

City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



Covid-19 Vaccine

Contra Costa has made incredible progress since the vaccine became available in mid-December, with nearly 300,000 people – about 25% of our population – having already received at least one dose, but East County still has some of the lowest vaccine rates.

There are several ways to find a vaccine appointment.

1. Register with the State of California at myturn.ca.gov to be notified when you are eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccination.
2. Make an appointment with Contra Costa County Vaccine Appointments for residents 65-74. [Click here](#) to request an appointment



Fulton Shipyard Boat Launch Temporarily Closing

The City of Antioch has announced that the boat launch located at **225 Fulton Shipyard Road** will be **closed** beginning on March 15, 2021, with an anticipated re-opening in the summer of 2023. The closure is a result of **construction** related to the City of Antioch's brackish water desalination plant.

Anyone seeking access to a boat launch will have access to the Antioch Marina boat launch at 1 Marina Plaza. The **Antioch Marina Boat Launch** will be accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week at **no cost during the construction period**. Additionally, Antioch residency is not required for the use of the Antioch Marina boat launch.



February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

It is an issue that affects **one out of three teens**. On Monday, February 22, over 100 high school youth in Antioch gathered for a virtual event to learn more about the topic, **discuss healthy relationships** and connect to other youth around how they can make a difference on such an important issue. The **informative event** was filled with a DJ and music, group training, breakout rooms, and giveaways.



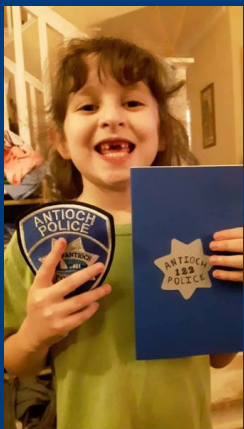
It was successful through **true partnership** and a collaborative effort among youth, City of Antioch, Family Justice Center, Antioch Unified School District, Contra Costa County Probation Department, STAND, Community Violence Solutions, Alliance to End Abuse, Love Never Fails, and Yellow Heart Committee. We are **proud to support and uplift Antioch youth** voice.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Narcan Used to Save Lives

Did you know APD officers are dispatched immediately to overdose calls and frequently use Narcan to save lives? Many officers are also equipped with automated **external defibrillators** (AEDs) to help those suffering from cardiac arrest. Do you suffer from drug/alcohol addiction or know someone who does? There is help available from the Contra Costa Health Services Behavior Health Hotline. Substance abuse counselors are available seven days a week by calling toll-free (800) 846-1652 or 2-1-1 from within Contra Costa County. You can also visit their website [here](#). Together, we can help those who suffer from addiction and their families.



APD Pen Pals

We **love** receiving messages like this:
Hi, APD. I have 3 kids. 2 of them decided to participate in your Pen Pal Program. Ian is 7 (and now missing his 2 front teeth as of today ... the **tooth fairy** is coming tonight). Ian's Pen Pal is Officer Whitaker. Ian was thrilled to receive an old patch from his old actual uniform AND a **handmade card** from his daughter. She even made his badge. Officer Whitaker has turned the Pen Pal program into a family affair for his family (and ours as well). One of our sons had a letter drop off by one of the **officers on patrol** in his SUV. It was a **BIG deal** for our son. He was so excited. Corporal Colley went above and beyond to make sure our 10 yr old son, Mason, felt special. Thank you for being a part of our Pen Pal Program!

Our officers are waiting so send your letter today: **300 L Street, Antioch, Ca 94509** Attn: Pen Pal Program

Easter Egg Hunt

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 location. Suggested age group for participants is three to nine years of age. Hints regarding the areas will be provided daily at 8:00 am on our Facebook page. Please "Like" and "Follow" our Facebook page ([@AntiochPolice](#)) for more information.



PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

No Place Like Home

The beginning of March kicks off the **No Place Like Home Challenge** from Maddie's Fund. The goal of the challenge is to make Return to Home (RTH) an integral part of the shelter and community's culture. All pet owners are encouraged to get identification (tags and microchips) for their pets to help our community.

In addition to the Maddie's Fund challenge, we also offer lost and found pet resources online. One such resource is Finding Rover. If you have lost or found a pet, visit www.findingrover.com to create a lost/found report for the pet. Once your information is entered, Finding Rover will utilize facial recognition software to provide potential matches to your lost/found report by searching pets that have been reported by the community and those pets located in shelters utilizing Finding Rover. Additionally, you can visit www.petharbor.com to search for your lost pet. The Antioch Animal Shelter's pets are automatically uploaded to PetHarbor and Finding Rover continually throughout the day, so check frequently for an updated listing of pets



If you've lost your pet, **never give up**, and be sure to try all available resources, as we have seen happy reunions at the shelter more than a year after the pet first went missing.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Tasha Johnson** was hired as a Youth Services Network Manager for the City Manager's Department on March 1, 2021.
- **Seana Fields** was hired as a Community Development Technician for the Community Development Department on March 1, 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)
- Water Distribution Operator I/II

Currently open promotional opportunities include:

- Lead Landscape Maintenance Worker

There are always exciting career opportunities with the City of Antioch.

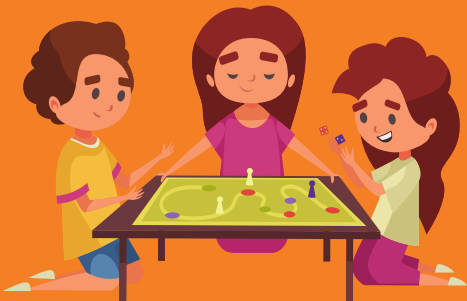
The City's recruitment openings can be found on the Human Resources page [here](#). Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the Job Position, click on **Apply**.





Spring Break Camp

School's out for **Spring Break**, and it's time to play! We do it all with **COVID modifications**: awesome games, art and crafts, performing arts, and so much more! Campers build self-confidence, new friendships, and a **lifetime of memories**.



Free Caregiver Webinars

Do you know any caregivers who want to learn more about caregiving while also **learning** to care for themselves? Even if you're not a caregiver now, the odds are that you will find yourself in the role someday. Check out the @caregiver_ca March Calendar! These are **free webinars** open to all caregivers on various topics such as #SelfCare, #Dementia, and #Caregiving.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Antioch Water Park Clocktower Back In Operation

For over two years, the giant clocktower at the Antioch Water Park has been broken, stuck on the time of **2:22 pm**. However, Aquatics Maintenance worker **Michael Slembrouck** was able to work with the clock's original manufacturer, Elderhorst Bells Inc., to make the proper repairs to the clock that led to the **accurate display** of the time.

Antioch Recreation Department is Hiring

The City of Antioch Recreation Department is looking for energetic and motivated people to join our team this spring. We are hiring in various program areas, including summer camps, aquatics, sports, maintenance, and more.

How to Apply:

Download an application here; once completed, return to the Antioch Community Center at 4703 Lone Tree Way. For any questions, please contact the Recreation Department at **(925) 776-3050**.

Antioch Water Park Spring Programs

Kickoff your spring at the Antioch Water Park. Beginning this April, the Water Park will be open, offering modified programming to provide residents safe and socially distanced recreation options. Lap swim and water aerobics will begin on Tuesday, April 6th, family swim will start on Saturday, April 10th. Online registration begins on Monday, March 8th, and is required for all three programs. Click [here](#) to register and for more information.





Bringing Three-Sort Diversion to Public Places

While city facilities have been closed to the public, we have been working hard with our Recreation and Public Works colleagues to bring **organics diversion programs** to city facilities and public spaces. Last Friday, we **installed seven** new litter modules like the ones pictured here in Waldie Plaza.

Come down to the **Rivertown Business District** to check them out. Pick up some yummy food from one of the restaurants downtown, **stroll along the river** and then compost or recycle your discards. Any food waste or food-soiled paper products can go in the green Compost spot. Plastic cups, bottles, or cans can go in the blue **Recycle** section. Straws, plastic utensils, and condiment wrappers need to go in the black Landfill spot. When in doubt, put it in the **Landfill** side to keep the other two options clean of contamination.

Staff will be **emptying** the containers regularly but can only **divert clean bags** to our Compost and Recycling programs. Any contamination will result in the whole container having to be landfilled. And we don't want that, right?



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ATTENTION Antioch Residential Landlords!

A NEW **Emergency Rental Assistance program** will provide eligible landlords with immediate relief through the payment of 80% of rental arrears accumulated by their lower-income tenants from April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021. Landlords, in turn, agree to accept this payment as payment in full of any unpaid rent for that period.

This new program will be **accepting applications** in mid-March, and funding will not last beyond August 1, 2021, as it will be recaptured and reallocated if not used. **Be first in line** to apply for this rent recovery funding and learn more here: <https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/>.

How can you know which of your tenants qualify for YOU to be reimbursed? Eligible lower-income tenants are those who have a household income at or below **80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)**, with a priority on helping households at or below 50% AMI as well as households unemployed for the preceding 90 days at the time of application, and those who experienced a decrease in income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Contra Costa County CDBG Program			
Income Limits by Household Size, Effective July 1, 2020			
Persons per Household	Extremely Low-Income 0-30% AMI	Very Low-Income 31-50% AMI	Low-Income 51-80% AMI
1	\$27,450	\$45,700	\$73,100
2	\$31,350	\$52,200	\$83,550
3	\$35,250	\$58,700	\$94,000
4	\$39,150	\$65,200	\$104,400
5	\$42,300	\$70,500	\$112,800
6	\$45,450	\$75,700	\$121,150
7	\$48,550	\$80,900	\$129,500
8	\$51,700	\$86,150	\$137,850

See Contra Costa County Income Limits chart [here](#)

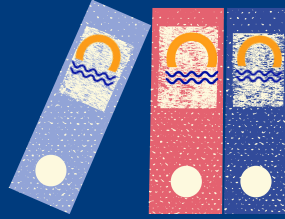
Where can you get information about when you can legally evict a tenant according to eviction moratoriums (State and County)? The City contracts with ECHO Housing to provide Landlord/Tenant services, including mediation and Fair Housing training and investigation with monthly **Fair Housing training** via Zoom.

Please call them at (925) 732-3919 or 855-ASK-ECHO (855-275-3246).

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/>.



Economic Development Commissioner Openings

The City of Antioch **encourages residents** to become involved in their local community. One way to do so is to serve on various commissions, boards and committees. The City Clerk's Department is **accepting** applications for the Economic Development Commission:

- One (1) Commissioner partial-term vacancy, **expiring June 2021**
- One (1) Commissioner partial-term vacancy, **expiring June 2023**

Any interested resident is encouraged to apply. To be considered for these volunteer positions, a completed application must be received in the City Clerk's Department via email: cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us by the deadline date of **5:00 p.m., Friday, March 26, 2021**.

Applications are available at <https://www.antiochca.gov/#>.

Mobile COVID-19 Testing Site

Contra Costa residents who need a fast, convenient, **no-cost COVID-19 test** can visit the mobile testing site provided through the State of California at the **Antioch Community Center**, 4703 Lone Tree Way, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Monday –weekend appointments available.

Appointments are required to get a test. To make a testing appointment in Antioch or other community testing sites across Contra Costa County, call **1-844-421-0804** or schedule online at coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested.



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Waterline Project Update (CIP)

The water main replacement has been completed on Delta Fair Blvd and the adjacent streets, marking the end of the segments to be installed by the Water Main Replacement Project. This project included replacement of water lines on Delta Fair Blvd, Kendree St, Putnam St, San Joaquin Ave, W Tregallas Rd, Stamm Dr, Bonita Ave, Patricia Ave, and Shaddick Dr.

The crew is scheduled to complete the permanent paving in the Delta Fair area before the end of March which will conclude all work for this project. Residents should expect minor traffic delays on Delta Fair Blvd and Kendree St. during this period. Be safe out there!



PUBLIC WORKS

Antioch Marina - Berth's Available

The City of Antioch owns and operates a 310-berth Marina, situated in east Contra Costa County along the Antioch Riverfront, and offering one of the best locations on the California Delta. Did you know that the City of Antioch was a 2018 “**Best of the Delta**” finalist, and the Antioch Marina won first place in the “**Best Public Launch Ramp**” category? That was and still is such an honor!

The Marina has a **dual-lane launch** ramp, which includes a separate area for kayaks and other non-motorized sports. The approach to the Marina is a natural shoreline gradient from approximately 68 feet depth in the center of the **San Joaquin River** that provides critical habitat for fish (striped bass, salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon) and wildlife. As a key fishing area and sail boater’s dream location, i.e., **wide-turning basin** and great views, we’re also just minutes away from Sherman Lake and Winter Island.

Amenities include a harbormaster office, berths, **boat launch area**, restrooms, fish cleaning station, tidelands trail, small park area, ample parking, self-fuel station, and a **state-of-the-art**

restaurant. Whether a permanent berth or overnight stay, we’re not only the Best of the Delta, we also have the Best Deals on the Delta! To inquire, please call (925) 779-6957, visit us at 5 Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA, or check out our website @ <https://www.antiochca.gov/antioch-marina/marina-services/>.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

The City of Antioch's Economic Development Commission had its meeting on March 2nd via Zoom. City of Antioch Mayor Lamar Thorpe was in attendance and answered commissioners' questions on various topics, including small business and the City's **new strategic plan**. The Mayor highlighted items he is interested in, including Smart growth, form-based zoning, & **quality of life policies**. Commissioners gave verbal reports on each goal from the City's Strategic Plan, a task assigned by EDC Chair McCall. The next EDC meeting is scheduled for **April 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm** [EDC Meetings](#)

Think big.
Shop small.

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Think big by shopping SMALL

The City of Antioch is pleased to announce the all-new go-to-location for Antioch businesses.

www.shopAntiochnow.com. More than 200 Antioch

businesses can be found at shopAntiochnow.com, and the list will continue to grow. You will be able to search for your favorite and new businesses by name, category, and area of the city. 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 are **keeping sales tax dollars** in your community and keeping our local workforce employed. So please Think big for our community by shopping **SMALL**.

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.

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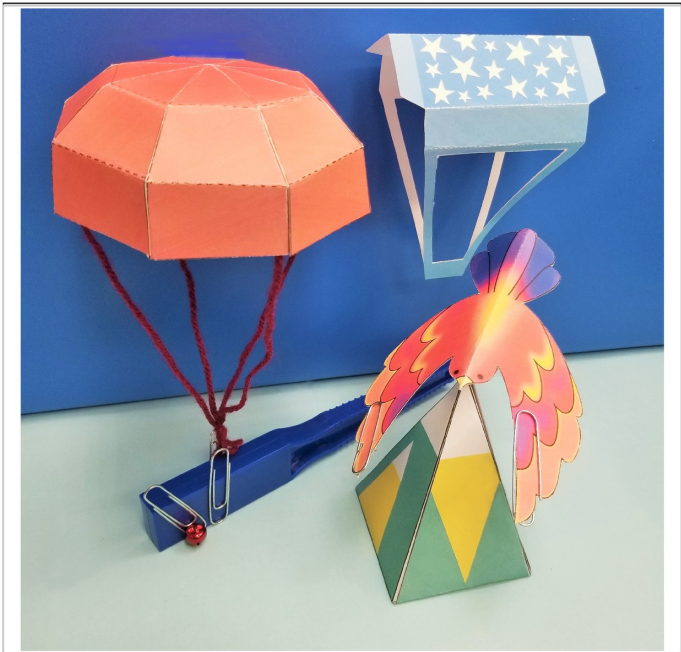
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Here's what's happening In the City of Antioch

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Grab and Go Activity Kits



March Magnets & More!

Starting Tuesday, March 16

Stop by the library to pick up a fun activity while supplies last.

Antioch Library
Front Door Service Only
501 W. 18th Street 94509 | 925.757.9224
Mon Closed • Tues 1-8 • Wed 11-6 • Thurs 11-6
Fri 10-5 • Sat 10-5 • Sun Closed



TRAFFIC SAFETY

TAKES ALL OF US!



yes, you too.

Provide your input to enhance traffic safety:
antiochsafeststreets.com

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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!