

# City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



## 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.

## Brackish Water Desalination Plant Groundbreaking

On Friday, February 19th, Antioch City Council Members, City staff, and state dignitaries broke ground on the City's new and **historic Brackish Water Desalination Plant**. The new desalination facilities will improve the **City's water supply** reliability and operational flexibility. Once built, the desalination facility, located at the existing water treatment plant, will provide 6 million gallons per day of capacity (producing up to 5,500-acre feet per year (ac-ft/yr), helping the **City reduce its purchases** of more expensive water. Once completed, Antioch will be firmly positioned to preserve its **pre-1914 water rights** and provide the City with a reliable drinking water source for generations to come.



## Contra Costa Extends Vaccine Eligibility to Essential Workers

Teachers, grocery workers and other **frontline essential workers** who live in Contra Costa County can now sign up to get vaccinated. Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) updated its eligibility policy for **COVID-19 vaccine** to extend vaccination eligibility to residents who work in the education and childcare sector, food and agriculture workers, and emergency services workers as defined by California's vaccination plan **Phase 1B**. Residents in these groups, as well as county residents who are 65 years and older who have not yet been vaccinated, can sign up to access state and federal sites through **MyTurn** or by calling **(833) 422-4255**.





# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Hop right on over!

It's almost Easter! As with everything related to COVID, we continue to do things a little differently to make sure everyone stays healthy! Starting **March 29th** and hopping through April 3rd, the Antioch Police Department will help provide a little "**Easter fun**" to some of our youngest community members. Each day, officers will be hiding eggs (the plastic kind) with small, non-perishable treats inside for the kids to find at two locations in the City.

There will be a "**Golden Egg**" containing a special surprise from our Police Department for one lucky hunter at each site. The suggested age group for participants is 3-9 years of age. Hints regarding the locations will be provided daily at 8:00 am on our Facebook page. Please "Like" and "Follow" our Facebook page (**@AntiochPolice**) for more information.

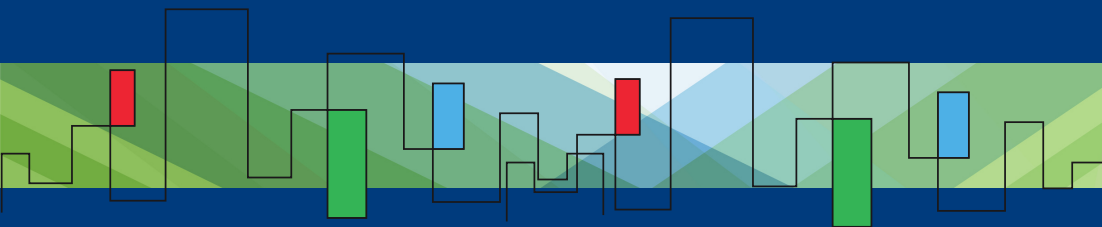


## Traffic Safety Talk at Lone Tree Elementary

Last week, Traffic Officers **Prieto and Rodriguez** responded to a request for extra enforcement in front of Lone Tree Elementary School (speeding and stop sign violations). A short time after they started, they began to see little eyes peering out at them from a classroom window. A group of young students saw the officers and wondered what they were up to. Seeing the opportunity, this **dynamic duo** took a few moments out of their day to do a little "show and tell" about their motorcycles, provided a **short demonstration**, and followed up with a talk about the importance of traffic safety!

## Dog Rescue

Officer Mulholland Rescues Another...You may have read recently about **Officer Mulholland** rescuing a corn snake and eventually facilitating an adoption – well, he's rescued another! Recently, **APD Dispatch** (which answers Animal Services calls after-hours) received a call reporting an aggressive pit bull in the area of Markley Creek and King Court. When he arrived, a **friendly whistle** and posture had this pup eating out of his hand. Turns out the pup is actually quite friendly and might be someone's pet. He's an approximately **6-year-old male**, no collar or chip. If he's yours, give a call to Animal Services at **(925) 779-6989**. If we cannot locate the owner, and you're interesting in giving him a forever home, let Antioch Animal Services know!



# PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

## Dog Licensing

All dogs **over four months** of age are required to have a rabies vaccination and a City of Antioch Dog License. Dog Licenses must be purchased within 30 days of a new residence in Antioch or bringing a new dog home. For your convenience, Dog Licenses may be purchased online or by mail. To **purchase online**, visit [www.petdata.com/cs/ant](http://www.petdata.com/cs/ant). To purchase by mail, send in a current rabies vaccination certificate, a spay/neuter certificate, and a check for the correct amount to Antioch Animal Services, 300 L Street, Antioch, CA 94509.

Due to the COVID pandemic, Antioch Animal Services is closed to walk-in patrons. To purchase dog licenses in person, you must make an appointment. Please call (925) 779-6989 in advance to **schedule an appointment**. Appointments are available daily and may be scheduled every 30 minutes from 10 AM – 5 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, or 10 AM – 2 PM on Sunday, Monday and Friday. The last appointment each day is 30 minutes before the close of business. When you arrive for your appointment, you must **wear a facemask** and maintain **social distancing** at all times. Be sure to bring a current rabies vaccination certificate and a spay/neuter certificate, if applicable, when you visit. For more information about dog licensing requirements in Antioch, visit our website [here](#) then scroll down to the Dog License Information tab.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Chad Ward** was hired as a Community Services Officer for the Police Department on **February 16, 2021**.
- **Gavin Johnson** was hired as a Water Treatment Plant Trainee with Certificate for the Public Works Department on **February 14, 2021**.

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

### Currently open recruitment's include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Recreation Supervisor (Aquatics)
- Risk Manager

Please check our website for the following future recruitment:

- Water Distribution Operator
- Lead Landscape 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**.





## Tax season is here!

In accordance with federal and state guidelines regarding COVID-19, the **Antioch Senior Center (ASC)** is partnering with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide for tax assistance. Beginning in March, the ASC will be offering **free tax assistance** to anyone, with a special focus on taxpayers who are 50 or older or taxpayers who have low to moderate-income. For more information or to be placed on a list for an appointment, please call and leave a message at **(925) 778-1158**.

## 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

## The Antioch Community Center Goes Green

In partnership with the **Environmental Resource Department**, the Recreation Department is introducing new waste containers with dedicated space for trash, recycling, and compost at the Antioch Community Center. In addition to holding City Recreation programs, the Community Center holds over **200 private events** and meetings each year, including weddings, receptions, quinceañeras, parties, and more, leading to large amounts of trash and food waste. With ten of these new containers installed, the facility is in **early compliance** with California SB 1383, aiming to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025.



## Antioch Youth Scholarships are available now!

Would you like to **register your child** for a recreation program but can't because of a limited family budget? Financial assistance may be available through our Youth Activity Scholarships. **Funding is provided** by donations and the Antioch Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. To be eligible, you must be an Antioch Resident or reside within the Antioch Unified School District (AUSD) boundary and meet household income requirements.

A limit of **\$150.00 in scholarship** per eligible child is available each fiscal year (July-June), as long as funds are available. Applications are available **here**. Please call Recreation staff for more information at **(925) 776-3050**.



**ANTIOCH**  
CALIFORNIA

# MR. ECO



## Waste Prevention

Every year, roughly 63,000 tons of waste material is disposed of in local landfills by residents and businesses in Antioch. This equates to **3.1 pounds** per person every day! Our State mandated target is 4.2 pounds per person per day and the state average is 4.3, so great job! There are still a lot of resources that can be **diverted** from the landfill as we work on meeting the statewide goal of a 75% diversion rate.

In **partnership** with our Franchised Hauler, Republic Services the city offers many programs to help our businesses and residents reduce their waste. While subscribing to garbage and recycling service is mandatory for all, please keep in mind the even more important R's: **Reducing your waste** by not generating it, Reusing items, and Composting (Rot). Check out the information [here](#) to learn more about the ways you can help us to reduce waste in Antioch!

**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Environmental Programs for Students

Environmental Resources has been partnering with two environmental education programs for **Antioch schools**. With a focus on stormwater pollution, Kids for the Bay has been bringing their **Watershed Action Program** to Antioch Schools for over ten years. The program provides classroom activities and requires those teachers and principals who receive the program to continue implementing the curriculum in the years after.

The **City helps to sponsor** working with a new teacher or teachers every year. Belshaw Elementary has been a long-standing participant in the program, and a video can be seen [here](#).

We also partner with **Mr. Eco** to bring fun and engaging music performances to local schools. Mr. Eco schedules school concerts for K-6 (or 8) campuses focusing on recycling/litter or energy/water songs and messaging. With the sudden shift to distance learning due to the pandemic, both programs have adjusted and continue to offer programs to our schools. Due to **increased demand** this school year, Environmental Resources was able to increase the number of Mr. Eco performances sponsored.

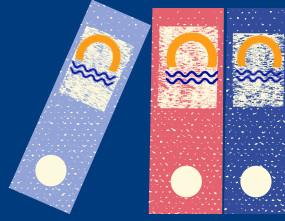
Students at one of our local schools, **Antioch Charter Academy II**, were also part of a Mr. Eco music video, **Dates on Food**. Both programs have at-home activities to further student action during distance learning and beyond. <https://www.mreco.org/><https://kidsforthebay.org/at-home-activities/>



# 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/>.



## Contra Costa County Updates

February 2021

**Press release:** Contra Costa Extends COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility to Essential Workers - 2/18/2021

**Youth Sports:** Tournaments - 2/5/2021

**Press release:** Vaccine Supply Shortages Prompt Public Health Leaders Throughout the Bay Area to Urge Prioritization of Older Adults for Vaccination - 2/3/2021

**Help Someone You Know Get Vaccinated** - 2/2/2021

Contra Costa Health Services Opens Vaccine Appointments for Residents 65-74: [click to request an appointment](#) - 2/1/2021

**Updated school resources** - 2/1/2021

- Schools Guidance Grid for COVID-19 cases
- Letter for Exposed Staff
- Letter for Exposed Students



## Are members of your familia 65 or older?

### HELP THEM GET VACCINATED

*Juntos, we can stop the spread of COVID-19!*

✓ Safe & over 95% effective

🇺🇸 No cost

📄 No questions about immigration status

📞 Bilingual call center for appointments: 833-829-2626



## Continuing Our Fight on Blight

The City of Antioch tries to keep our community as clean as we can by **removing blight** as quickly as possible. There are times when illegal dumping may occur in the City's creeks and storm channels, polluting the surrounding area with garbage and other debris. Our NPDES (**National Pollution Discharge Elimination System**) Division has the responsibility to ensure the creeks and storm channels are free from any obstructions to the natural flow, leading to a collaborative effort with the Community Development Departments Code Enforcement Division to abate the mess after the **illegal dumping** has been identified. This week, our NPDES crew cleaned up residual debris from the homeless on James Donlon Boulevard and Somersville Road.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Don't Dig Into Trouble!

**Call 811 before you dig** to alert utilities to mark their underground lines. State law requires that ALL residential and commercial excavations are called into the USA North 811 call center 2-14 days before the excavation start date. USA stands for **Underground Service Alert**. This vital public safety service is FREE and required by law of everyone who will be digging, blasting, trenching, drilling, grading, or excavating. The area to be **excavated is marked** in white paint by the person performing the dig. The other paint colors indicate the utilities in the excavation site vicinity, as listed in the chart below. These markings are not permanent and will fade over time. Public Works is **responsible** for marking the following City utilities:

- Water mains, valves, hydrants, backflow prevention devices, ARV's (air relief valves), blow-offs, sample stations, and service lines up to the **water meter** are marked in blue paint
- Sewer mains, maintenance holes, rodding-inlets, and laterals up to the PCO (proper clean-out) are marked in green paint.
- Storm drains, catch basins, maintenance holes, and culverts are also marked in green paint.

**Color Code for:**  
Marking Excavation Sites & Underground Facilities

PROPOSED EXCAVATION	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKINGS
ELECTRIC	GAS-OIL-STEAM CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATION CATV	WATER
RECLAIMED WATER IRRIGATION SLURRY	SEWER STORM DRAIN

**811 USA North**  
Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.  
California and Nevada  
Call Two Working Days Before You Dig!  
**811 / 800-227-2600**

To learn more, **follow this link**



# 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](#)



## 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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## AMPORTS and Siem Car Carriers Successfully Transit Vessel to Antioch

AMPORTS, Inc., one of the **largest auto processors** in North America, together with Siem Car Carriers ("SSC") announced the successful arrival of the vehicle carrier Siem Socrates at AMPORTS' planned terminal in Antioch. The **arrival of this vessel** in Antioch is a key step in the expansion of AMPORTS' existing Benicia facility and follows approximately two years of design work. The **strategically located** marine terminal will increase AMPORTS' Bay area footprint by approximately 120 acres and offer customers direct BNSF Railway service. This **accomplishment is a significant** step towards making Antioch a future landing point for imported vehicles from around the world.

Antioch - Opportunity happens here.





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



## 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](#).



## TRAFFIC SAFETY

TAKES ALL OF US!



yes, you too.

Provide your input to enhance traffic safety:  
[antiochsafeststreets.com](http://antiochsafeststreets.com)



## Opportunity Junction: FREE DO-IT-YOURSELF TAX ASSISTANCE

Need your refund fast? We are still helping people file their own taxes for free! But it looks a little different this year. This year, we can help you file your own taxes **via Zoom!** Experienced trainers will lead you through a simple online tool called **Tax Slayer** as a group in Zoom. We will use break out rooms for one-on-one support as well. The service is free for all tax filers this year!