



## CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

MARCH 9, 2018

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### Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending March 9, 2018.

### CITY MANAGER

I met with County Librarian Melinda Cervantes and Deputy County Librarian Alison McKee about the libraries in Antioch and what the City's plans are for possibly building a new library or expanding the smaller Antioch Community Center Library in the future. We also discussed the state of the Antioch Library on West 18th Street and the maintenance, repairs, and upgrades needed for the fifty-year-old facility.

The County is also looking to recruit a new librarian at the Antioch Library.



I attended the Economic Development Commissions Special Meeting where the City's cannabis consultant Muni Services made a presentation on the current state of medical and non-medical cannabis in California and opportunities Antioch may have for industry related businesses to locate here. There will be an economic analysis of commercial and recreational marijuana uses within the **City workshop on Saturday, March 24th at 9:00 a.m. at the Antioch Community Center** where the public is invited to hear about this subject and provide their input.

Betty Smith and Rex Bothell, organizers of the Antioch Rivertown Jamboree Jammin' on the Delta event came in to discuss their plans for this year's event which will be held in late September or early October. Moving it to a one-day event, they are looking to have an excellent line up of entertainment, boat exhibitions and a car show along with booths and vendors.



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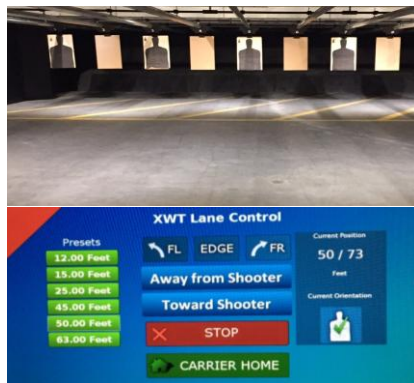
There will be a Special City Council Workshop on District-Based Elections Saturday, March 10th at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend and provide their input regarding a proposed map or maps for a district-based system of electing Antioch City Council members.



Mayor Wright and Parks and Recreation Director Kaiser attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mines Stairway at the East Bay Regional Parks District Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. This project made significant improvements to the mines and the public's ability to travel even deeper into these amazing tunnels that bring visitors from all over the region.

### POLICE

In our continued efforts to proactively deter crime, the Antioch Police Department now has a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Team (CPTED). Police Volunteers Frank Rupani and Paul Dugan attended a specialized training course and have started making citizen and business contacts in the community. They will apply their training to evaluate residential and business sites to provide recommended steps property owners can take to lessen the chances of their properties being burglarized. If a citizen or business owner would like an evaluation, please call 925-779-6900, Ext. 82830 and our team will schedule a site visit.



On March 3<sup>rd</sup> the police range installation was completed and it is now fully functional. The new equipment, in addition to the removal of the old firing stalls, offers much more functionality and ease of use while enhancing training opportunities for officers. The previous equipment served the police department for approximately 25 years but it was antiquated and repair parts were no longer available. The new equipment should serve the training needs of the department for many years to come.



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We would like to give big CONGRATULATIONS to Antioch High School graduate and former Antioch Police Officer Bryan Hill for being appointed the new Pleasant Hill Chief of Police. Chief Hill worked for the Antioch Police Department from 1992 until 2000. During his tenure with the Antioch Police Department, Chief Hill has assignments in Problem-Oriented Policing, SWAT, Bike Patrol, and Investigations. He left APD to work for the Walnut Creek Police Department and finally the Pleasant Hill Police Department. We wish Chief Hill continued success as the Pleasant Hill Police Chief and are proud of his service and dedication to the community.



### Animal Services

Escape Artists", "Houdinis", "Fence Jumpers", "Smarter Than Fifth Graders", "Bad Dogs"....all the names we hear given to these beautiful Sled dogs. Mooshoo, pictured, went home this week after a dip in the neighbor's pool. Siberian Huskies are repeat offenders in the animal sheltering world. They start off as cute, fluffy puppies that make everyone go "Awww" and then they scale your 8-foot fence in search of adventure and you say, "Awww no!" Make sure you microchip and keep these wonderful dogs exercised and secure.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- Nicholas Wilson was hired as an Equipment Operator for the Public Works Department on Monday March 5, 2018.
- Tim Coley was hired as a Water Treatment Plant Superintendent for the Public Works Department on Monday March 5, 2018.

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

### Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)



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- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (part-time)
- Registered Veterinary Technician
- Human Resource Analyst
- Economic Development Director
- Public Works Director/City Engineer

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.

### CITY CLERK

City Council Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers, 200 H Street, starting at 7:00 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, draft maps of possible district alignments will be presented and discussed. A Spanish translator will be available.



The regularly scheduled City Council Meeting will be held on March 13, 2018, in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports are 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: <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'.





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### **The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications for the following boards, committees and/or commissions:**

- Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee  
(Extended deadline date to apply: 03/23/18)
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee  
(Extended deadline date to apply: 03/23/18)
- Parks & Recreation Commission (Deadline date to apply: 03/23/18)
- Economic Development Commission (Deadline date to apply: 04/06/18)

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 the dates listed above. Applications are available at [www.ci.antioch.ca.us](http://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. Applications and resume can be emailed to [cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us); faxed (925) 779-7007; sent by mail; or dropped off at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall.

## **RECREATION**

Antioch joined East Bay Regional Park District yesterday for the ribbon-cutting and grand opening of the Hazel-Atlas Mine Stairway. The new stairway expands the underground Hazel-Atlas mine tour route to provide access to new areas within the mine, including the future location of an immersive coal mine exhibit. Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve is hosting a grand opening this weekend for all residents; noon to 4:30 pm Saturday and Sunday.



On Monday, the Antioch Council of Teens met at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center for their monthly meeting and began preparing for their April and May events.



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More than 600 players totaling 42 teams have registered for the City of Antioch's 2018 Adult Softball League. The new season begins around the first week in April and continues into early July. Players and teams will participate in men's, women's and co-ed divisions.

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 through April 12, 2018.

The Summer Recreation Guide is at the printer! Be on the lookout for your home delivery during the next few months.

Last week, Antioch was recognized by the California Park & Recreation Society for outstanding programs and services. The all-volunteer disc golf group was recognized as an outstanding volunteer group for their advocacy, design, fundraising, and installation of East County's first disc golf course at Prewett Community Park.



Adam Gross, the owner of Foodie Crew, was recognized as an outstanding business partner for his creation and implementation of the highly successful Food Truck Thursdays at Prewett Community Park. Join us in congratulating these wonderful residents who make Antioch a great place to live, work and play.

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.



The Antioch Senior Center's Cane DO Self Defense class awarded three senior students an award of recognition for completion of the Cane Do Self Defense class which meets every Thursday between 10:00 – 11:00 am.



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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Planning

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018, the Planning Commission approved a new ARCO AM/PM gas station with a convenience store and a self-service car wash at the northwest corner of Auto Center Drive and West Tenth Street. The new development will replace the existing gas station and offer an attractive and convenient resource for this very prominent corner. Construction could begin as early as this spring.

On March 21, 2018, the Planning Commission will consider the Oakley Knolls project, a 28-unit residential subdivision on Oakley Road near the terminus of Honeynut Street. This project will provide new housing on a variety of lot sizes with an on-site community park. The Initial Study is available for review [here](#)

#### 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 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 [www.myhomegateway.org/AHOP](http://www.myhomegateway.org/AHOP). In addition to attending the event, you can learn more about AHOP by visiting [www.myhomegateway.org/AHOP](http://www.myhomegateway.org/AHOP) or by contacting [AHOP@myhomegateway.com](mailto:AHOP@myhomegateway.com)



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### PUBLIC WORKS



#### Water Distribution

What is happening here? Crew members are participating in a backflow program to become Certified Backflow Testers. The class is mandated and reviewed by the State of California Water Quality Resource Board. Our Backflow Certified Testers are responsible for the annual testing, maintenance and repairs of these devices to ensure their reliability and protection.

**What are Backflow Devices?** These critical devices protect our water supply from contamination and/or pollution due to backflow, back-siphon, and back-pressure. Antioch currently has nearly 3,000 backflow prevention devices throughout the City. In Antioch, backflow devices are generally painted a light green color and are sometimes encased in a metal cage. This is one of many responsibilities that our Water Distribution Division handles in their commitment to keeping our water CLEAN and SAFE.

This 40-hour Backflow Testers Certification class was hosted at our Public Works Department maintenance building. Our “Super Star” group posted a 100% passing score...Well done, Water Distribution!

**Hazwoper Training.** It is important to keep Public Works staff up to date when it comes to emergency response.

We recently had the opportunity to conduct HAZWOPER training. This training is the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard or HAZWOPER, enacted by OSHA in 1990. This certified training is designed to protect workers and the public in the initial stages of a chemical release emergency, the subsequent clean-up of a site once the emergency has been stabilized, and the clean-up of chemical contamination from the country's past industrial legacy. With this training, employees will have a better grasp when responding to emergency situations. With this knowledge, we will be able to utilize our time abilities to better serve the City of Antioch.





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### Contact Public Works:

Mobile Devices: Download the **SeeClickFix** application on a mobile device.

Email: [publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto: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



The very popular **Food Truck Thursdays** will be back at the Antioch Community Center & Water Park parking lot beginning **Thursday, March 15th**.

This is a food truck market that will take place every Thursday night from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. through the end of October 2018. So, grab some neighbors and come enjoy a variety of

delicious gourmet foods and beverages! This event is sponsored in part by the **City of Antioch Recreation Department** and is presented by **The Foodie Crew**.

Food Truck Thursdays is a kid, family, and pet-friendly community event with **FREE admission**. In addition to all of the delicious food and beverages; we will also have games, face painting on certain days and music...with occasional live music performances and DJ's joining us.

The Food Truck Line-up will be announced weekly, but here are just a few food trucks we've had in the past:

- [Cousins Maine Lobster](#)  
As seen on Shark Tank!
- [Gyro Stop](#)  
Gyro Stop offers gourmet Mediterranean fusion food truck providing fresh, healthy, flavorful food. They specialize in gyro sandwiches, falafels, hummus, and dolmas
- [Opie's Gourmet Stuffed Burgers](#) Opie's features gourmet burgers with a 5 oz patty beef patty, various toppings depending on your burger, and in between garlic bread. Make sure to get their Herb & Garlic Fries



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- [Lucky 13 Beer Truck](#)

After all the delicious food at this event, Lucky 13 Beer Truck can help you wash it down with their full service bar on wheels equipped with craft beers and wine from their 16 tapped Beer Truck.

- [Canasta Kitchen](#)

Canasta Kitchen offers a variety of delicious Mexican dishes such as burritos, tacos, quesadillas, flautas, and much more!

- [Grab & Go Kabob](#)

Grab & Go Kabob serves authentic Mediterranean/Middle Eastern meals using homemade recipes handed down through generations.

- [Scotch Bonnet](#)

Scotch Bonnet offers a wide range of popular, traditional and exclusive Jamaican cuisine dishes that is sure to make you want to run to your kitchen to replicate.

- [Lexie's Frozen Custard](#)

It's the best soft serve ice cream you'll ever have. It's got a super smooth texture and is way more dense and creamy than other soft serve because there's hardly any air incorporated in the freezing process. Crazy popular in the Midwest, we're bringing that joy here to California.

- [Yummi BBQ](#)

Yummi BBQ is an expression of our love of food. Our business started with one recipe, the bbq beef short rib that our father created almost 25 years ago. A popular dish frequently requested from family members and friends during parties.

- [Drewski's](#)

Hot Rod Food Truck most known for their pulled pork, fried mac & cheese and loaded tot nachos! Do we need to say more?

- [Cosa Nostra](#)

The menu puts a focus on fresh, house made pastas featuring seasonal and local ingredients. They offer guests the chance to customize their own pasta dishes – have fun, get creative!

- [North Border Taco](#)

If you are looking for delicious Mexican tacos or burritos make sure to check out North Boarder Taco food truck. They also have some great sides that will complement your meal.

- [Golden Gate Gyro](#)

Our aim is to quench your hunger and satisfy your taste buds with Halal Gyro's but don't take our word for it! Come try us out soon!!!





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- [Street Steam Bunz](#)  
Delicious steam buns with either beef, pork, duck, and chicken, topped with pickled onion, fresh cucumber, and scallions. They also offer rice bowls with various protein and toppings.
- [Scotch Bonnet](#)  
Scotch Bonnet offers a wide range of popular, traditional and exclusive Jamaican cuisine dishes that are sure to make you want to run to your kitchen to replicate.

If you are interested in having your Food Truck or Dessert Truck at this event, or if you are a non-food vendor, please email [info@foodiecrew.com](mailto:info@foodiecrew.com).

### Now open for business Rivertown Sweets!

Family owned and operated bakery located in the Historic Rivertown District. Our menu includes: cupcakes, cookies, muffins, sweet breads, cakes, pies and other freshly prepared pastry goods.

Address: 615 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Phone: (925) 778-1066

Website:

<https://www.rivertownsweets.com/about>



Staff met with Working Solutions a Community Development Financial Institution ([CDFI](#)) that provides micro-entrepreneurs with the access to capital and resources they need to start or grow a successful business. The new **Rivertown Sweets** shop is an example of Working Solutions work focusing on women, and minority entrepreneurs succeed. Working Solutions discuss reaching out to more Antioch residents and increase their presence in the area.

### Working Solutions Approach

- Funding entrepreneurs with loans from \$5,000 to \$50,000 in all 9 Bay Area Counties
- Providing every entrepreneur with 5 years of business consulting, mentorship, and resources

Website: <http://www.workingsolutions.org/more/>



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### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Financial Freedom Seminar from Morgan Stanley:

**Building Wealth to Live the Life You Love**  
**Monday, March 19th 6:00 p.m. at the Antioch Library**



You're focused on achieving the financial freedom to pursue the life you envision, whether it's continuing your education, traveling the world, building a business or donating your time to a meaningful cause. Join us for an informative seminar that will walk you through the fundamental aspects of mapping out your financial future.

#### **Antioch Library**

501 W. 18th Street

925-757-9224

Library Hours: Monday & Tuesday, 12:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday, 11:00 a.m.- 6:00p.m. Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m.



#### **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](#)

Hop on over and enjoy Brunch with the Bunny and musical guests Lori & RJ, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Event is free. Please RSVP to [lmathias@urbanretail.com](mailto:lmathias@urbanretail.com) by March 16.  
**Call 925-754-5230 if you miss the March 16<sup>th</sup> deadline.**



The Easter Bunny is in the house, bring your smiles and have your picture taken! The Bunny will arrive on March 23 and stay until March 31.

**Bunny Hours:** Monday-Friday 11am-7pm, Saturday 11am-8pm, Sunday 11am -6pm





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### Relay for Life of the Delta Presents: Bark for Life

Bring your canine friend and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk and then continuing with demonstrations, contests, and games. \$10 registration fee for 1<sup>st</sup> dog, \$5 for each additional dog.

To sign up, go to [www.RelayForLife.org/BarkTheDeltaCA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/BarkTheDeltaCA)

Special guest Mermaid Oona will be here.

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
at the Somersville Towne Center

This event is sponsored by American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Purrfect Pets Magazine, and Delta Living Magazine

### 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.



### 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

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



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### 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%

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

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

### Do you have Economic Business News to share? Please email

[izepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:izepeda@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



**HISPANIC**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### Power Hour EAST CCC (Antioch)

**FREE EVENT**



## Building Valuable Business Relationships

**Bi-weekly every 1st and 3rd Wed.**

**8:30 am - 10 am**

Lone Tree Golf & Event Center  
4800 Golf Course Rd  
Antioch, CA 94531

RSVP:

**Eventbrite**

Networking  
Presentations  
Business Training  
Fun Social Atmosphere