

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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Let's Take A Walk On The Fun Side

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvement

As we enter the new year, the city has **prioritized bicycle and pedestrian safety** in its public safety plans. In the city's quest and efforts to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, I am excited to announce that the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), in conjunction with the United States Department of Transportation, has awarded the City of Antioch a **17 million dollar grant** that will assist the city in creating an innovative joint bicycle and pedestrian urban project. According to the CCTA's program guidelines, the project will allow the city to design and construct a suite of bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements based on safer streets initiatives and vision zero-emission policies.

To improve equity and enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety throughout the city, 76% of the anticipated, **planned improvements** are in both "Equity Priority Communities" and underserved neighborhoods like the City of Antioch L Street corridor between 9th and Sycamore Drive. The city is on track to receive \$13,000,000 for the "L" Street Pathway to Transit-Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements and an additional \$4,000,000 to design and construct the Antioch Bicycle Garden.

The funds will also expand safety and create equitable access to **multi-modal transportation** options and connectivity to affordable housing, job centers, recreation areas, and essential services for people of all income levels, ages, and abilities.

I want to thank our team members who worked closely with our Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to secure a total of **\$28.9M on behalf of our region**. After conducting a CCTA Transportation needs assessment, the much-needed funding will close the disparity gaps in the Bay Area, especially in the Antioch transportation system, and provide viable, convenient, and safe transportation options.

Additionally, the grant funding will not only allow the city to create permanent self-guided traffic safety awareness programs for our youth, but it will also similarly help us to improve both overall bicycle and pedestrian safety and accessibility. This will support the **city's climate sustainability goals**, reduce financial burdens, and mitigate the displacement of low-income residents.

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ANTIOCH POLICE DEPT.

Canned Food Drive

Thank you to the Antioch Council of Teens for hosting a canned food drive. We are happy to donate to such a great cause.




**2023
COMMUNITY
FORUM**

DISTRICT 2



DATE: FEBRUARY 16TH
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION:
DELTA BOWL
(3300 DELTA FAIR BLVD)

Come meet Chief Steven A. Ford and our staff, ask questions, and converse with us. We hope to see you there.



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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Paint Nights with Charity

The Recreation Department is proud to present Paint Nights with Charity, a new and exciting art program for youth ages 6 to 10, run by Recreation Instructor Charity Brown at the Antioch Community Center. This hour-long class has garnered a growing number of participants and encourages creative exploration and artistic and technical development in youth.



Upcoming classes are Thursday, March 2, 2023, and Friday, April 7, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Artwork completed in class on Thursday, April 6, will be included at a gallery showing on Saturday, April 8, at the Second Annual Eggstravaganza & Recreation Expo event at the Antioch Water Park.

New Food Bank Site

The Antioch Senior Center/Nick Rodriguez Community Center will be a new Food Bank site for the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano County senior food program. Starting this month, seniors 55+ can receive free groceries every 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month from 9-10 am.

Seniors must register by filling out this [form](#) and submitting it to the Senior Center front desk staff. Questions? Call (925) 779-7074.



Jr. Warriors, Preparing Local Youth for Life

Our 2023 Jr. Warriors program is off to a tremendous start, with over 500 children participating in kindergarten through 6th-grade divisions. New this year, each player is given a quote card featuring an inspirational thought of the week. These quotes are distributed to players after their game each Saturday. The **Thoughts of the Week** from the first four weeks of the program are listed below:

- Week 1: "Talent wins games, but teamwork wins championships." -Michael Jordan
- Week 2: "Success is not an accident; it is a choice." -Steph Curry
- Week 3: "Victory is knowing you gave your best effort." -Steve Kerr
- Week 4: "Success is never final; defeat is never fatal. Get up tomorrow and get to work." -Pat Riley
- Week 5: "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you are right." -Henry Ford



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ANIMAL SERVICES



Friends of Animal Services
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Find Love at the Animal Shelter



This Valentine's Day, Antioch Friends of Animal Services wants to help you to find your soulmate by sponsoring adoption fees for all pets February 11 – 18, 2023. All pets adopted will be surgically altered and receive age-appropriate vaccinations before adoption. To find your soulmate, visit www.24petconnect.com, enter our zip code (94509), and search for adoptable pets.

If you find your match, call us at (925) 779-6989 to schedule a meet-and-greet appointment. The Antioch Animal Shelter is open from 10 AM – 5 PM, Tuesday-Saturday. Appointments are available every half hour, with our last appt. at 4:30 p.m. Antioch residents must purchase a \$20.00 dog license at the time of adoption. [#LovelsAtTheCornerOf2ndAndL](https://twitter.com/LovelsAtTheCornerOf2ndAndL)

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

The City's open recruitment's 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.

Currently open recruitment's include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Accountant I/II
- Public Safety Manager
- Senior Civil Engineer

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions

- **Juan Luis Garcia Godinez** was hired as a General Laborer for the Public Works Department effective January 5, 2023.
- **Jun Clyde Aquino Gandia** was hired as a Recreation Supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department effective January 9, 2023.
- **Ernesto Avila-Armenta** was hired as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Community Development Department effective January 30, 2023.
- **Vanessa Siliezar** was hired as a Computer Technician for the Information Systems Department effective January 30, 2023.
- **Devin Taft** was hired as a Computer Technician for the Information Systems Department effective January 30, 2023.
- **Dustin Daroy** was hired as an Aquatics Maintenance Worker I for the Parks and Recreation Department effective January 30, 2023.
- **Andrew Schnitzius** was hired as a Community Services Officer for the Police Department effective January 30, 2023.
- **Ryan Tryner** was hired as a Community Services Officer for the Police Department effective January 30, 2023.

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



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Tobacco Laws – 2023 UPDATE

On January 1, 2023, the Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department began enforcement of new tobacco sales laws. In 2017, the Antioch City Council adopted a **local ordinance** restricting the establishment of new tobacco retailers and the transfer of existing tobacco/cigarette stores where 20% or more of the sales area is devoted to tobacco sales. The sale of tobacco products is prohibited at new retailers and may not be established at existing retailers. Exceptions were made for gas station convenience stores and large retailers over 5,000 square feet in area, which are subject to a Use Permit from the **Planning Commission**. Further, as of January 1, 2023, the owners of existing tobacco/cigarette stores may not sell or transfer their business to a new operator or owner. This law is effective only in the City of Antioch.

On March 8, 2022, the Antioch City Council adopted a local ordinance that further restricted the type and quantity of tobacco products sold in the City of Antioch. First, the ordinance prohibited the sale of tobacco products with a characterizing flavor, using language common to **Senate Bill 793** (Chapter 34, Statutes of 2020). Second, the ordinance prohibited the sale of cigarettes or small cigars (cigarillos) in quantities of **fewer than twenty**. This effectively prohibits the sale of individual cigarettes or common two-packs of small cigars. This law is effective only in the City of Antioch and is more restrictive than current State laws and ordinances in other cities.

On November 8, 2022, California voters approved Proposition 31 to uphold Senate Bill 793 (Chapter 34, Statutes of 2020), prohibiting the sale of most flavored tobacco products Statewide. As a result, vendors may no longer sell any tobacco product with a characterizing flavor, which includes menthol cigarettes, flavored vape products, flavored cigarillos, and flavored smokeless tobacco. This ban replicates the City's existing ban on flavored tobacco products and is now **enforced Statewide**.

The Code Enforcement Division has responded to complaints regarding violations of these tobacco laws and is initiating a **proactive enforcement program** in response to the direction of the voters and the City Council. To submit a complaint regarding the prohibited sale of tobacco products or any other matter, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at codeenforcementcomplaints@antiochca.gov.





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



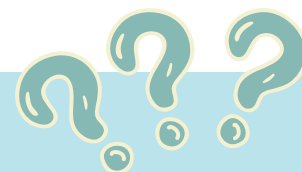
Request a Proclamation

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.

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](#)



Questions?

Contact the
City Clerk's Office at
cityclerk@antiochca.gov



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PUBLIC WORKS



Cold Weather Increases Water Main and Service Breaks

Physics and winter don't mix. At least when it comes to water lines, which suffer frequent breaks as the cold, saturated ground weighs on underground pipes. During November through February, Antioch's Water Distribution division **repairs the water main**, and the water service line breaks much faster than in warmer months. The colder it is, the more pipes burst.

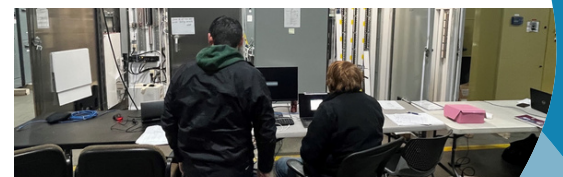
With all this movement, our pipes and the expansion of the cold water in our pipes cause more leaks. The staff prepares for the winter months by **increasing our inventory of pipes and equipment** necessary to make emergency repairs. We also watch areas that have been problematic in the past winters. Here are some simple steps to prepare your home for the cold months:

- Shut off water systems not used during the winter, such as irrigation systems.
- Insulate all exposed exterior pipes with insulated foam wrap.
- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces, attic, and garage.
- Disconnect garden hoses.

Please contact Public Works at (925) 779-6950 immediately if you see excessive water in the street, running down the curb, or shooting in the air. We are dedicated to restoring our customers' water service quickly and safely.

Downtown CDBG Project

Concrete pavement rehabilitation project on 8th Street.



Brackish Water Desal Plant

Water Treatment Plant employee's factory acceptance testing new equipment for the brackish water desalination plant.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Small Business Grant and Façade Programs

Eligible Antioch small businesses can receive a grant payment up to \$15,000 and facade upgrade reimbursement up to \$25,000.

See detailed eligibility requirements and application at bit.ly/AntiochSmallBizPrograms or call 1(855) 582-3973 if you need assistance with the application.



City of Antioch Small Business Grant and Façade Upgrades Programs

Were you impacted by COVID-19? Apply for small business relief.

Eligible Antioch small businesses can receive a grant payment up to \$15,000 and facade upgrade reimbursement up to \$25,000.

DO YOU NEED A BUSINESS GRANT?



General eligibility criteria for the Small Business Grant Program includes –

- Be operating within Antioch City Limits
- Have an Antioch Business License in good standing
- CANNOT be a publicly traded company
- Have less than 25 employees
- Have experienced a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Have an "active" status with the California Secretary of State

DO YOU NEED A FACADE UPGRADE?



General eligibility criteria for Façade Upgrade Program includes –

- Be operating within Antioch City Limits
- Have an Antioch Business License in good standing
- CANNOT be a publicly traded company
- Have experienced a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Have an "active" status with the California Secretary of State
- Contractors and Subcontractors must pay a prevailing wage.
- Businesses that rent must have at least 3 years remaining on the current lease.

See detailed eligibility requirements and application at bit.ly/AntiochSmallBizPrograms

Call 1-855-582-3973 if you need assistance with the application.

Scan here



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The City of Antioch Small Business Programs is overseen by the City of Antioch and is administered by FORWARD.



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PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES (PS&CR)



FREE! **Afterschool Tutoring**

For Antioch Students
All Subjects • Grades 6th-10th

Mondays and Wednesdays Feb. 6-May
24 • 4-6 PM • #9838

Nick Rodriguez Community Center
213 F Street, Antioch

Youth Services Division

The Youth Services Division of PS&CR 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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**SPRING
TEEN
ART
CAMP**

free!
AGES 12-15

Please call 925-779-7082

#9835

form

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Antioch Community Center*
3/20-3/24
8:00AM-3:30PM
Tuesday's class will be at the Antioch Water Park

**TEEN JAZZ
& HIP HOP**

Join the fun and come dance with the latest music to jazz and hip hop.

DANCE

Learn the fundamentals of both while having fun!

3:30-5:30PM | Mo, We | 10-14 YRS | #9834

Feb 6 - May 24
FREE!

Nick Rodriguez Community Center
Physical Fitness Room
213 F Street, Antioch, CA
Registration needed
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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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The City of Antioch is not an affiliate of the Antioch Unified School District. AUSD accepts no liability for this program. antiochca.gov/register connect.youth@antiochca.gov 925-779-7000 for more information



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