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CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE

"SPRING INTO ACTION" - MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL PROGRAM IS COMING TO ANTIOCH

As we are quickly approaching spring, the City of Antioch Parks and Recreation Department Director, Brad Helfenberger, and our Youth Services Manager, Tasha Johnson, have been busy developing exciting and **innovative youth programs** for spring break. One of those great youth programs is the Midnight Basketball Program. As we cultivate a safe and secure environment for our youth, special attention must be given to **planning** youth programs that are fun, open to all, and educational.

For the past 35 years, the Association Midnight Basketball (AMB) has responsibly and collectively reduced crime, educated, and secured employment for youth in more than 24 diverse **communities across the nation**. The City of Antioch, under the leadership of the Mayor and the City Council, is committed to working closely with the Association of Midnight Basketball, Grace Bible Fellowship of Antioch, and our youth in supporting the Midnight Basketball Program. AMB focuses on some key areas:

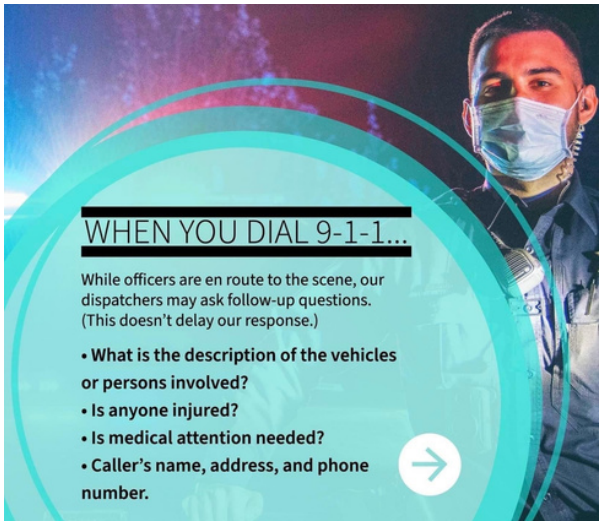
- **Basketball:** Creating a suitable lifestyle, work disciplines, patience, teamwork, good physical health, personal determination, devotion, attention to detail, the evitability of failure and the exhilaration of success, taking advantage of opportunities, mental and emotional stability.
- **Peace Makers:** AMB's Violence Intervention and Prevention efforts are essential to the development of our youth. This area is designed to address physical consequences, negative health, and outcomes due to risky behavioral and mental health difficulties that could have long-lasting adverse effects.
- **Education Support:** Tutoring program based on the STEM system, homework assistance, college entrance exam study groups, pre-testing workshops, and computer lab.
- **Job Development & Microenterprise:** Job development, life, and soft skills, career course study, internships with corporate partners, job placement and retention, Micro Enterprising (business development, business management).

The city's efforts in **collaboration with AMB** will bring a sense of city and community pride that is needed to build stronger and healthier relationships between our city leaders and our youth/young adults population. For additional information, please contact our Parks and Recreation Department at **(925) 776-3050**. We look forward to hearing from you!

ANTIOCH
POLICE
DEPARTMENT

WHEN YOU DIAL 911

We want to help you when you call 911. Here are some questions our dispatchers will ask you. It will not delay our response while you are answering:



GUNS RECOVERED

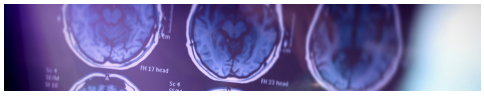
On three separate stops, by three different officers, our swing shift crew **recovered** four illegal handguns.

We will be **proactive** and do our best to ensure our streets and citizens are **safe**! Thankfully we have a few good men and women who make it so we can all rest a little easier.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

LITTLE DRIBBLERS

The first Little Dribblers class of the year began on Monday, January 10th. During the four week course, the **16 participants** ages 4-6 learned the **fundamentals** of basketball and **developed their skills** to prepare them for organized team play. The next session of Little Dribblers Levels 1, 2, and 3 begins on February 28th. Click **here** for more information.



HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN & BODY!

Join us on February 16th as the Antioch Senior Center, in partnership with the **Alzheimer's Association,** hosts a workshop on Healthy Living for your Brain & Body! These habits may also help keep brains healthy and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline. This workshop covers **four lifestyle habits** associated with healthy aging: cognitive activity, physical health, exercise, diet and nutrition, and social engagement. Call **(925) 778-1158** to register.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

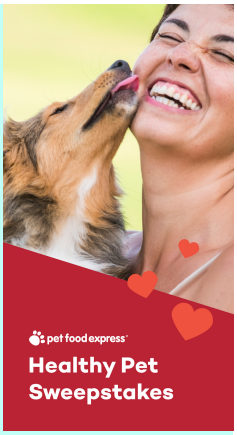
After a winter of hibernation, The City of Antioch Adult Softball Leagues returns to action on April 4th. This spring, the City is offering **Women's leagues** on Monday nights and **Men's leagues** on Thursday and Friday Nights. Registration packets are currently available for pick up at the Antioch Community Center, **4703 Lone Tree Way**, or by emailing Troy Faulk at tfaulk@antiochca.gov. The spring season will include 12 games for each team spanning April 4th-June 24th, culminating in an end-of-season tournament. The deadline to register is Monday, March 14th at 5 pm. Click **here** for more information.

TAI CHI AND CHI GONG CLASSES

Tai Chi and Chi Gong is a popular class held at the Antioch Community Center. The **centuries-old practices** involve certain postures and gentle movements with mental focus, breathing and **relaxation**. Tai Chi and Chi Gong will **improve memory** and balance while generating positive energy for overall well -being. Our Tai Chi and Chi Gong class is offered Thursday mornings. Come and join us for a **calming experience.**

ANIMAL SERVICES

PET FOOD EXPRESS HEALTHY PET SWEEPSTAKES



Our friends at Pet Food Express are always looking for **fun ways to help shelter pets.** This month, they are celebrating all your furry, scaly, or feathery sweethearts through their Healthy Pet Sweepstakes! Those who enter the @PetFoodExpress Healthy Pet Sweepstakes have a chance to **win a year's worth of healthy foods**, treats, and supplies for both you and a rescue or shelter of your choice, and more. We would love to celebrate with you, so be sure to pick Antioch Animal Services as your favorite shelter when you enter.

Grand Prize: A year's worth of free pet food and supplies for both the winner and a shelter of their choice.

Second Prize Winners: Three winners will receive a $250 Pet Food Express Gift Card for themselves and a shelter of their choice. Sweepstakes ends 2/27/22. **ENTER NOW HERE**

HUMAN RESOURCES

HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Jennifer Bonilla** was hired as a Customer Service Representative for the Finance Department on February 7, 2022.
- **Adrianna Balestrieri** was hired as a Customer Service Representative for the Finance Department on February 7, 2022.
- **Benjamin Woodland** was hired as a Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator for the Public Works Department on February 13, 2022

Please join me in welcoming these employees to the Antioch family.

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Water Treatment Plant Instrument Technician
- Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
- Collection Systems Supervisor

The City's open recruitments can be found on the Human Resources page of the **City website here**. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WINTER WALK CHALLENGE

Free + Fun! Start the new year on the right foot by joining the second annual Winter Walk Challenge. While the challenge started on January 18th, you can join at any time. Each Monday, you receive a **new walking challenge** to help motivate you to make sneaker-powered trips. Complete the weekly challenges to earn entries in our Monday drawings for **$35 Amazon gift cards**. Plus, your name will be entered in the iPad Grand Prize Drawing just by signing up, so **register** today!

CLEANER CONTRA COSTA CHALLENGE

Want to help mitigate climate change while also saving money?
Want to know how you can be more sustainable? Join the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge! The Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge makes it simple to take action, save money, energy, water, reduce waste and build strong, connected communities. We help with tips, action guides, resources, and custom estimates on your impact and savings from actions.

The platform tracks your progress and makes it easy to connect and work with your friends, neighbors, or any community you belong to. Join the Challenge today and learn how you can help! go to **www.cleanercontracosta.org** and create an account. Keep reading for highlights from some of the sustainable acts you can take.

CLIPPER START

Clipper START is a pilot program that provides single-ride transit fare discounts for eligible low-income individuals in the Bay Area (which includes Contra Costa County). The discount applies for every transit ride you take! Clipper START currently offers the following discounts:

Clipper START Transit Discounts

50% Discount	20% Discount	
Caltrain	AC Transit	Santa Rosa CityBus
Golden Gate Transit and Ferry	BART	SolTrans
Marin Transit	City Coach	Sonoma County Transit
Muni	County Connection	Tri Delta Transit
SamTrans	FAST	Union City Transit
San Francisco Bay Ferry	Napa VINE	WestCAT
SMART	Petaluma Transit	Wheels

The card calculates fare discounts automatically. You can apply for Clipper START via the online application **here**. For more information on eligibility and requirements to qualify for the Clipper Start program, you can visit **www.clipperstartcard.com**. You can also email help@clipperstartcard.com or call (855) 614-9149

CITY CLERKS OFFICE

CITY CLERK HISTORY

In honor of Antioch's **150th anniversary**, here is a brief history of the city clerk. The municipal clerk and the tax collector are the oldest of public servants. City Clerks can be traced to biblical times and before. Ancient Greece had a City Clerk who read official documents publicly. The **early keepers** of the archives were often called "**remembrancers**," and before writing came into use, their memory was the public record.

When the early colonists came to America, the office of clerk was one of the first established to act as a **recorder**. Over the years, municipal clerks have become the hub of government and the community's historian. The entire recorded history of the town and its people is in the clerk's care .
www.bit.ly/CityClerksOffice

CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

The City of Antioch is redistricting after the **2020 Census** count. The City Council will be holding hearings to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. Upcoming meeting date is Tuesday, February 8th. Email: **redistricting@antiochca.gov** (925)779-7008

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**.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Antioch encourages residents to **become involved** in their local community. One way to do so is to serve in an advisory capacity on one of the various commissions, boards and committees. For more information and to check openings, visit:
www.bit.ly/ApplyAntioch

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ANTIOCH CONTINUES OUR FIGHT ON BLIGHT

The City of Antioch tries to keep our community as clean as possible by removing blight as it is identified. There are times when illegal dumping may occur or when unhoused residents may begin to inhabit the City's creeks and storm channels and pollute the surrounding area with garbage and other debris.

The City's NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) Division has the responsibility to ensure the creeks and storm channels are free from any obstructions to the natural flow, leading to a collaborative effort with Code Enforcement to abate the garbage and other debris after the illegal dumping has been identified or the homeless have been relocated. This week, the NPDES crew cleaned up residual waste from the encampment in West Antioch Creek.

HYDRANTS AND YOUR WATER

Hydrants are essential to us for more than firefighting. They are used for the flushing and maintenance of the City's water distribution system and the provision of bulk water supply. Unfortunately, the Water Distribution Division responds to vehicle vs. hydrant calls quite often. In the photo shown, a Water Distribution employee is working on turning off the water to a fire hydrant that was hit by a vehicle.

Employees are responsible for turning the water off, removing the damaged hydrant, and replacing it with a new one. With resident safety in mind, the hydrant is only put back into service after it gets bacteria-tested and chlorinated by the Water Treatment Plant. This is to make sure any sediments/minerals are removed from the water, and residents continue to enjoy bacteria-free, high quality, potable (safe to drink) water.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FIP)

The Economic Development Department is proud to announce that **applications are available** for the Façade Improvement Program (FIP). The citywide FIP provides building and business owners with an opportunity to improve their storefront. The program is for eligible improvement projects made to the first floor or street level of a commercial building/unit/suite(s). The funding for this program is based on receipts of the actual improvement and then **reimbursed to the applicant** after the project is completed. For more details and application, visit the FIP page **HERE**.

Please Note that City Hall 3rd floor Economic Development offices are currently closed due to construction. For any questions, please email staff at: econdevelopment@Antiochca.gov

OPEN REWARDS PROGRAM

Bludot and the **City of Antioch** have partnered to launch Open Rewards, a city-wide rewards program to incentivize consumers to shop local in the City of Antioch! An App for consumers is **here** to download! How it works? When you shop at Antioch, participating small businesses in the program, consumers will earn 5% credit. Consumers can spend their accumulated rewards at any participating business in Antioch! The App shows a list of **small businesses** that are part of the program. We have over 45 businesses participating in the program.

For Customers Phone App for Open Rewards download for:

- Apple Store
- Google Play

If you are a business, please register for the full program **HERE** and be listed as a participant.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)

The next regularly scheduled meeting for EDC will be **February 1st, 2022.**

ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS

EL CAMPANIL THEATER

602 West 2nd Street Antioch | (925) 757-9500

Jackie Gage: Unforgettable

The music of Natalie Cole and Nat King Cole

Sunday, February 13, 2022 | 2:00 pm

Adults $32 | Seniors $29 | Youth $15

Jackie Gage is an international recording artist whose velvety voice and uplifting songwriting paint a relaxed atmosphere familiar to California natives.

Leberta Lorál: Classical Broadway

Sunday, February 27, 2022 | 2:00 pm

Adults $32 | Seniors $29 | Youth $15

You may know the classics, but you've never heard anything like this! Celebrated soprano and international star Leberta Lorál performs a program of favorite Broadway & cinema highlights, as well as classic operatic arias.

JOIN THE AWP TEAM!

The Antioch Water Park is now accepting applications for our 2022 season! Available positions include Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, Cashier, Deck Crew, and Concessions. **Special events** and programs will begin in spring before we **kick off** our Summer season!

Our staff has been hard at work to make the water park experience **bigger and better**, and we are so excited to share these changes with our community! Visit **antiochwaterpark.com** for more information on these positions!