



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

MARCH 2, 2018

Come Grow With Us



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending March 2, 2018.

CITY MANAGER

At their Tuesday night meeting, the City Council made additional steps toward ridding our city of blight. The first of three ordinance revisions involved requiring an Administrative Use Permit for the placement of donation bins on private property. Next they limited garage sales in Antioch to no more than four per year. Most importantly, they made second and subsequent repeat violations of the municipal code in a period of one year a citation and subject to fines of \$200 up to \$1000 per occurrence. These actions will help City staff better enforce repeat offenders who do not take the same pride in our community that the City Council and the vast majority of our residents and businesses do.



Although I was unable to attend the Mayor's Conference held on March 1st at the Antioch Community Center, I understand it was a very nice event with mayors and elected officials from the other Contra Costa cities

and the County convening for their monthly meeting to discuss matters affecting us all. I'd like to give a special thanks to Nancy Kaiser, Susan Vasquez, Tammy Leach and Community Center staff for all their hard work to make this another successful event. I'd also like to recognize Republic Services who provided the wine and Lone Tree Golf and Event Center who catered a delicious meal.

Due to forecasted rain, thunderstorms, and possible hail, this Saturday's (tomorrow March 3rd) cleanup is being canceled. We will retain the current location for next month's April 7th event.



**OUR COMMUNITY
LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



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The Economic Development Commission will be holding a special meeting next Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm at the Antioch City Council Chambers to hear from the City's consultant on cannabis. Additionally, a special meeting of the City Council will be held on Saturday, March 10th at 9:00 am at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center where a Public Hearing on District-Based Elections will be discussed. The public is invited to attend and provide their input at both of these meetings.

POLICE

On February 23rd Chief Tammany Brooks was recognized and celebrated as our newest and first African American, Police Chief for the City of Antioch. The celebration was held at the Southern Café and included guest speakers such as Mayor Pro Tem Lamar Thorpe, Victoria Adams, President of the East County Branch of the NAACP, and Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton. Council members Thorpe, Ogorchock, and Tiscareno as well as City Manager Ron Bernal were also in attendance to acknowledge Chief Brooks' accomplishment.



We are proud of the diversity of our community and are committed to maintaining and enhancing true trust and legitimacy with everyone we serve!



On February 24th the Antioch Police Explorers held their second annual community crab feed to a sold-out crowd at our beautiful Community Center. The event raises money for the Explorers to pay for law enforcement related training and team building events. This year, as with previous years, the Explorers will represent the Antioch Police Department at the Central Valley Explorer Competition, an event attended by numerous Explorer and Cadet Programs from all over California.



Our Explorers are also looking forward to attending the three-day "live in" Solano County Cadet Academy again. This program provides our Explorers with a unique opportunity to receive law enforcement and leadership training in a very structured learning environment away from home. We had great community support for our event to include Mayor Wright, Councilwoman Wilson, Chief Brooks, and APD command staff.



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The Explorers worked hard to make sure everyone had a great time! We are thankful for all of our generous donors and attendees that see the value in our program and how we are developing tomorrow's community leaders today.

For more information on our Explorer program visit the Explorer webpage at <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/ExplorerProgram>

Animal Services

Belshaw Elementary School hosted a "Paws for Books" Scholastic Book Fair February 26th – March 2nd. During the fair, shoppers had the opportunity to donate cash to a local organization. This year, Antioch Animal Services are the lucky recipients! One of our shelter residents made an appearance at the fair. Gordon met lots of new people and enjoyed the attention. All the activity wore him out!

Thank you to Lara Hiemforth at Belshaw Elementary for thinking of our cute critters!



HUMAN RESOURCES

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
- HR Analyst

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.



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RECREATION



On Saturday, the 180 youth in grades 3 thru 8 wrapped up their 2018 Junior Warriors Basketball season. The season began in November which included practices and games – giving the 18 volunteer coaches an opportunity to assess their team's strengths and weaknesses. At the end of the season all were given Junior Warrior Basketball Certificates with their name on it signed by none other than Stephen Curry #30. Antioch kids are anticipating the start of the Spring Season which begins

Saturday, April 7th. Registration is open and all practices and games are held at the Antioch Community Center Gymnasium.

Construction has commenced at the Antioch Water Park! Concrete repairs will make the facility safer for all guests and some work will be completed in time for spring programs on March 31st. Have you signed up for swim lessons, water aerobics, or a lifeguard training class yet? Antioch Recreation has programs available for all ages to discover the health benefits of water activity!!



This week, Water Park staff made strides in staffing up for the summer season. Interviews were completed for cashier and maintenance helper positions and returning staff continued to complete the necessary paperwork to return for another exciting season of community engagement through the love of water!!

Last week, the spring Antioch Senior Center Newsletter was published. The ASC newsletter contains club information; activities and services tailored to our senior citizens population. The club is open to all interested parties over the age of 50! More than 250 newsletters were mailed and over 300 were emailed. Interested folks can view the newsletter at: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AntiochSeniorCenter>. Issue: https://issuu.com/antiochseniorcenter/docs/march_april_2018

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.



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Over the last week, 335 affordable, healthy meals were served through the CoCo Café. This program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure. There are no memberships or income requirements to eat at the CoCo Café, interested participants must only register with the food County program. All supplies are provided by the County for participating cafés.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, the City Council approved 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. 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.

The City Council also approved amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to define and regulate Garage Sales in the City of Antioch. Under the new rules, any resident can have up to four garage sales each year. An individual garage sale can last no more than three continuous days and may only offer predominantly used items. No permit is necessary. If you are concerned that a neighbor is having garage sales in excess of these rules, please contact Code Enforcement at

<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CommentForms/code-enforcement.asp>



On February 27, 2018, the City Council also approved 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.



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Code Enforcement



The City Council also approved 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.

Housing

The Antioch Home Ownership Program (AHOP) is launching this month with up to \$45,000 in subsidies for qualifying households. The City has contracted with the Bay Area Affordable Homeownership Alliance (BAAHA) to administer this new program, which is funded with Housing Successor Administration funds. AHOP is a community collaborative effort to expand homeownership in Antioch and involves City government, non-profit and for-profit partners, businesses, civic organizations, homebuyers, homeowners, real estate professionals, and the Antioch community. The program offers a significant free benefit to lower-income people who rent or work in Antioch, to help make their dreams of owning a home come true.



Next week, BAAHA is conducting the first AHOP Employer Forum for businesses with 20+ employees. The forum will explain the program and how employers can become involved and promote AHOP to their employees. The official AHOP Launch event for Antioch residents and people working in the city will be Saturday, March 24th from



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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Antioch City Council Chambers located at 200 H Street. All interested parties are invited to attend and learn more about the program, meet organizers and partners, and find out how to make homeownership dreams a reality.

A reservation to attend this free event is required and can be made at <http://www.myhomegateway.org/antioch--ahop-.html>. In addition to attending the event, you can learn more about AHOP by [clicking here](#) or by contacting AHOP@myhomegateway.com

PUBLIC WORKS

Congratulations Tim Coley! Tim has been promoted to Water Treatment Plant Superintendent.

For over 30 years Tim has been a dedicated City employee working his way up through the ranks of the Public Works Department.

Tim developed a passion for the water industry early in his career and has never looked back. During his tenure with the City, Tim has attained an impressive level of certifications in municipal water quality management systems including State Water Resources Control Board; T5 Treatment Certificate; D4 Distribution Certificate and a Cross Connection Control Specialist Certificate. Tim also served as Chair of the Operators Division of the California-Nevada Section of American Water Works Association.



Tim's vision for the Water Treatment Plant focuses on quality, safe drinking water that is provided in the safest and most efficient manner. The City is very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and well-rounded person dedicated to our water production needs. Thank you, Tim, for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to the City of Antioch. You are going to be an excellent Water Treatment Plant Superintendent.

Water Distribution: In response to a report of a water leak, State certified Water Distribution Operators, Jamie Olson, Simon Kemp, Nick Wilson and John Seaman set up a dig crew, isolated the pipe and eliminated the leak. Fortunately, water services were not affected by this work. Undetected, this type of slow leak can ruin roads and even cause sinkholes. Please report water leaks to Public Works as soon as possible.



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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 [Check us out on Facebook](#) 

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Join the Conversation; have you taken our City survey yet? City staff and City Officials took part in a fun encouraging community video to help spread the importance of our City survey in order for your voice to be heard. Help us maintain and improve our community. The nine-question survey is fast and simple to answer! [Survey](#) and [Video](#)

Economic Staff coordinated and met with the two east county cities: Brentwood and Pittsburg and County Business Services Manager from the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County to receive an update on county workforce services, events, and discuss collaborations as well as regional efforts.

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



El Campanil Theater Foundation has won an Art Deco Society of California Preservation Award for 2018, in the area of Eclectic Architecture, for the restoration of your beautiful theater in downtown Antioch. Every year the Art Deco Society of California presents Art Deco Preservation Awards to the people who have helped preserve the buildings, art, and culture from the Art Deco era.

The Art Deco Society of California preservation awards are a representation of the state. They reflect a mix of public and private buildings, as well as individuals who have preserved the art and culture of this era. Awards are given to individuals or businesses as well as to buildings.



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



El Campanil Theatre

602 W. Second St. Downtown Antioch

Tickets: www.ElCampanilTheatre.com or (925) 757-9500

Celebrating 19 Years

Delta Blues Festival 7th Annual Benefit Concert

Saturday March 3, 2018 7:00 - 10:00 pm

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 (3) \$1,000 scholarships to young musicians for college as well as \$10,000 to a variety of schools in the area.

Frankie G gives you his personal promise that this will be a show NOT TO BE MISSED! Just ask those who have attended the past shows. The encore is worth the price of admission alone! What better way to help support the festival you know and love than by attending a great evening of blues in your hometown!



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

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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 Magician Is In

An evening of magic with Nick Fedoroff

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Adults: \$20 Youth (Under 18): \$10

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

Reserved Seating



When Fedoroff is in the house, reality is suspended and expectations are exceeded. His unique approach to magic blends extraordinary illusions with powerful takeaway value, as he seamlessly weaves your key messages throughout each performance. A master of elegant old-school magic enhanced with a contemporary spin, Fedoroff has a style that appears effortless and graceful. His deft manipulation of cards and coins is nothing short of mesmerizing, and he consistently dazzles audiences with his talent and skill. An impeccable sense of timing and a delightful dash of humor round out his performances and elevate them to extraordinary heights.

<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/magic.html>



Branden & James

America's Got Talent Finalist

From Bach to Beatles

Sunday, March 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

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

Youth (Under 18): \$12

Buy Online Now - No convenience fees - Save time later -Reserved Seating

This show is part of our 2018 Subscription Series. Buy 4 Shows and Save 20%

Branden & James put on a show playing classical covers of pop songs covering The Beatles, Elton John and Simon & Garfunkel to Andrea Bocelli, Josh Groban, Phantom of The Opera, Broadway hits, The American Songbook, etc. and occasionally throw in an original one or two more current songs such as Adele, Sam Smith, etc. They tell



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comedic stories about their lives- Branden's time on America's Got Talent, and their musical upbringings (Branden's grandfather toured with Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley for years and years). They are both pianists and feature all of their talents in the show, so there is quite a lot of variety."

<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/Branden-and-James.html>

The Antioch Chamber of Commerce will host their **Annual Awards Gala for 2017, Friday, March 9th at 6 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: frondeskadmin@antiochchamber.com or call (925) 757-1800.

For more information about Business mixers, events, or memberships check out the website calendar Chamber of Commerce Events



It's back!

Food Truck Thursdays

March 15-October 25

from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Antioch Community Center (Lot)

4703 Lone Tree Way. Join us for

Great food, music, games craft beer & wine and family fun!

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.

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