

# City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



## COVID-19 Testing Site at the Antioch Community Center

Contra Costa residents who need a fast, convenient, no-cost COVID-19 test will have a new option in Antioch. A **mobile testing site** provided through the State of California is moving from Los Medanos College in Pittsburg to the Antioch Community Center, **4703 Lone Tree Way**, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Monday – weekend appointments available.

The new location is intended to increase **testing access** to East County neighborhoods heavily impacted by the pandemic. Appointments are required to get a test. To make a testing appointment in Antioch or other community testing sites across Contra Costa County, **call 1-844-421-0804** or schedule online at [coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested](https://coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested).



## Virtual Vision and Strategic Planning Workshop

Save the date! Join us for the City of Antioch's Vision and Strategic Planning Workshop. This virtual meeting will be held this **Friday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m.** Meetings are available via Comcast channel 24, AT&T U-Verse channel 99, or live stream at [www.antiochca.gov](http://www.antiochca.gov).

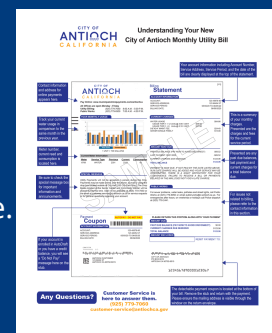
## New Look to your Water Bill coming soon!

Beginning with your March bills, your City of Antioch Water Utility Bill will have a **new look**. We're about providing superior customer service. To better serve you, we're launching a new, redesigned bill statement. The new design is more **user-friendly** and informative.

**Simplified Design:** The goal of the new design is to better organize the data to make reading your bill simple, while still providing the information you need to understand the rates and charges.

**Detailed Water Use Breakdown:** Compare your water use to last cycle or last year with the monthly usage table. This new feature makes it easier for you to manage your water use.

See Welcome to Your **New Water Bill (PDF)** for a printable guide on how to read your water bill.







# POLICE DEPARTMENT



Social Media Team. The situation made him smile, so he posted it to our **Facebook** page so others could get some enjoyment out of it. Little did we know that our little Facebook post would make it all the way to the UK! Storyful picked up the post, and it ran on **Yahoo News in the UK**. What a great spotlight on a small piece of the excellent work our officers do engaging with our community, as well as a big lesson on how far reaching social media can be!

## Community Connection

Over the weekend, our day shift crew was **patrolling** our City Park on A Street when they came across a group of **kids enjoying** the weather and playing soccer. The kids challenged Officer Whitaker to a **game of penalty kicks**. The challenge was accepted, and the kids showed our officers how it was supposed to be done. Though **Officer Whitaker's** soccer skills are questionable, his commitment to our community is spot on (a **GOAL**, if you may)! Though this is a great story, it doesn't end there. The officers snapped a picture, took some **video** of the competition, and shared it with their sergeant, a member of our

## Won't you be our Pen Pal?

Connecting has been hard for everyone, including our officers. One of the things we miss most is **visiting our schools** during recesses and lunch and talking to the kids (okay, maybe a trip or two down the slide). To **stay engaged** and involved, the Antioch Police Department would like to introduce our Pen Pal Program. Kids up to 18 years of age are **encouraged** to write a letter or note, and it will be answered by one of our officers, CSO's, Dispatchers, or Animal Control Officers. The notes can be mailed to our department or dropped off at our Front Counter. Our address is **300 L Street**, Antioch, CA 94509. Please mark on the envelope "Attention Pen Pal Program," and be sure to include your return address so we can respond!

## Traffic

Traffic complaints are not exclusive to Antioch. With limited resources, police agencies must often work together to have an impact and send a message of traffic safety to their communities. Motor officers from East County agencies recently collaborated to provide extra traffic enforcement. Together with Pittsburg, Oakley, Brentwood Police Departments as well as CHP, we issued:

- **71 citations in Antioch**
- **50 citations in Oakley**

We look forward to these collaborations and helping all our community's roads a little safer. #collab #apdmotorofficers #traffickenforcement #PittsburgPD #OakleyPD #BrentwoodPD #CHP





# PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

## Home To Home™ Proving Successful in Finding New Homes for Antioch Pets



In July 2020, Antioch Animal Services launched a new interactive tool, **Home To Home™**, to give families who are no longer able to keep their pets an opportunity to find new homes without surrendering them to the shelter. In the seven months since we began offering this service, **56 pets** have been listed for rehoming, with 16 finding a new home and only two pets having to be surrendered to the shelter.

Home To Home™ is a great tool to help keep pets out of the shelter. Those needing to **re-home pets** should visit our Home To Home™ [website](#), fill out a brief form, upload a picture, and hit submit. For those seeking a new pet, visit the website and use the search feature to help you find a new pet. Home To Home™ is free for everyone to use; however, there are some rules to the site, such as no money is allowed to exchange hands. Re-homing fees don't lead to better outcomes for pets, but **quality communications** with potential adopters will.

Our participation in Home To Home™ is due to **Maddie's Fund** Grant's generous support, #ThankstoMaddie. Our share of the Maddie's Fund Grant covers the cost of our own Home To Home™ branded website and a year of web hosting.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Brad Helfenberger** was hired as a Parks & Recreation Director for the Parks and Recreation Department on **February 1, 2021**.

Please join me in welcoming this employees 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)
- Business License Representative
- Facilities Maintenance Worker

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**.





## Winter Program Fun!

Winter programs are in full swing! Antioch Recreation Winter Preschool Academy participants were all smiles and warm hearts as they began the month of February with wintery arts and crafts, fun Valentine's Day-themed activities, and learning the letter "S." Youth Art classes started as well, and the Anime and Comic Book Creators are busy using their imaginations and designing some fantastic works of art this season.

## Spring Registration

Registration for Spring 2021 classes is open! **Register online** before spaces fill! Use code: LIMITLESS at checkout to receive 10% off your program registration (some restrictions apply).



# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Free Online Junior Warriors Basketball Clinic

The **Golden State Warriors** are working with their **Junior Warriors** partners to offer a free basketball clinic as part of the Junior Warriors program. Details about the clinic are below. Please note that the clinic is limited to 500 youth, and you must pre-register to secure your child's spot.

The Junior Warriors Basketball program is a proud partner of the Jr. NBA. Through **partnerships** with local youth agencies, the Golden State Warriors can enhance youth leagues by providing **exciting components**. This online clinic will be the first in a series of virtual clinics designed to provide local youth with **structured basketball** activity while remaining socially distant.

**Date:** Thursday, February 11th, 2021

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

**Link to Register:** <https://rsvp.warriors.com/wba-jrwarriorsclinic021121>

## Lifeguard Training at the Antioch Water Park

On Saturday, January 30th, seven Water Park Employees participated in an **American Red Cross** Lifeguard Training Course. This modified course featuring a combination of virtual and in-person learning was the first opportunity for staff to get their Lifeguard **Certification** in 2021.

The **in-person** portion of the class required guards to remain spaced 6 feet apart, wear masks and perform rescues on specially designed mannequins. The Antioch Water Park began preparations to open in April of 2021 for **family swim**, lap swim, and water aerobics.



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## Permit Software Cont.

In addition, Energov will allow for online submittal, review, and issuance of building permits and many other common planning and engineering permits. This will save time for both the public and staff, **reduce our carbon footprint** by reducing trips to City Hall, and create a safer environment in this era of COVID-19.

The City Council approved the contract for the Energov project on January 26, 2021, and implementation and **training will begin soon**. A Technology Fee funds the project collected on all building permits for this specific purpose. Our goal is to have this production fully operational by the end of the calendar year. More information about Energov can be found at <https://www.tylertech.com/products/energov>.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Permit Software Upgrade

The Community Development Department will soon be embarking on the installation of a new permit software system. After a thorough Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the Department selected EnerGov, a software system offered by **Tyler Technologies, Inc.** According to their website, EnerGov is a "Comprehensive, Automated, Connected Civic Services Software for **Smart Government Operations**."

The Community Development Department intends to apply this permitting software's full capabilities to do far more than simply issue building permits. This software will be **custom built** to service the Building Inspection Services Division, Planning Division, Code Enforcement Division, Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, and the Environmental Programs function.

The public will be able to access information on current and proposed development, monitor building permit progress and inquire about active **code enforcement cases**. The software has a **built-in GIS feature** that will allow users and the public to access a map to display this information. Building inspectors and code enforcement officers will be able to input inspection information and generate cases in the field, saving time and resources.



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### Code Enforcement:

(925) 779-7042

### Building Inspection:

(925) 779-7065

### Engineering Division

(Public Works):

(925) 779-7035

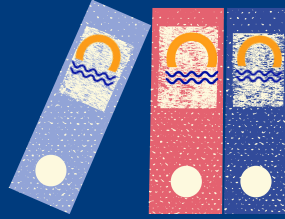
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# CITY CLERK

## 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: <https://www.antiochca.gov/notifications/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the current and past agenda information, click on the following link: <https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/>.



## Planning Commission Opening

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 Planning Commission - **One (1) Commissioner full-term vacancy**, expiring October 2024.

Any interested resident is encouraged to apply. To be considered for this volunteer position, a completed application must be received in the City Clerk's Department [cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us) **by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. Applications are available at <https://www.antiochca.gov/#>.

## Contra Costa County Updates

**February 3, 2021** - See Health Services [Press Release](#): Vaccine Supply Shortages Prompt Public Health Leaders throughout the Bay Area to Urge Prioritization of Older Adults for Vaccination.

**February 3, 2021** - See [Press Release](#): Supervisors Pass Ordinance to Cap Food Delivery Service Fees.

**February 2, 2021** - See [Press Release](#): Contra Costa County Passes Ordinance to Extend Eviction Protection and Rent Freeze. See Urgency Ordinance No. 2021-04 (PDF). See resources for landlords and tenants.

Please follow Health Orders to help save lives. [Read more and find resources here](#)



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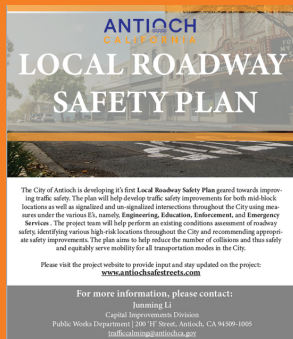






## Engineering

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 [antiochsafeststreets.com](http://antiochsafeststreets.com).



## Sandbags

The City's self-serve sandbag station is up and running. It is located at the Public Works facility at 1201 W 4th Street; enter at N Street, and you will find the station just before the chain link gate on the right; it is stocked with bags, shovels, and a sand funnel while supplies last. There is no charge for the sandbags due to COVID-19.



# PUBLIC WORKS

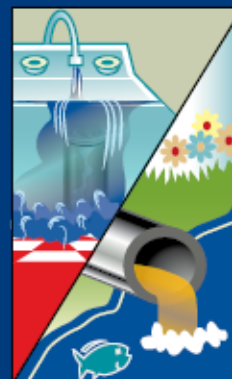
## Operations & Utilities

Our **collection cleaning crew** is currently working off Gentrytown Drive between James Donlon Boulevard and Buchanan Road, doing an outstanding job, cleaning approximately 4,000 feet of pipe each day. This is an **essential aspect** of what we do here in collections; it is vital for our sewer system to stay functioning properly. These procedures **reduce** the inconveniences and environmental effects of a sanitary sewer spill on members of our community. This will also minimize FROG (**Fats, Rags, Oils, and Grease**) related issues in the sewer system.

### A friendly reminder about FROG:

Scrape and wipe down pots, pans, and work areas before washing  
 Dispose of food waste directly into compost bin or trash.  
 Do not pour waste oil directly into the drain, parking lot, or street.  
 Do not use emulsifiers or solvents other than dishwashing detergents  
 Do not flush rags or wipes down the toilet. (even flushable wipes damage your system)

We will be working in that area for the next few weeks. If you see a truck with a big tank and blue hose attached to the front, know that your sewer system is being maintained.





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Plan Bay Area 2050

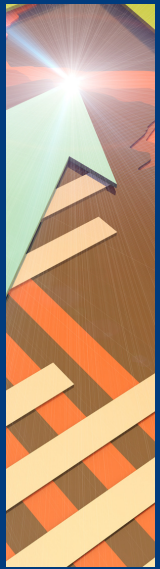
Economic Development staff attended seminars on **Priority Production Area** (PPA)/Plan Bay Area 2050 provided by MTC/ABAG staff. This implementation plan discusses how MTC/ABAG plans to **incorporate housing** production and transportation for the future and how they can support economic growth in the Bay Area through policy. Including but not limited to shifting jobs to housing rich areas like eastern **Contra Costa County**.

[Plan Bay Area 2050](#) | [Plan Bay Area](#)



## Economic Development Commission (EDC)

The City of Antioch's Economic Development Commission had its meeting on February 2nd via Zoom. This was the **first meeting** of the year and the first meeting with the Commission's newly elected Chair Tim McCall and Vice-Chair Kelly Kalfsbeek. The Commission discussed the need to study the City's current **Vision and Strategic Plan** and develop reports based on current goals and strategies. City Manager Ron Bernal and Assistant City Manager Rosanna Bayon Moore were in attendance and answered commissioners' questions on the upcoming meetings for the City's new strategic plan scheduled later this month and encourage EDC to participate. The next EDC meeting is scheduled for March 2nd, 2021, at 7:00 pm. [EDC Meetings](#)



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**Think big by shopping SMALL**

The City of Antioch wants you to please support our community by shopping local. Many small businesses have been closed due to the shelter at home orders. As we begin to **emerge** from the effects of COVID-19, your local small businesses need your **support** more than ever. By shopping local, you keep sales tax dollars in your community and keep our local workforce employed. Click here for a list of [Open](#) businesses in Antioch. Think big for our community by shopping **SMALL**.



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HOUSING

SUPPORT  
FOR SMALL

NEXT-  
GENERATION  
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SAFE,  
HEALTH

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# Here's what's happening In the City of Antioch



## Tell your Story Grab and Go Activity Kits

Come pick up our Grab and Go Activity Kits for kids while supplies last starting February 16th. These kits will include booklets sharing the stories of notable Black figures and everything you need to make your own book about you!

Antioch Library  
(Front Door Service  
Only) 501 West

18th Street. For more information call (925) 757-9224.

## Grab and Go Activity Kits



### Tell Your Story!

Starting Tuesday, February 16

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



## Career Counseling and Placement Assistance

The Key to a Stable Future is a Good Plan! Career Counselors, located in Antioch and Bay Point, are here to help you take the steps to get back into the job market, at no-cost to you! All we ask is that you are willing to invest the time and hard work necessary to relaunch your career. **SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- Goal Review
- Employment Matching Services
- Job Training
- Resume Help
- Interview Preparation
- Job Placement Assistance

To learn more and to complete an online interest form, click [here](#).

### NEED HELP FINDING A JOB?

