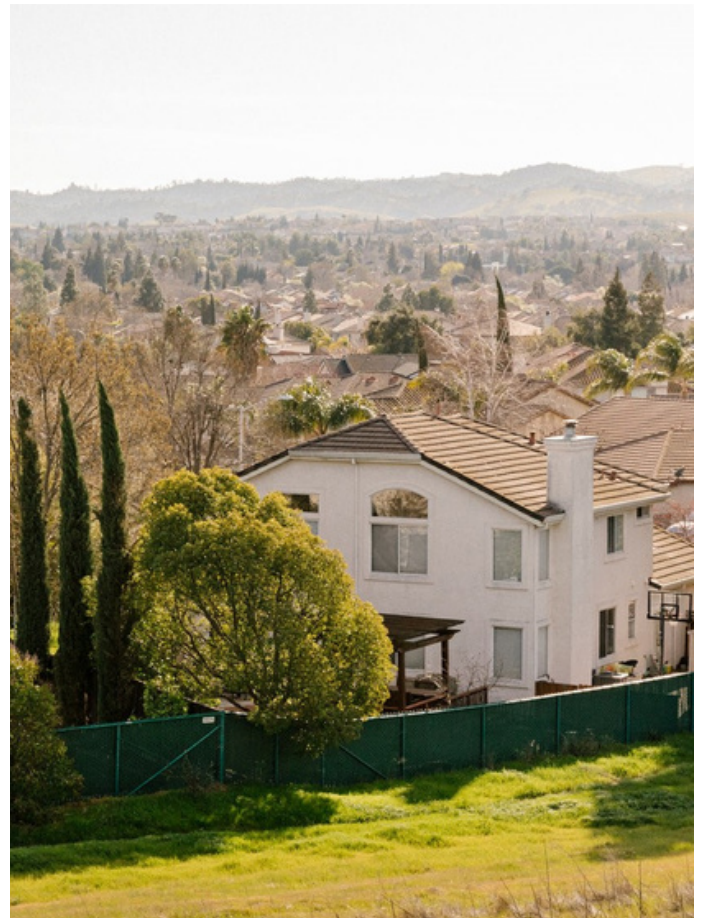
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



6th Cycle Housing Element

On Tuesday, January 24, the City Council will consider approval of the 6th Cycle Housing Element. The Housing Element is a **land use and housing policy** document that cities produce to demonstrate their compliance with regional housing goals. These goals are established through the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process in coordination with jurisdictions from the eight counties of the San Francisco bay area. At the conclusion of the most recent cycle in 2022, the City of Antioch was allocated a housing goal of **3,016 units**.

The Planning Division of the Community Development Department worked with professional consultants to develop a plan that achieves this goal. Following a thorough **analysis and community outreach**, policies were developed that, if implemented, would enable the production of these housing units. The proposed policies include rezoning property for higher-density residential development and pursuing new pro-housing programs. A copy of these documents, and more, are available [here](#)



Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/25/realestate/antioch-california.html>

If the Housing Element is approved by the City Council, it will be forwarded to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for certification. A Certified Housing Element allows access to a variety of funding opportunities that greatly benefit the community.



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CITY CLERK

City Council Meetings

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Participate either in-person or virtually. For more information, [click here](#).

CONTACT THE ANTIOCH CITY CLERK'S OFFICE TEAM

City Clerk and Elections Official (elected):
Ellie Householder, MPP email: ehouseholder@antiochca.gov
or call (925) 779-7008

Deputy City Clerk (staff): Christina Garcia, CMC
email: cgarcia@antiochca.gov or call (925) 779-7009

Boards and Commissions

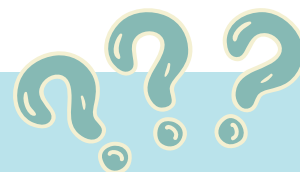
The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in our local community by volunteering for one of the City's boards and commissions! For more information and to check openings, [click here](#)



Request a Proclamation

NEW! Request a PROCLAMATION online by clicking this [link](#).

Proclamations are used to commemorate a specific time period (day, week, or month) for the purpose of raising awareness about an issue or celebrating milestones.



Questions?

Contact the
City Clerk's Office at
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PUBLIC WORKS

Storm Response Reminder

Reports of severe flooding, blocked roadways, or trees down can be made directly to Public Works Dispatch by calling (925) 779-6950 Monday thru Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm or Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441 after hours.

Use Caution

Avoid low-water areas, creeks, and floodplains, and be aware that high winds and saturated grounds can combine to cause trees and branches to fail suddenly. When out and about (walking or driving), be aware of your surroundings and stay clear of trees during and after storms. You can report trees blocking travel lanes by calling Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441 or 911. Please stay away from downed power lines. Always assume they are energized and dangerous. Report downed lines to 911.

Drive Safely

Driving through a flooded area puts your vehicle at risk of stalling out and becoming stuck in the water, so please do not drive through standing water. When driving in heavy storm conditions, give yourself plenty of extra time to get to your destination and maintain a safe distance between yourself and the vehicle in front of you. If you are driving and you hit standing water and begin to hydroplane, immediately take your foot off the gas pedal and let your vehicle slow until you regain control. If your windshield wipers are on, your headlights must also be on.

Sandbags

Antioch maintains a 24-hour sandbagging station at its Corporation Yard at 1401 West 4th Street. Sandbags are free to Antioch residents. Residents who cannot fill their own, such as seniors and persons with disabilities, can make arrangements to pick up pre-filled bags by calling (925) 779-6950 during business hours.

Reminder

The city is doing all it can to remediate the effects of these past storms and prepare for any upcoming, and your help is vital. Report all issues to (925) 779-6950. We will do our best to address them promptly.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Strategic Plan

On September 13th, the Antioch City Council adopted the "Reinvest Antioch" Economic Development Program – Action Plan and Toolkit. With the adoption of this document, the process of creating an economic development strategy is concluded, and staff will now begin the implement phases of the Action Plan.

The Action Plan includes the following nine initiatives:

1. Business Development (Job Creation) Pipeline
2. Real Estate Development Capacity/Site Readiness
3. Workforce Opportunity Initiative
4. Entrepreneurial Development/Startup Assistance
5. Direct Project Investment/Public-Private Partnerships
6. Leveraging Housing Demand to Promote Economic Development
7. Regional Interface/Advocacy
8. Funding/Resource Expansion
9. Coordination with City (and Other) Foundational Functions

The Tool Kit outlines funding sources and financing mechanisms that the City may pursue to incentivize private commercial/industrial development. For more information, visit the Economic Development Department webpage [here](#).





PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Youth Services Division

The Youth Services Division of PSCR is creating its program portfolio of serving youth and transitional-aged youth. This group represents a diverse population with different needs, supporting youth with community engagement, education, workforce development, civic responsibility, and other means of connection.

Our programs are designed to support youth in reaching their full potential in their community, school, and work! Please be on the lookout for future programs and activities.



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ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



EL CAMPANIL THEATRE PRESENTS:

STELLA HEATH - THE BILLIE HOLIDAY PROJECT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH @ 2PM
ADULTS: \$32, SENIORS: \$29, YOUTH: \$15
www.elcampaniltheatre.com

One of the most moving tributes that has ever come to the El Campanil stage returns this February! The stunningly talented Stella Heath presents The Billie Holiday Project--an intimate and introspective salute to the one and only Lady Day. This is an afternoon of music that you'll remember for a long time--don't miss it!

Box Office Hours are Tuesday through Friday
 10am to 2pm and 1 hour before each performance.
 Call (925) 757-9500 and leave a message.
 You will receive a prompt reply.

EL CAMPANIL THEATRE PRESENTS:

**THE DELTA BLUES FESTIVAL
 BENEFIT CONCERT 2023**

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH @ 7PM

**GOLD CIRCLE: \$50, ORCHESTRA: \$40, LOGE: \$35,
 OPERA: \$30 | www.elcampaniltheatre.com**

In 2010, El Campanil Theatre presented the first Delta Blues Benefit Concert, and it funded our free outdoor festival. The Benefit Concert has evolved to be an annual event supporting music in our community. Our 2023 show is TWO international blues stars playing for over an hour each!

YOUTH ART EXPRESSION PROGRAM

2023 Youth Expression Art Program is back by popular demand. YEP is a weekly, 3-week workshop taught by an industry professional aimed at enhancing your art techniques. This workshop will help develop your communication abilities by providing a community-wide platform where your voice will be heard through your art.

<p>6th - 8th graders April 4-April 20 Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30PM-6:30PM #9836 Antioch Community Center</p>	<p>9th - 12th graders April 3-April 19 Monday & Wednesdays 4:30PM-6:30PM #9837 Nick Rodriguez Community Center</p>
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