

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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Balancing Act

Creating a Balanced City Budget

State law requires every general-law local government to generate a comprehensive budget at the end of a fiscal year. The City of Antioch also creates a two-year fiscal budget, which officially begins on July 1 each year. From a transparency perspective, the City of Antioch is legally obligated to publish an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which outlines a complete set of audited financial statements within six months of the close of each fiscal year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely and significantly shaped daily life and altered commuter and consumer spending patterns, adversely impacting our City's revenue sources. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, was the second full year since the unprecedented public health emergency of COVID-19 began in March 2020, which resulted in significant economic consequences at the local, state, and national levels. Several small businesses were forced to close. Thankfully, the city Economic Development Department provided financial support to local businesses through its numerous small business grant programs.

The fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, was the third complete revenue cycle of Measure W, passed overwhelmingly by 64% of Antioch voters in November 2018. Measure W increased the half-cent sales tax to one full cent, estimated to generate anywhere from \$15 to \$19 million annually over a twenty-year period. Actual revenues received during the past fiscal year amounted to \$20,508,562. These invaluable funds have supported many City programs, improved city services, and has increased needed staffing.

An overall governmental vision is also essential in creating a balanced budget. To this end, the City Council has taken further measures to ensure the City's future financial stability by establishing a Budget Stabilization Reserve fund in 2018 and a previous policy to maintain the General Fund's unassigned reserves at 20% of the operating revenues. The City is fortunate to have a Finance Department that has gifted, dedicated, and professional team members committed to serving our most valuable City's assets...our residents.

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ANTIOCH POLICE DEPT.

Feeling Honored...

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Last week Hilltop Christian School invited us to their campus so they could "honor their community helpers." They were doing 100 random acts of kindness and included us in that! Chief Ford, Corporal Smith, Officer Desiderio, and PIO Crandell spent quality time with the children from several classes.



The children received piggyback rides, checked out the officers' gear, and were lifted up by Corporal Smith to touch the ceiling. We were having so much fun we did not want to leave.

We received bags of snacks, pictures they drew for us, and valentines they made for the members of our department. We want to thank Hilltop Christian School staff for their generosity, and the children for making our day!



Antioch PD Cadet Program



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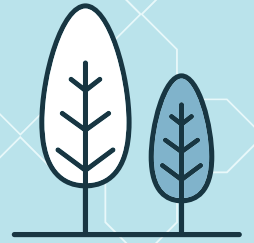
Thank you from our Antioch PD Cadet Program to all our donors. We had an excellent turnout for the Crab Feed, and we appreciate all the support and donations towards our program.



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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Antioch Recreation Preschool Academy

Valentine's Day was full of love at Antioch Recreation Preschool Academy! On February 14th, our preschoolers enjoyed a day full of fun activities that included conversation heart counting, heart scissor practice, and handprints hearts. We also had a Valentine's card exchange and enjoyed a **delicious pancake breakfast**. Each preschooler left with a big smile and a handmade bag filled with treats. We are looking forward to our upcoming leprechaun hunt on March 16th. To schedule a tour of our preschool academy, call (925) 776-3051.

Join the AWP Team!

The Antioch Water Park is now accepting applications for all part-time positions! **Openings include** Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, Cashier, Concessions, Deck Crew, and Building Attendant. Apply today and gain valuable job experience while having fun at the water park! Applications and position information may be found on antiochwaterpark.com.



Digital Literacy Workshop Series

The Antioch Senior Center has partnered with TreVista Senior Living and Berkeley YWCA to bring Digital Literacy Workshops Series to our local seniors. Each 90-minute workshop is focused on a specific digital topic and designed to be interactive with walkthroughs, demonstrations, Q&A, and 1-1 support. For more information, call the Antioch Senior Center at (925) 779-7074.



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ANIMAL SERVICES



Longest Stay Resident at Animal Services

Nearing 6-months in the shelter, Draco is our current 'longest-stay' resident at Antioch Animal Services. During his time in the shelter, he has taught our staff and volunteers well. For instance, we have to give him a toy anytime he goes on a walk... hence the nickname "binky boy."

When Draco arrived, his coat was rough, and his skin inflamed. By making minor adjustments to his diet, we learned that a chicken-free diet is a must for him, and his coat has begun to shine again. Draco loves treats, and he knows the commands for "sit," "down," "shake," and "speak" for them. He is happiest when he can parade around with his toy in his mouth. He does not like cats and does ok with other dogs, but he is more of a people-pleaser and wants pets from his human. Draco is also an excellent passenger in a car.

Finding chicken-free foods and treats can be somewhat of a challenge, but if you think you're up for the challenge and can offer Draco a fantastic life through his golden years, please call us at (925) 779-6989 to make an adoption appointment today!

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:

- Accountant I/II
- Animal Control Officer
- Community Development Technician (Assistant/Associate)
- Unhoused Resident Coordinator

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions

- **Mitchell Loving** was hired as a Junior Engineer for the Public Works Department effective February 14, 2023
- **Monisha Mala** was hired as a Payroll Specialist for the Finance Department effective February 14, 2023
- **Bret Sweet** was hired as an Economic Development Program Manager for the Economic Development Department effective February 27, 2023
- **Avangeline Balingit** was hired as an Accounting Technician for the Finance Department effective February 27, 2023
- **Tekari Kelly** was hired as a Community Services Officer for the Police Department effective February 27, 2023
- **Taylor Hubbard** was hired as a Police Dispatcher for the Police Department effective February 27, 2023
- **Sequoia Taylor** was hired as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Community Development Department effective February 27, 2023

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





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



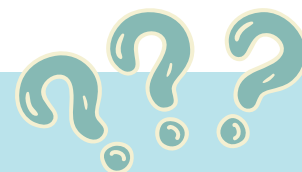
Request a Proclamation

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
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PUBLIC WORKS

Construction on Brackish Water Desalinization Plant

Construction crews are working on the new desalination plant's filtered brackish water supply lines.



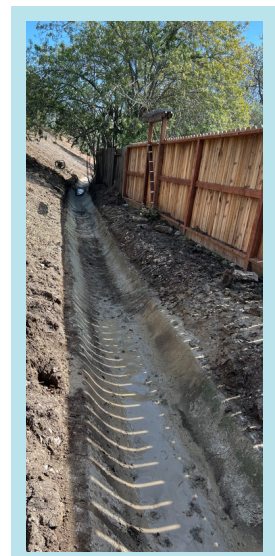
Empire Mine Road

This road collapsed during the storms last month and is now completed with a **new pipe** under the road. Paving is now finished as well.

V-Ditch Cleaning

We are currently cleaning V-ditches due to **mudslides from the rain in January** on Buckeye Ct and Rodeo Ct. You may have seen a V-Ditch before and need to know what it is. Here is a little background on them and why they are essential. Material from roads, including sediment from winter sanding and vegetation, moves from the roadbed to the ditches as a result of grading, traffic, rainfall-runoff, plowing, erosion, and potentially other activities.

Over time, as a result of this movement, roadside ditches and culverts fill in with gravel, sediment, and vegetation. Periodic removal of this material is required to maintain the hydraulic capacity of the ditches and protect the roadway and traveling public. When its flow is blocked, water seeks a new course. It might carve a new path, causing banks to erode or a channel to deepen. Our crews also perform preventative maintenance on these ditches to help make Antioch cleaner and safer.



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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.

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ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS

EL CAMPANIL THEATRE PRESENTS:

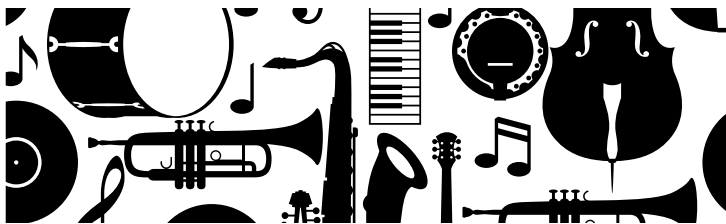
THE DELTA BLUES FESTIVAL BENEFIT CONCERT 2023

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!

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:

LIONS OF THE NORTH

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH @ 2PM

ADULTS: \$32, SENIORS: \$29, YOUTH: \$15

www.elcampaniltheatre.com



Grab your lass (or laddie) and join the high-energy, Sacramento-based "Lions of the North" as they blaze forth with a pre-St. Patrick's Day celebration for all! "Lions of the North" is an Irish band hailing from the beautiful city of Sacramento California, playing most classic Irish songs, as well as some originals. Featuring a guitar, accordion, and bodhran (Irish drum), and occasionally a fiddle and a keyboard. This joyous tribute is a concert not to be missed!



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