

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



HOMEKEY IS THE KEY

According to Abraham Maslow, an American psychologist who conceptionally created Maslow's hierarchy of needs, a theory rooted in the view of psychological and mental health, is predicated on fulfilling basic innate human needs, chief among them is the need for shelter. The City of Antioch is currently pursuing different strategies that examine both the basic human needs of our **unhoused residents** while taking into consideration our greater community-at-large concerns relating to both public safety and homeless encampments.

To explore numerous unhoused resident programs throughout Contra Costa County, the city commissioned a consultant firm, Focus Strategies, to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study. The study examines several dimensions of adopting a model bridge **transitional housing program** that will identify solutions to address our current unhoused resident challenges. One option the city council is exploring is an unhoused transitional housing program called "**Homekey**." The Homekey Program is a viable and possible solution to creating interim and long-term permanent supportive housing. The city has committed to working closely with Focus Strategies to explore the **various funding opportunities** provided with the Homekey Program. Homekey is a new state financing program developed

in response to the epic proportionality and adverse **impact homelessness** has had throughout the county and our city. The Homekey Program financing can develop either interim or permanent supportive housing. The difference between interim and permanent supportive housing encompasses three components:

- The length of state regulatory restrictions
- The terms of occupancy
- The minimum experience requirements for the development team

To provide a comparison, the forthcoming highlights both the nuance and programmatic terms between **Interim and Permanent Supportive Housing**:

Interim Housing:

- 15-year state regulatory restrictions
- Interim housing residents have no occupancy time limits
- Minimum experience: to develop, own or operate a temporary housing project

Permanent Supportive Housing:

- 55-year state regulatory restrictions
- A project that starts as interim housing must transition to permanent supportive housing.
- Minimum experience: to develop, own or operate similar projects in the last ten years.

The Homekey Program is only one option that could be **implemented** to address our city's unhoused resident problem. Our philosophy is that everyone deserves a place they can call home, and Homekey is a key.





ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

RETIREMENT OF OFFICER MARTIN HYNES

Please join us in celebrating the distinguished career of Officer Martin “Marty” Hynes, who is retiring after **18 years of police service**.

Officer Hynes began his **law enforcement career** by attending the reserve police academy in 2004 and served as a reserve officer for the Walnut Creek Police Department for two years. In 2006, Officer Hynes was hired by the Antioch Police Department and attended the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office Basic Academy, graduating in September of that year.

During his time at the Antioch Police Department, Officer Hynes has served in various assignments, including Field Training Officer, a member of the Patrol Rifle team, and was a regular Vehicle Theft Suppression and Enforcement team member for several years. Officer Hynes earned several commendations throughout his career, including the **Meritorious Service Award** and **The Life Saving Award**.



Officer Hynes, **THANK YOU** for your service to the citizens and community of Antioch, along with your dedication to public service. Congratulations on a **well-deserved retirement**, Marty!



PROMOTIONS



Please join us in congratulating **Sergeant James Colley** and **Corporal Casey Brogdon** on their recent promotions!



RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Join us for lunch and create spring inspired art with friends at the Antioch Senior Center. All materials will be provided, and **refreshments are free.** Just bring yourself, a friend, and some spring in your step!

JR. WARRIORS BASKETBALL LEAGUE ENDS, **SPRING LEAGUE** BEGINS MARCH 12TH

The Jr. Warriors Winter Basketball League concluded on Saturday, March 5th. This season, over 200 local youth grades K-8th participated in the league. Each year, the City of Antioch partners with the **Golden State Warriors** to provide a comprehensive basketball program for youth through **instructional** practices and gameplay. The league emphasizes fundamental skill development, **sportsmanship**, teamwork, and fun. Volunteer parents coach all teams.

Co-ed Divisions are offered for grades K-8; practices begin in March, with games in April and May. The registration deadline to **participate** in the spring season is Friday, March 11th. The mandatory skills evaluation will take place on Saturday, March 12th. **Click here** for more information and to register today.

CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS!

In honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday, the Antioch Preschool Academy hosted a celebration of all things Seuss last week. The week consisted of **theme days** and activities that celebrated reading and gave kids the chance to embrace their inner Dr. Seuss. **Wacky sock day** was fun; we saw a lot of fun, colorful socks. The preschoolers made cute Seuss crafts and even had **green eggs and ham!** Our next preschool session will start March 28th; call Traci Martin at **(925) 776-3073** if you would like to schedule a tour!



ANIMAL SERVICES



KITTEN SEASON

Although it seems a bit early, we've already seen our first bottle baby this year, which means it's time to **start planning** for what to do if you find a kitten or a litter of kittens.

The first thing to remember is that kittens have a much better chance for survival when left with their mother. Although you may not see the mother cat, kittens that appear healthy are **rarely orphaned**. The mother cat is likely out hunting and will return to take care of them when she is ready. If you believe the kittens are abandoned, wait, and watch from a distance to see if the mother returns. **Pro tip:** *You will be more likely to see the mother cat return at dawn or dusk.*

If the mother cat has not returned for more than 12 hours, or the kittens appear injured, ill, or in distress, they may be orphaned and need some **additional help**. In this case, we encourage you to consider fostering the kittens until they are at least six weeks of age. Not sure where to start? We have information and supplies to help you!


Call the shelter at **(925) 779-6989** for advice and for more information about becoming a foster volunteer, or you can also reach out to one of our many Rescue Partners, like **Special Paws Animal Rescue** and inquire about becoming a foster volunteer for them.

Thank you, Special Paws Animal Rescue for taking in our first bottle baby of the year!

HUMAN RESOURCES

HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Casey Brogdon** was promoted to Police Corporal for the Police Department on February 27, 2022.
- **James Colley** was promoted to Police Sergeant for the Police Department on February 27, 2022.
- **Tamarin Martinez** was hired as a Police Dispatcher for the Police Department on February 20, 2022.

Please join me in welcoming these employees 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
- Unhoused Resident Coordinator

Please check our website for the following future recruitments:

- General Laborer

The City's open recruitments 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**.





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.

BECOME A FOOD RESCUE HERO!



Help End Hunger and Combat Climate Change with White Pony Express! White Pony Express is on a mission to end hunger in Contra Costa County and now it's easier than ever to volunteer with the brand-new White Pony Express app!

Becoming a Food Rescue Hero is EASY as 1-2-3

Step 1: **DOWNLOAD** the app and **SIGN UP** to be a Food Rescue Hero!
Step 2: **COMPLETE** the online Food Safety Training.

Step 3: **CLAIM** a 'food run' via the app and off you go!

No long-term commitment needed –

In as little as an hour you can make a difference by delivering surplus food to our neighbors in need. **Food rescue** prevents healthy, fresh food from being wasted by delivering it to families in need.

If you are a local restaurant or catering company, you can set up regular or one-time food rescue pick-ups by contacting Pete at peterolsen@whiteponyexpress.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





BRACKISH WATER DESAL PROJECT

The City's contractor is installing a **new waterline** related to the new Brackish Water Desalinization Project. Construction has begun on the Pittsburg-Antioch Highway between Arcy Lane and Auto Center Drive. Most of the building occurs during the day, but there will be times when night work is necessary. Now through March 25th, work will be performed from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. On March 28th, night work will begin for a few days at **Auto Center Dr. & Pittsburg/Antioch Highway**. Once completed, the construction will continue heading east along 10th Street until it reaches L Street, returning to the day shift. Traffic control is in place, and we ask drivers to slow down for the cone  zone for the safety of the workers and other motorists in the area. Updates to follow **in April**.



A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM YOUR **WASTEWATER** DEPT.

The City of Antioch has seen an increase in towels, flushable wipes, and rags getting into the system over the last year. The public is advised **NOT** to flush disinfecting wipes, flushable wipes, paper towels, rags, and mop refills down the toilet – **Please Throw Them In The Garbage Instead!**

These items **do not disintegrate** and may combine with fat, grease, and dirt to **clog** our sewer lines and **damage your home septic system**.

IMPROVING SAFETY AT LAUREL RD AND CANADA VALLEY RD

On November 23, 2021, the City of Antioch awarded the P.W. 674-TS **Traffic Signal Installation** at the Laurel Road and Canada Valley Road Intersection project to Ray's Electric. Ray's Electric started the project approximately two weeks ago and is expected to complete it on or around July 1, 2022.

The project will install a traffic signal system at the intersection of **Canada Valley Road and Laurel Road**. The project will include furnishing and installing lighting, conduits, conductors, loop detectors, street signage, water pollution control, traffic control, etc., and will serve to improve the **safety and efficiency** of pedestrian and vehicular traffic at this intersection.



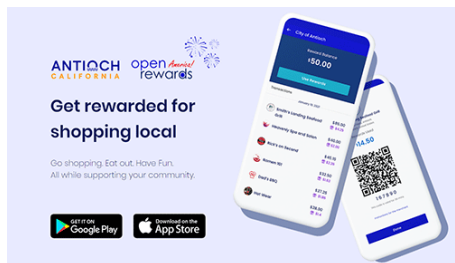
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CUT THE COMMUTE

The Economic Development Departments of East Contra Costa County cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and Pittsburg are **collaborating** on an economic development initiative to help residents “Cut the Commute.” The team is asking residents to **identify their commute** destination and other information in a one-minute survey to target businesses with a high concentration of employees in the region to consider expanding or relocating to East Contra Costa County.



The Economic Development Departments of East Contra Costa County know that many of its residents commute daily to offices in and around the greater Bay Area. Due to the pandemic, employers are now **considering new ways** to address the needs of their employees, including deciding where employees report to work daily. The information collected during the survey period will provide valuable insight to the cities, and the **overall initiative** is intended to decrease commute times for East Contra Costa County residents by attracting larger employers of existing residents to expand in the region. For more information click link [here](#).



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.

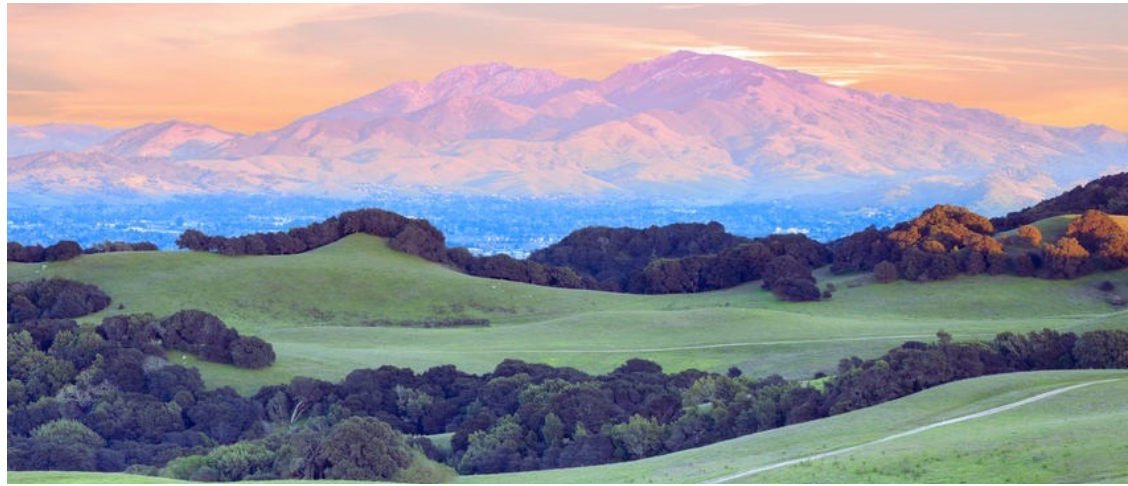
For Customers Phone App for Open Rewards download from:

- Apple Store
- Google Play

If you are a business, please register for the full program [HERE](#) and be listed as a participant.



ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



NO DRILLING CONTRA COSTA YOUTH MARCH AND RALLY

An inspiring youth-led march and rally with speakers, music, art, & information!

The community is invited to join in building a **greener, healthier, fossil fuel-free** future and to stop the expansion of fossil fuel production right in our own backyard!

The No Drilling Contra Costa Youth March and Rally will take place on **Saturday, March 12th, 1-3 PM** at the Antioch Community Center. The march is 1.2 miles on a trail along Lone Tree Way. A rally will be on the right-hand side of the **Antioch Community Center, 4703 Lone Tree Way, parking lot**. The rally will feature speakers, music, art, an informational fair, and a playground for young children. Put on your walking shoes and **wear blue and green**. Bring water, snacks, banners, and signs. Stay updated on Instagram! @nodrillingcontracosta



EL CAMPANIL THEATER

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

ECTA: Disney's The Little Mermaid, Jr.

Friday, March 18, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 19, 2022 | 2:00 pm

Adults \$15 | Seniors \$12 | Youth \$10

Join us under the sea for this timeless adventure as El Campanil Theatre Academy presents the **Disney classic** in this hour-long rendition with full costumes, stunning choreography, and **glorious music!** A perfect outing for the whole family!

Laurie Sings A Song For You

A CABARET CONCERT INSPIRED BY THE MUSIC OF KAREN CARPENTER

Saturday, March 26, 2022 | 2:00 pm

Sunday, March 27, 2022 | 2:00 pm

Adults \$35 | Seniors \$30 | Youth \$20

Singer and actress **Laurie Roldan** shares personal stories and memories in an **uplifting afternoon** woven through well-known Carpenters songs, featuring special guest vocalists and musicians.

