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Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending February 9, 2018.

CITY MANAGER

Along with consultant Wally Bishop, I attended a Water Desalination Grant Program Round 4 Draft Funding Recommendation and Continuous Application Process public workshop to receive comments on Draft Funding Recommendations held at Metropolitan Water District. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) received 30 proposals from applicants statewide with 8 recommended for funding. The City of Antioch was one of three proposals receiving a recommended \$10,000,000 grant award which was the highest amount available. In total, over \$34,000,000 in grant funding was recommended for final award which is scheduled to be released by the DWR Director the week of February 19th. This grant construction funding will go toward the estimated \$62,000,000 brackish water desalination plant the City is proposing to construct. This facility would provide Antioch with 6 million gallons of quality, drought-proof water when the San Joaquin River salt levels increase beyond freshwater standards. Besides providing a more reliable water supply to our 115,000 residents and existing businesses, this project would provide a significant economic development benefit to businesses and industry looking to locate in the Bay Area and California.



I attended the Economic Development Commission meeting where a presentation on the economic benefits of allowing various types of cannabis-related businesses was made by the Commission Subcommittee on Cannabis. The Commission will be making a condensed version of this presentation to the City Council at their February 13th meeting. The City has hired Muni Services to conduct a more in-depth analysis which is scheduled to be presented to the Economic Development Commission in early March.



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with a presentation to the City Council scheduled for late March. While there is a moratorium in place until August, the City Council is gathering information and will be deliberating on this matter over the next several months.

I also attended a, "Join the Conversation" Quality of Life presentation at Public Works where residents and users of SeeClickFix were invited via the app. The goal of the meeting was to gather information from our residents on what they feel are important issues facing the City. There were many questions on many different topics and staff attempted to provide answers and invited follow-up with folks who still had questions or concerns. Participants were encouraged to complete a short survey where they could rank issues facing our City and provide additional comments on things that are most important to them. These types of meetings will be held throughout the community in order to get feedback on what is most important to our residents and businesses. An online survey can be found on the City's homepage at www.ci.antioch.ca.us under the link We Want To Hear From You—Join the Conversation.

We encourage everyone in the community to complete this online survey or print it out and return so we can better understand and respond your needs and expectations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fall in Love with Rivertown Shops for that Special Valentine!
Saturday, February 10th from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Find a word at each participating business to solve the puzzle for a chance at prizes. Forms to play are located at participating stores:

G Street Mercantile, Oddly Unique, East County Veterans, Urban Jumble, Rivertown Treasure Chest, Serenity and Sobriety, Bella Vintage House and A Rose Time of Day

Once you find all of the words, please fill in the blanks to create a sentence and return to any of the participating shops. Winners will be called! Each business participating will donate a prize and call if you win to pick up your prize!
Remember to Shop ALL Downtown stores for Valentine's Day.





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Now Hiring! Creative Touch Bake Shop at the Somersville Towne Center is ready to hire you. They are looking for fun, energetic and creative individuals who are customer service focused with great attitudes. For more information contact:
Creativetouch143@gmail.com

Facebook: Creative Touch 143

Instagram: Creative Touch Cakes (510) 592-8143

Grand Opening for Creative Touch Bake Shop February 13th, 2018 at the Somersville Towne Center.

Come and celebrate a new business opening at the mall with complimentary cake pops! 2550 Somersville Road. (510) 592-8143



Valentine Weekend: NORMAN CONNORS & JEAN CARN Saturday, February 17, 2018

Two Shows: 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Singing your favorite songs: Valentine Love, We Both Need Each Other, You Are My Starship, This Is Your Life, Don't Let It Go to Your Head, Closer than Close, Free Love and My Love Don't Come Easy.



General Seating: \$45.00 / Preferred Seating: \$55.00
VIP Seating: \$65.00

For more information please call:

(510) 708-2013, (707) 980-1848, or
(925) 754-1172

Email: prbellsoutherncafe@gmail.com

Online tickets: normanjean.eventbrite.com

Committed to the Music Education

Scholarship Applications due February 14th, 2018

In 1999 an East Contra Costa County blues fan, David Williamson, had a dream. He wanted to create a family-friendly event called the Delta Blues Festival. He rallied 3 local blues bands and put on the very first Delta Blues Festival on October 23, 1999. David's hope was that the community would embrace





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the festival as an annual event and families attend and have a good time while watching and listening to live blues acts on stage. Dave's dream came true. Years after his passing, the DBF is thriving. In Dave's memory, a scholarship is being offered to a student that attends an East Contra Costa High School, who seeks an education in music.

If you would like to apply, please read the instructions and fill out the application.

<https://www.deltabluesfestival.net/scholarship.html>

Look Who's Riding: Antioch Encourages Train Ridership

Amtrak® San Joaquins SM travels through the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley and provides an important connection between the Valley and the Bay Area. Amtrak is also the only train that services the Antioch station. Amtrak is launching a campaign called "Look Who's Riding," aimed at engaging stakeholders in Antioch and the corridor to show their support and frequency of ridership. The campaign centers on images of stakeholders riding the San Joaquins as well as testimonials. Participation takes the form of three simple steps:

1. Take a photo of yourself on the train or at the station.
2. Send your photo to info@sjjpa.com along with your name, title, organization, and brief testimonial (2-3 sentences).
3. Amtrak San Joaquins will post the photo and provide you with instructions on how to post it yourself!



El Campanil Theatre

602 W. Second St.

Downtown Antioch

Tickets: www.ElCampanilTheatre.com

or call (925) 757-9500



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THIS ONES FOR YOU-

The Songs of Barry Manilow

A Cabaret Tribute to a Pop Legend

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 2:00 pm

Adults: \$29 Seniors (62 and Over): \$27

Youth (Under 18): \$12

Buy Online Now - No convenience fees

Save time later Reserved Seating



A celebration of the songs and career of a Pop Legend, this special show is performed in cabaret style with a stellar cast of Music and Theatre veterans and features the popular Star of JOEL: The Band, Kyle Martin, reuniting with his former co-star from The World of Webber, Tielle Baker, who starred in last season's CHICAGO: The Musical, and Theatre Bay Area Award-Winners Nikita Burshteyn (Jesus Christ Superstar) and Andrea J. Love (Urinetown: The Musical.)

For more Information: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/this-ones-for-you.html>

The Vagabond Players Present: The Hallelujah Girls



Sunday February 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Adults: \$20 Seniors: \$18 Youth: \$15

No convenience fees - Save time later

Buy online now. General Seating

The Hallelujah Girls, by Jessie Jones,
Nicholas Hope & Jamie Wooten.

Hilarity abounds when the females of Eden Falls, Georgia, decide to shake up their lives. The action in this comedy takes place in SPA-DEE-DAH, the abandoned church-turned-day-spa where this group of friends gathers every Friday afternoon. The women realize time is precious, and if they're going to change their lives and achieve their dreams, they have to get on it now!



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THE ALL HANDS ON DECK SHOW!

Currently on Tour from Branson Missouri

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 2:00 PM

All Singing! All Dancing! All Big Band!

The ALL HANDS ON DECK! The show brings you an authentic American road show and radio broadcast re-creation circa 1942 filled with heart-warming songs, tight harmonies, rousing on-air antics, classic commercials and a sing-a-long excitement, all accompanied by the warm sounds of the live nine-piece Hollywood Victory Caravan Orchestra! With 42 of the greatest American songs ever written and a message that inspires, it's time for America's most patriotic show



Orchestra: \$40

Loge: (1st Level Upstairs): \$35

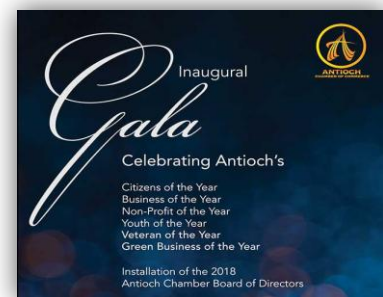
Opera: (2nd Level Upstairs): \$30

No convenience fees - Buy online now.

Reserved Seating

<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/All-Hands-On-Deck.html>

The Antioch Chamber of Commerce will host their **Annual Awards Gala for 2017, Friday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m.** at the City's Lone Tree Golf Course & Event Center. The awards categories include Youth of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, Citizen of the Year – Most Impact, Citizen of the Year – Lifetime Achievement, Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, and new category Green Business of the Year!



Tickets for the Gala are \$75/seat, or \$700 to reserve a table of 8, and can be purchased by visiting: www.antiochchamber.com or email frondeskaadmin@antiochchamber.com
Phone: (925) 757-1800.



For more information about Business mixers, events, or memberships check out the website calendar Chamber of Commerce Events.



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Stay Connected To Your Community

Did you know the City of Antioch has a variety of ways to communicate, check out our social media we are continuing our efforts to better communicate with our residents?

Antioch on the Move

Antioch, CA Community and Events



Do you have Economic Business News to share?

Please email lzepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us for submittals and to share pictures, stories, links, or community events on our social media outlets.

CITY CLERK

City Council Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The next City Council Meeting will be held on February 13, 2018, in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports, are posted on our City's Website 72 hours before each Council Meeting. To be notified when the agenda packets are posted on our City's Website, simply click on this link <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/notification-systems/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.

Please Note: There will be a Special Meeting of the City Council held on February 15, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Antioch Community Center 4703 Lone Tree Way.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- Susan Vasquez was hired as a Senior Executive Assistant for the City Managers office on Monday, February 5, 2018.
- Hugo Perez was hired as a General Laborer for the Public Works Department on Monday, February 5, 2018.

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



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Currently, open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (part-time)
- Registered Veterinary Technician

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 <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.

RECREATION

The Black History Exhibit has enjoyed a successful week including the Opening Reception last Saturday, individual visitors dropping by and the student history day on Thursday. The Exhibit's closing finale is Saturday, February 10th from 12:00-4:30 p.m. and includes an ensemble of musicians performing. Be sure to visit the Nick Rodriguez Community Center Saturday!



This week, the Antioch Water Park received two Buyout confirmations and one Group Ticket application. Season passes for the 2018 season are on sale now. Individuals and families can save 25% off each pass if purchased before opening day on, May 26, 2018. It's never too late to begin planning your summer fun!

On Thursday, over 40 members of the Antioch community benefitted from free tax services provided by trained AARP Tax Services Representatives. This free program will continue each Thursday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., ending on April 12, 2018. Appointments are held at the Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd Street. (925) 778-1158.

This week, the Antioch Senior Center Board of Directors and city staff met for their monthly meeting. City staff shared with the Board of Directors 6 months of planned programming, events, and seminars scheduled for the first half of the 2018 year.



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Over the last week, 352 affordable, healthy meals were served through the CoCo Café. This program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure. There are no memberships or income requirements to eat at the CoCo Café, interested participants must only register with the food County program. All supplies are provided by the County for participating cafés.



On Monday, the Antioch Council of Teens met at their new location – the Nick Rodriguez Community Center, and they enjoyed an amazing turnout! The Antioch Council of Teens will now have two monthly meetings, which will be held on the first Monday and the third Wednesday of each month.

On Saturday, Deer Valley Band Boosters held another successful crab feed fundraiser at the Antioch Community Center.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building

On February 7, 2018, the Building Division issued a permit for construction of the Rocketship Charter Elementary School to be located at 1700 Cavallo Road. The school will serve up to 600 students between Pre-K and 5th Grade with 32 full-time staff. The Developer is in the process of completing the demolition phase of the project.



Planning

From Wednesday, February 7, 2018 to Friday, February 9, 2018, City staff attended the Science Advisor's Workshop for the Habitat Conservation Plan effort that is currently underway. The workshop included a field trip with expert scientists to evaluate the condition and value of wildlife habitat in the City of Antioch, as well as discussions with interested parties and affected public agencies. The Habitat Conservation Plan is continuing through the ordinary drafting process. More information can be found by contacting Forrest Ebbs, Community Development Director, at febbs@ci.antioch.ca.us



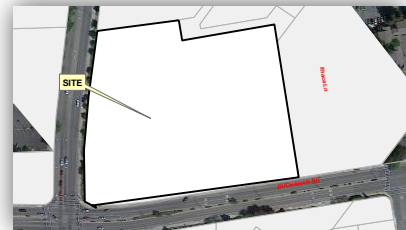
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On February 7, 2018, the Planning Commission held a meeting and took the following actions:

1. Recommended to the City Council that they approve the rezone of 1600 G Street from Single Family Residential (R-6) to Convenience Commercial (C-1). This is the site of the former Lee's Snack Bar and rezoning the site to Convenience Commercial (C-1) would allow the restaurant use at the site to be resumed.
2. Reviewed the preliminary development plan for the Delta Fair Village project at the intersection of Delta Fair Boulevard and Buchanan Road. The project includes the demolition of two large commercial buildings and the construction of a 308-unit multifamily residential building complex with four four-story towers. The Planning Commission offered general feedback to the applicant for further refinement of the project.



On February 13, 2018, the City Council will consider the Wildflower Station project, a large mixed-use development with 22 single-family homes, 98 multi-family apartments, and 89,422 square feet of new commercial space. The project site is 23 acres in size and is located at northeast corner of Hillcrest Avenue and Wildflower Drive. The Planning Commission recommended approval on January 17. Plans can be found at: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/CommDev/PlanningDivision/docs/ProjectDOCs/PD-16-03.pdf>

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department would like to thank everyone who attended our community engagement meeting last night. After a short presentation, community members shared their ideas and concerns and “Joined the Conversation” by filling out the SURVEY!

We want to know what your priorities are for our community so if you missed our meeting there is still time to participate by completing the SURVEY at <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/join-the-conversation.htm>





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The Public Works Water Distribution crew, featuring State Certified Distribution Operators, Simon Kemp, and Nick Wilson are pictured at Dunes Court excavating a water main so that they could repair a break in a residential water service line. During the excavation process, the crew operates heavy construction equipment such as backhoes and 10 wheel dump trucks. Then they probe the excavation area to locate the service line and begin the repairs.

Delivering safe, quality water to our customers is our top priority and we always aim to minimize disruptions in water service during these necessary repairs. If you observe signs of a water leak please contact Public Works immediately.



Contact Public Works:

Mobile Devices:

Download the SeeClickFix application on a mobile device.

Email: publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us.

City website: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/PublicWorks/SeeClickFix.htm>.

Phone: (925) 779-6950

<https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Antioch-Public-Works-566519033543711/>

POLICE



On February 3rd we hosted our Coffee With The Cops event at the APD Community Room. Chief Brooks welcomed attendees and gave a brief talk on a format change. The desire was to make it more interactive as opposed to a lecture style event. His goal



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is to improve dialog between department staff and the community we serve. We had command staff, patrol supervisors, patrol staff, detectives, and our VIP's on hand to handle any and all questions. Investigations staff provided a brief presentation to attendees. After that, there were opportunities for folks to meet, greet, voice concerns and receive information on how they can get their concerns addressed. We had a great turnout from the community and the event was well received.



The East County March for Equality and Unification was held the morning of January 27, 2018. The event was organized by the East County chapter of the NAACP to promote equality and justice for all residents of East Contra Costa County. About 50 participants marched from Somersville Towne Centre to Los Medanos College in Pittsburg. The event was a great success and nice opportunity for our community to come together. In attendance were Chief Brooks, Mayor Sean Wright, Council Members Monica Wilson, Lamar Thorpe, Lori Ogorchock, Tony Tiscareno and District 3 Supervisor Diane Burgis.

On February 3rd we hosted our 88th neighborhood cleanup event around Jacobsen Park. Council Member Lori Ogorchock, citizens, VIPS, and department staff attended. We appreciate the community support and volunteers who show up regularly in support of our efforts to keep Antioch beautiful. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor for information on our March 3rd, 2018 cleanup in the coming weeks.

Animal Services

Staff at Antioch Animal Services recently received training in dog behavior and animal enrichment techniques. The presenter was Stephanie Zablah, a certified Behaviorist who graduated from UC Davis and the Karen Pryor Academy.. One of our staff members, Jazmin Aguirre, showed great interest in the enrichment techniques. Jazmin made a simple treat puzzle from a cardboard box. The idea is that dogs will have to work for their treats and in the process, will energize their mind. These small forms of enrichment can help dogs feel inspired and stimulated in an otherwise mundane shelter setting. The pretty girl shown is Bubbles and is available for adoption. A busy dog is a good dog!

