



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Come Grow With Us



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending February 23, 2018.

CITY MANAGER

We have completed our interviews with Public Relations & Marketing firms and will be bringing a recommendation to the City Council so we can begin this exciting prospect of professionally branding and marketing our city.

I attended the swearing-in of lateral Officer Shane Cole, our 96th sworn officer currently serving Antioch. Welcome to the Antioch family Shane.

I met with District Director Erica Rodriguez-Langley and Contra Costa County & Delta Field Representative Charles Dulac of Assemblymember Jim Frazier's office to discuss the numerous projects in Antioch and how we can better utilize the contacts and programs Assemblymember Frazier's office can help us access. Of particular interest is our brackish water desalination project and economic development opportunities related to workforce development and transportation funds.

Along with Mayor Wright, Council Member Ogorchock, City Clerk Simonsen, Chief Brooks and a number of other dignitaries and project advocates, I attended the ribbon-cutting of the Rocketship Charter School at their new site on Cavallo Road. The \$15M investment in this underserved area of town and quality educational opportunities for 600 K through 5th grade students and their families are two positive aspects of this very exciting project and opportunity to improve Antioch's quality of life.

I attended longtime downtown resident and business owner Jim Lanter's 40th anniversary in business as a State Farm Agent "ribbon-cutting" at his office in downtown Antioch. Thank you, Jim, for your ongoing commitment and contribution to making Antioch, and especially our downtown the best it can be.



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We are proud to introduce our newest lateral police hire, Officer Shane Cole. Shane grew up in Antioch and graduated from Antioch High School in 2002. Shortly after graduating High School, Shane enlisted in the Marine Corps and eventually became an Infantry Mortarman, deploying twice before re-enlisting to become a combat skills instructor. Shane was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant.

After returning to the Bay Area in 2014, Shane was hired by the Modesto Police Department and graduated from the Stanislaus Sheriff's Regional Training Center in September 2015. Shane was assigned to patrol before accepting a job with the City of Antioch.

As part of the new program initiated by Chief Brooks, APD Police Officers began visiting Antioch schools during their lunch breaks to give students chance to meet Police Officers in a different setting. On February 14, 2018, Officer Marcotte visited students at MNO Grant Elementary. The students got to play games with Officer Marcotte and ask him questions about police work. Officer Marcotte was able to start building relationships, answer questions, and educate students on how our Officers work every day to keep our City safe.



Animal Services

The animals, who find themselves in a shelter, do not choose to be where they are and have very little control over their environment. As a volunteer, your role is vital in helping them to feel cared for, comfortable, build confidence and improve their chances of finding a home.

The gift of your time extends our resources and provides the human power necessary to support the people and animals in our community. There are many areas where you can help. From dog walking, cat cuddling to laundry and adoption events.



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If you would like to learn more, please attend our upcoming Volunteer Orientation. Our goal of promoting animal welfare and caring for our shelter animals could not be accomplished without our generous volunteers!

Volunteer Orientation

March 3, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Antioch Police Department Community Room • RSVP at mhueston@ci.antioch.ca.us

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.

At the February 13th Council Meeting, Mayor Sean Wright and Council Members presented Deputy City Clerk Christina Garcia with her certificate from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) earning the title of Certified Municipal Clerk.



The next City Council Meeting will be held on February 27, 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'.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Administrative Appeals meeting will be held on March 1, 2018, in the Council Chambers which will begin at 3:00 p.m.

A Special City Council Public Hearing meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center, the third of five Public Hearings on the possibility of changing from At-Large Elections to District Elections for Council Members. At this Public Hearing, drafts of possible district alignments will be presented and discussed.



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The City Clerk's office is accepting applications for the following Boards/Commission/Committee Vacancies:

- Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee

Any interested resident is encouraged to apply. To be considered for these volunteer positions, a completed application must be received in the Office of the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018. Applications are available at www.ci.antioch.ca.us and at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 200 H Street, Antioch, CA 94509, (925) 779-7009, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Your interest and desire to serve our community is appreciated. A completed application and resume can be emailed to cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us; faxed to (925) 779-7007; sent by mail, or dropped off at City Hall in the Office of the City Clerk.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- Shane Cole was sworn in as a Police Officer on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Please join me in welcoming this employee to their new position with the City of Antioch.

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

Throughout the week, Antioch Water Park staff scheduled the last round of interviews for Cashiers, Deck Crew, and Lifeguards for the 2018 Season. The interviews were conducted on Thursday and Friday. Season Passes are available now at a





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25% discount. Swim season will be here before you know it – spring swim lessons begin March 31st and registration is open.

On Tuesday, several residents enjoyed cooking class with Chef Dexter – Thai Please! Participants learned to make simple yet incredibly delicious Thai food at home. Our next cooking class is March 20th and focuses on making simple, nutritious meals at home for the entire family. [Register now!](#)

Ball field preparations are underway for the 2018 Adult Softball and Youth Baseball seasons at Antioch Community Park. Infields are being turned over and dirt is being added and smoothed out. All three fields are getting irrigation tune-ups, tree trimming, and fence repairs. The snack bar is opening after a long winter closure; all machines need to be fired back up and tested, and supplies are being delivered and stocked.

On Thursday, over 40 members of the Antioch community benefitted from free tax services provided by trained AARP Tax Service Representatives. This free program will continue each Thursday at the Antioch Senior Center, 415 West 2nd Street between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, ending on April 12, 2018.

Over the last week, 256 affordable, healthy meals were served through the CoCo Café during the 4 day work week. This program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure



Last week, the Antioch Disc Golf Volunteers received a grant from the Sports Association of Northern California Recreation Agencies (SANCRRA) to improve the tee boxes at the Prewett Community Park disc golf course. The funding will allow the group to purchase the supplies needed to build the tee boxes. Antioch disc golf is all-volunteer efforts here in Antioch – come out and learn how to play!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, the City Council will consider an amendment to the Municipal Code that addresses the use of donation bins throughout the City of Antioch. Donation bins can serve as a great tool to support local charities that can offer the donated items to those in need.





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Unfortunately, if not properly tended and managed, donation bins can also lead to unsightly conditions. The proposed regulations require that donation bins be approved through an Administrative Use Permit (AUP) by the Planning Division prior to their placement. The AUP would ensure that the location does not conflict with parking, damage landscaping, or otherwise create a problem. In addition, the Planning Division would be enabled to revoke the AUP should the donation bin become a problem. For more information, please contact Forrest Ebbs, Community Development Director, at febbs@ci.antioch.ca.us. The staff report and text of the ordinance can be found at: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/default.asp>

On February 27, 2018, the City Council will also consider the second reading of the approval of the Wildflower Station project, a large mixed use development with 22 single-family homes, 98 multifamily 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 City Council offered the initial approval on February 13, 2018.

Code Enforcement

On February 27, 2018, the City Council will consider an amendment to the Municipal Code that addresses the issuance of fines and, specifically, repeat offenders. When the Code Enforcement Division encounters a violation, they typically provide a Notice of Violation, which serves as a warning with direction for compliance that is generally required within ten days. If the terms of the Notice of Violation are not met, a citation is issued. In some cases, however, offenders will temporarily correct the violation to avoid the citation, but will then resume the violation once the case has been closed. When the Code Enforcement Officer returns, they are compelled to issue a new Notice of Violation and repeat the warning process.

The proposed language would eliminate this step and allow the Code Enforcement Officer to issue a citation if the same violation occurs within one year of the initial Notice of Violation. Even if a party corrects the violation within ten days, they could not repeat the violation within one year without risk of an immediate citation. We hope that this improvement to the process will promote better stewardship of property throughout the City of Antioch and increase compliance.

Ultimately, it is Code Enforcement's goal to encourage voluntarily pro-active property maintenance. This staff report and language can also be found at: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/default.asp>



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PUBLIC WORKS

Little things make a difference at Prosserville Park. The Public Works Department installed new rims and refurbished the backboards on the basketball court. The community continues to show strong ownership and use of this wonderful park; come on out and join in the fun.



Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Systems

Our Vac-Con trucks offer many useful options when it comes to cleaning and repairing our infrastructure. The Vac-Con is equipped with a 16 cubic yard tank that can hold 3,200 gallons of water and debris and we utilize these trucks to their fullest capabilities.

During cleaning operations we use over a 1,000 feet of hose with 3,000 PSI to remove roots, grease and debris from sewer pipes. The vacuum system is able to remove large amounts of dirt without damaging the pipes. It also has the capacity to vacuum debris 30 feet down a manhole.

This is just one of the vehicles in our fleet that helps make a clean, safe and beautiful Antioch.

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/>





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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Colliers 2017 Industrial/Commercial Property Summary & Future Projections

The Antioch Industrial/Commercial real estate market continues to stay busy, as 2018 unfolds, the Highway 4 Corridor will be good for property owners and be challenging for buyers. However, dynamics are in place that will cause new construction.

Lease rates and price points on building sales are still below the returns needed to encourage new development in East County and land available for development has become increasingly scarce along the Highway 4 Corridor with the best opportunities in the eastern portion of the region. The cost of new development has increased significantly since last quarter. Below is a list of properties that were leased or sold in the last quarter of 2017 in Antioch:

- Smart 72 Solar Co. leased an approximate 1,700 sf. office/warehouse building on Verne Robert Circle in Antioch, a Northern California expansion from their Central Coast hub.
- Rocketship Charter Schools purchased a 24,000 sf. office/warehouse building on 2 acres at 1700 Cavallo St. Antioch to convert to a neighborhood charter school.
- Swirls Frozen Yogurt leased a 1,347 sf. in-line retail shop at Bluerock Center, Antioch. The premium Bluerock Center is a mix of high-quality office property (Sutter Delta Urgent Care, Contra Costa Medical College, TrueMed Home Services) and retail (Starbucks, Mr. Pickles, Swirls).
- The 23,750 sf. Antioch Indoor Sports facility at the Hillcrest Ave and Highway 4 interchange sold to a private investment group that will continue to operate the premier indoor sports facilities.
- TrueMed Home, an in-home assistance & care placement business leased 1,750 sf. at the Bluerock Center Antioch. This is an expansion of their So. San Francisco and Walnut Creek-based operations.
- Expanding from San Leandro CA, Bay View Insulation leased a 2,100 sf. office/warehouse property 2515 W. 10th Street, Antioch, to support the residential construction expansion along the Highway 4 Corridor.



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- Tidal Marine relocated from its Concord location to 2540 Wilbur Ave, Antioch. The 1.5-acre property with shop and office buildings was the ideal mix for the marine construction business.
- ABC (American Builders & Contractors) Supply, the national roofing, and construction supply, recently augmented their Martinez CA branch by also signing a 10-year lease at 2701 Verne Roberts Circle, Antioch. The property is a 20,000 sf. warehouse/showroom & office building situated on 2 acres with fenced yard.
- The 8,800 sf. "Home Team Pest" building on W. 10th. Street, Antioch sold to a private family trust. The tenant recently signed a long-term lease extension, positioning the property ideally for long-term steady income.
- ATT signed a lease extension on approximately 50,000 sf. warehouse on Verne Roberts Circle Antioch to extend their long-term occupancy at the warehouse & office facility. The building has a unique combination of features that include dock high loading, fenced yard areas, quality corporate office image and quick freeway (Highway 4) access.

Where Are We Headed?

- The trend of lower vacancy rates will continue through 2018; making it increasingly challenging for some businesses to find a suitable property.
- There will be more and more qualified small owner-occupier building buyers in the market, and fewer buildings available for sale.
- The Highway 4 widening is set to surprise many on how efficient it is to move in and out of the Highway 4 Corridor.
- Warehouse rental rates will rise another $\pm 10\%$ in 2018.
- BART to Antioch will become operational in May 2018, from Pittsburg to the Hillcrest Station.



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NEW! Antioch School Groundbreaking Ceremony for Rocketship Antioch Elementary School
February 23 @ 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
1700 Cavallo Road, Antioch

In August 2018, Rocketship Public Schools will open a new elementary school serving families in Antioch. We are proud to give families in Antioch the choice of a high-performing public school in their own community. Our brand new, state-of-the-art, and tuition-free public school is open to any student no matter where they live. At Rocketship, students thrive in a safe and joyful school that develops the academic, social, and character skills they need to achieve success in school and life. Join us!

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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Kindergarten Countdown

Wednesday, February 28th 11:30 a.m.

Do you have a child starting kindergarten in the Fall of 2018? If so, join the library for a series of six workshops to help your children learn and practice skills that will help them get ready for kindergarten. Each session will feature hands on activities that will reinforce the highlighted skills, and participants will receive a calendar of other activity ideas for continued practice. These workshops are not a substitute for school, but intended to be a supplement to what you are already doing. Caregivers are expected to remain with their students, please do not bring younger or older siblings. Let the countdown begin!



Sing-a-long and make an Instrument Workshop

For 4 to 5 year olds who will be entering kindergarten. Sing songs and keep rhythm with a musical instrument you make with your parent or caregiver. Then join the group and practice making music and dancing.

Antioch Library 501 W. 18th Street (925) 757-9224

Library Hours: Monday & Tuesday 12-8 Wednesday & Thursday 11-6 Saturday 12-5



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Grand Opening
Feb 24th-25th, 2018 10AM-6PM
Light refreshments and sweet treats served!

EAST BAY FURNITURE OUTLET
1870 Verne Roberts Circle, Antioch, Ca 94509
(925) 732-7635
www.eastbayfurnitureoutlet.com
(Behind the Chrysler Dealership and a block away from Costco)
Small Store but BIG SAVINGS!

Family Owned and Operated since 2013 • Support Local Businesses

Seating • Dining • Bedroom • Mattress • Accents
Youth • Rugs • Lighting • Custom Seating
Financing & Layaway Available

BRING THIS CARD IN GET FREE DELIVERY/SETUP
Only Valid Feb 24th-25th, 2018 - Cannot Combine Coupons

You're invited to our Grand Opening
EAST BAY FURNITURE OUTLET
February 24-25 Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Address: 1870 Verne Roberts Circle
Phone: (925) 732-7635 Fax: (925) 384-1997
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

We value our customers just like we value our family! Since East Bay Furniture Outlet opened in 2013 we all have gracefully opened our hearts to our customers. We feel that being honest and upfront is what makes our business strong. We value your time and want to make sure you leave feeling happy and not "sold". Website: <https://www.eastbayfurnitureoutlet.com/>

Now Hiring! Creative Touch Bake Shop at the Somersville Towne Center is ready to hire you. They are looking for fun & energetic people, creative individuals, customer service focused with great attitudes. For more information Contact: (510) 592-8143
Creativetouch143@gmail.com
Facebook: Creative Touch 143
Instagram: Creative Touch Cakes

The Antioch Historical Society Presents a Special Miniature Exhibit **"The Norma Petko Collection"**
This exhibit is fun for children of all ages and a great connection for adults and their children or grandchildren.
The Miniature Dollhouses of Norma Petko: Antioch Historical Society, 1500 W. Fourth St. Open Feb. 3-28, Wednesdays and Saturdays 1-4 p.m. By appointment, or to arrange group tours, call Carole Ann Davis, 510-501-3957. No charge to museum or exhibit, donations welcome. Free parking at the rear of the museum and access to a handicapped lift.



El Campanil Theatre
602 W. Second St.
Downtown Antioch
Tickets: www.ElCampanilTheatre.com
or (925) 757-9500



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El Campanil Children's Theatre Presents

Mr. Toad's Mad Adventures

Friday, February 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Here is a delightful new version of Kenneth Grahame's always popular *The Wind in the Willows*.

Toad of Toad Hall is an eccentric but likable chap given to 'crazes.' His latest craze involves motorcars. Unfortunately, he smashes them up as fast as he gets them. He even steals one for a wild ride over the countryside. Naturally, this gets him into a great deal of trouble. His dear friends Badger, Rat, and Mole do their best to help, but their efforts aren't enough, and Toad ends up in prison... after an uproarious courtroom scene. His imprisonment couldn't please his enemies, the weasels, more. They quickly take over Toad Hall and trash the place. Meanwhile, the jailer's daughter, Polly, thinks Toad is an exceptional fellow and helps him escape dressed as a washerwoman! Performed by the children of El Campanil Children's Theatre.

Celebrating 19 Years

Delta Blues Festival 7th Annual Benefit Concert
Saturday March 3, 2018 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Gold Circle: (1st 3 rows): \$40

Adults: \$30 Seniors (62 & Over): \$28

Youth (Ages 10 - 17): \$15

No convenience fees - Save time later

- buy online now. Reserved Seating

In 2010, El Campanil Theatre presented the first Delta Blues Benefit Concert, with great acceptance and great attendance. Since then, many of you have asked for more and we've made it an annual event. This year's benefit concert will be raising money to benefit the community in a different direction than in the past (details to come soon). We will be supporting music in the community, and of course, be giving away scholarships to young musicians for college.



March 3, 2018, intends to be the best night of blues this town has ever seen. We've turned up the heat this year and are bringing you some BIG talent. The DBF has arranged for international blues performers along with bay area local blues stars that will have you stomping' your feet, clapping your hands - maybe even after you leave the show!



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The Everly Brothers Experience

Featuring the Zmed Brothers

Sunday, March 4, 2018

3:00 p.m.

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

Youth: (Under 18) \$12

No convenience fees - Save time later - buy online now.

Reserved Seating

Real life brothers Dylan and Zachary Zmed and The Bird Dogs band bring a genuine and heartfelt Everly Brothers Experience to the stage in this exuberant concert celebrating the extraordinary harmonies created by Don and Phil Everly. When the guitar became electric, the Everly Brothers bridged the gap between Country and Rock 'n Roll.

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.

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

For all you need to know about Antioch Sites, Buildings, & Community check [Innovate Antioch](#)