

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



COMMUNITY FIRST

As we enter the new year, the City of Antioch is uniquely positioned to **celebrate** the 150th anniversary of our cityhood. Historically, Antioch started as one of the oldest cities in Contra Costa County and has morphed into the second largest city of approximately 115,000 residents. Acknowledging and **paying homage** to the founders of Antioch provides a sense of community and reverence, which we all can embrace. From the rolling hillsides that grace our skyline to the shimmering river waters, where the San Joaquin River intersects with the Sacramento Delta, the City of Antioch is a wonderful enclave where a strong sense of **community exists**. This collective sensation of community was the impetus and driving force behind the City Council's decision to create a Community Resources - Public Safety Department.

This newly formed department will consist of several existing departmental divisions, including Animal Services, Environmental Resource, Code Enforcement, Community Development Block Grant, and programming Youth Network Services. Additionally, the City Council has supported creating several new divisions that will serve our residents and improve the quality of life for those in desperate need of city services. These newly formed divisions will **concentrate** on the community crisis and our unhoused residents. The development of the city's community crisis **intervention response team** is still at the infancy stage. Nevertheless, once the planning phase is completed, the citywide mobile response team will provide much-needed services and enhance our city government's overall effectiveness. This sentiment is equally welcoming to our newly formed, full-time Unhoused Resident Coordinator position. The Unhoused Resident Coordinator plays a vital role in ensuring our unhoused residents receive the best and most **dignified services** befitting to individuals who are either suffering from mental health challenges or who have just fallen on hard times.

The true measurement of any governmental entity is determined by how well it serves those in the greatest need of services. Regardless of either an individual's moral or political views, one thing is certain, our **collective quality of life** is intrinsically intertwined. This humanitarian bond is the main ingredient to a healthy and caring community. Opportunity lives here under the **banner of community** because family and community always come first. ❤️



ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Love is in the air in Antioch and your officers had the opportunity to share some heart-shaped greetings with our **beloved community members** at the Bedford Center. Officer Kendall was challenged by Richard to a good ol' fashioned game of hoops. It's hard to say who won, but the two hugged it out in the end, acknowledging it was all love. We don't need to be struck by Cupid's arrows in Antioch to **spread the love** to our community.

The Bedford Center primarily serves East Contra Costa County and is the only licensed adult day health care center in this region. Their **adult day programs** provide services for frail elders and adults with disabilities to remain independent and retain their dignity while engaging in an active social life.
<https://choiceinaging.org/adult-day-centers/>

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLES

Our officers recovered three stolen vehicles with three suspects in custody in four hours. What's even more impressive is that two of the stolen vehicles were recovered 15 minutes apart from one another.

When it comes to stolen vehicles, California ranks amongst the states with the highest rates in the country. According to the California Highway Patrol, in 2020, there were approximately **180,939** vehicles stolen at an estimated total value of \$1.6 billion. With that said, of the 180,939 cars stolen statewide in 2020, 89.2 percent were successfully recovered, representing 161,464 recovered vehicles.

In Antioch, we strive to reacquaint owners with their vehicles every opportunity we get and have been able to recover 62 stolen vehicles so far in 2022.

Here are some tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to help prevent motor vehicle thefts: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/vehicle-theft-prevention>. #stolenvehiclerecover #trafficsafety





RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GET CERTIFIED!

The Antioch Water Park will be hosting its **first certification courses** of the year for both Lifeguarding and Water Safety Instructor in March! If you're interested in learning the best techniques for teaching children and adults how to swim, or you want to know how to **save lives** and keep our **community safe** while they swim, now is your time to do it! Registration is now open. Learn more about these courses by checking out our Antioch Recreation Facebook and Instagram pages or contacting the **Antioch Water Park** directly. See you at the pool!



SERVE, SET, SPIKE! ADULT VOLLEYBALL IS BACK AT THE ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CENTER

Drop-In Volleyball returned on January 4th for adults 18+ after a two-year hiatus. Each week, players gather at the Antioch Community Center for **pickup games**. Since the new year began, over 130 adults have participated in the program. **Drop-In Volleyball** takes place each Tuesday night from 7:30-10:30 p.m. **\$5** is due at the time of admission.

Additionally, Drop-In Basketball takes place on **Sunday mornings** from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Antioch Community Center for adults looking for hoops action.



WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATE PLANNING CLASS

It's never too late to plan! Learn all you need to know to ensure your family is safe and financially secure during life changes by joining our Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning class.

Topics include Living Trusts, Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney (Living Will), naming a guardian for minor children, joint tenancies, avoiding estate taxes and probate fees. Join Randall L. Thompson, JD, LL.M, MBA, for this informative class on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022**.



ANIMAL SERVICES



INTRODUCING BERNARD AND EVE!

Bernard and Eve have been with us **since November 2021**, when their owner had passed away. They are estimated to be about ten years old, but we have no way of knowing for sure. When they first came to us, Bernard and Eve needed some extensive medical and dental care before being made available for adoption. Antioch Friends of Animal Services stepped up and helped us obtain the necessary dental care to ensure they were healthy and pain-free.

Everyone at the shelter has come to love Bernard and Eve, so we're looking for a special person willing to open their home to both of them, as Bernard and Eve are a **deeply bonded pair**. Bernard has always been the more social and outgoing of these twins, but Eve really comes out of her shell when she feels comfortable in her surroundings.

If you are **interested in adopting Bernard and Eve**, now is a perfect time, as Antioch Friends of Animal Services is sponsoring adoption fees for all pets. The Antioch Animal Shelter is open by appointment only, Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Our last appointment of the day is 4:30 p.m. Call us at **(925) 779-6989** to schedule an appointment today!

HUMAN RESOURCES

HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Michele Milo** was hired as an Accounting Technician for the Finance Department on February 22, 2022.

Please join me in welcoming this employee 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

Please check our website for the following future recruitments:

- General Laborer
- Unhoused Resident Coordinator

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://www.antiochca.gov). Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF ANTIOCH RESOURCE RECOVERY AMBASSADORS

Want to learn how to reduce landfill waste & fight climate change while engaging with your community at fun, local events? Are you interested in jumpstarting a career in Zero Waste and Sustainability? Get trained to become a **Resource Recovery Ambassador Volunteer** through the City of Antioch!

Benefits:

Potential stipends, free meals & access to free public transit to/from volunteering (more details to come soon)

Expectations:

- Inform event-goers on how to sort their waste
- Monitor Zero Waste Stations to make sure materials are thrown into the correct bin

Timeline:

Virtual Training: Will take place for 1 hour in mid-March or April (date is to be determined)

Volunteering in-person at events: 2-hour shift per event throughout late Spring and Summer at local Antioch events (*examples: July 4th Sesquicentennial Extravaganza, Food Truck Thursdays*)

To sign up & for more information, please contact alynmateo@antiochca.gov or dschultze-allen@antiochca.gov or call **(925) 779-7000 Ext. 14106**. We look forward to building a brighter future for the people of Antioch together with you!

BAY-REN FREE ENERGY SAVINGS TOOLKIT

Want to make upgrades to your home to save money and energy and decrease your carbon footprint? Order a **FREE Energy Savings Toolkit** through Bay-REN (Bay Area Regional Energy Network)! This custom Energy Savings Toolkit is **full of great products** that can reduce energy use in your home. LED bulbs, power strips, water-saving aerators, and showerheads — up to \$70 in value — Here are the steps you need to follow to receive your toolkit:

1. Have your PG&E bill ready to create a **BayREN account**. You'll need to fill in the first ten digits of your PG&E account number.
2. Create your BayREN account.
3. You'll immediately get a "Home Evaluation" questionnaire.
4. Once you complete the home evaluation, you'll receive a report about its energy efficiencies.
5. Bay-REN will contact you via email about the next steps of getting your kit.

For more information on Bay-REN, the Energy Savings Toolkit, and additional programs that they offer, you can visit **bayren.org**.





CITY CLERK HISTORY

In honor of **Antioch's 150th anniversary**, here is some history about early Antioch City Council Meetings!

The Honorable **Roswell Butler Hard** was elected as Contra Costa County Supervisor 1866-1868 and Sheriff from 1867 and 1869. He built his large **two-story brick house** on Front (First) Street in 1869 using bricks from Antioch's first brick factory. It was considered the nicest and most costly home in the area at the time. It served as the **meeting place** for the first board of trustees (called the city council today) for the newly incorporated City of Antioch. Roswell Butler Hard was elected mayor at this meeting! Known now as the "Roswell Butler Hard House," this **historic building** is owned by the City of Antioch. Although it remains vacant, there are plans to **renovate** the building and use it for satellite city hall offices.

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 dates:
February 22 and March 8, 2022
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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE





WASTEWATER REPAIR CREW



The City of Antioch Collection Systems Division has a wastewater repair crew dedicated to repairing the **City's Sanitary and Storm Sewer Conveyance Systems**. This construction/repair crew consists of a large backhoe, vacuum truck and three to four Wastewater/Collection Systems employees who are specifically trained in all aspects of underground wastewater and storm system repairs. The construction/repair crew responds to emergency pipe failures and **strategically planned repairs** within the Collection Systems where teams have identified structural defects, major root intrusion, or any other potential pipe failure that may occur.

The City's Sanitary and Storm Sewer Construction/Repair Maintenance Program ensures that the system continues to operate at full capacity and **renews our aging infrastructure**. If you see this crew working in the field, please respect the construction zone by keeping away from the safety cones and barricades and understand that loud, heavy construction equipment is in use, as this is **for everyone's safety**.



NEW CITY HALL ENTRYWAY!

As the City continues to spruce up the edifice and surrounding areas at City Hall with a new Council Chambers, updated interior, **ADA accessible breezeway**, and entryway, the walk up to City Hall has also had a makeover with a **newly paved concrete** and brick inlay area!

As Contra Costa Health Services continues to ease the restrictions related to COVID-19 and guide us to a new normal, the City looks forward to reopening its doors for business-as-usual! **Until then, stay safe!**

MARINA OVERNIGHT AND MUCH MORE

Are you looking for a fun overnight adventure? If you have a boat, book an **overnight reservation** with the Antioch Marina. During the day, visit the Antioch Historical Museum, hike Black Diamond Coal Mines or Contra Loma Regional Park, putt at the **18-hole public course** at the Lone Tree Golf Course, try out the great food at the Golf Course or the Marina, at the Smith's Landing Seafood Grill, or see a show at El Campanil Theater! So much to do in a day! If you are looking for long-term berthing, please contact the Antioch Marina office for availability.
(925) 779-6957

Email: antiochmarina@antiochca.gov

<https://www.antiochca.gov/antioch-marina>





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

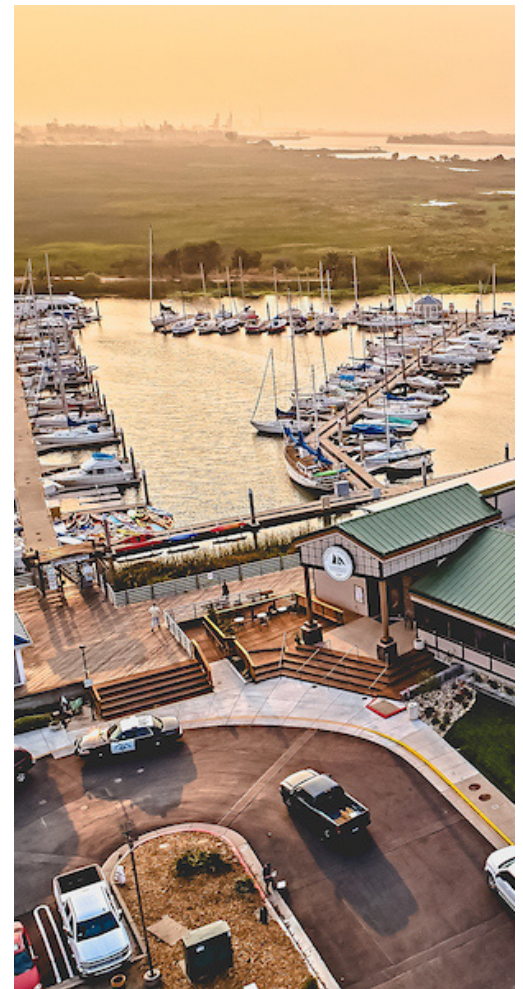
OPEN REWARDS PROGRAM

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.

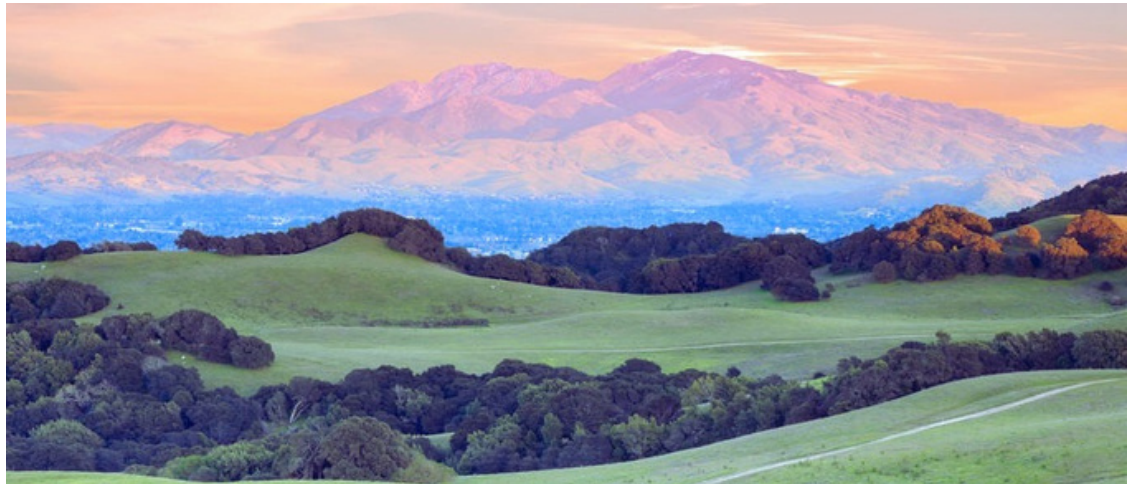
**For Customers Phone App
for Open Rewards download from:**

- [Apple Store](#)
- [Google Play](#)

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



ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



BUILDING YOUR NETWORKS OF SUPPORT Connecting with Others Through a Support Group



Are you:

- Caring for a family member or friend with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia?
- Needing guidance in navigating local community resources?
- Experiencing frustration or overloaded by the challenges of providing care?
- Feeling isolated and struggling to find people to talk to who really understand?

The Alzheimer's Association Dementia Family Caregiver Support Groups can provide a safe and supportive space for you to exchange practical information with others on managing current and future caregiving challenges.

We invite you to join us as we chat with a caregiver about their experience attending a support group and the impact the group has had on their caregiving journey.

Wednesday, February 23, 2022
Noon-12:30 p.m. PST
Zoom Registration:
tinyurl.com/BuildSupportFeb22

For more information, please
contact: Niki Rubarth,
nrubarth@alz.org or
775.786.8061

You will learn:

- What a typical group meeting is like
- When is the right time for you to attend a group
- How to find a support group near you

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EL CAMPANIL THEATER

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

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.



The Everly Brothers Experience:

Featuring the Zmed Brothers

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 | 2:00 pm

Adults \$32 | Seniors \$29 | Youth \$15

A heartfelt tribute wrapped in a nostalgic bow! The Zmed brothers skillfully cover the Everly Brothers with a bit of their own trademark style. Don't miss this glorious mid-week matinee!

