

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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Spring into Action

We greet the first day of the new spring equinox on March 20, 2023. We are coming out of one of the harshest winters the City of Antioch has experienced in quite some time. The city experienced storm damage to our roads, loss of revenue, and our first Emergency Declaration since my tenure. Our city weathered the storm due to dedicated team members, who worked around the clock to keep our public streets and storm drains open, which minimized citywide flooding. Winter is ending, and springtime is here, which means it is time to spring into action!

Future economic and urban planning is essential to our city's social and fiscal health. In the coming months, city staff and our city council will work together to develop a strategic plan that will focus on our community development efforts, exploring innovative strategies to expand and revitalize our downtown business and restaurant district. The city is encouraging our residents to start community spring-cleaning neighborhood teams. What better way to keep our city streets clean and enjoy the fresh fragrance of springtime?

Keeping our homes safe is another area of spring cleaning. As the rain subsides and the days get

longer, let's remember the importance of household maintenance. Clearing the gutters, raking up leaves, and pruning trees are just a few maintenance steps residents can carry out individually. Taking preventive spring-cleaning measures before a disaster occurs is one way to decrease unexpected maintenance costs. Fire safety is another area of concern. The Contra Costa Fire District recommends and strongly encourages residents to change their old smoke and carbon monoxide detectors batteries and replace them with new energized batteries.

Altruism is essential to springtime. This is the time of year when residents can clean out their closets and donate used clothes and shoes to Goodwill or nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to help those less fortunate. In the large family of humanity, we all are our brother's keepers. So put those umbrellas away and bring out those sunglasses because our future looks bright! Join our city staff and council members, and let's all spring into action and make our city a place where opportunity lives.

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ANTIOCH POLICE DEPT.

A Warm Welcome to Antioch PD

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Please help us in welcoming our newest family members. From left to right, we welcome Police Officer Cory Neal, Dispatcher Taylor Hubbard, and Community Service Officer Tekari Kelley. Officer Cory Neal graduated last week from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office 175th Academy. Enjoy the short biographies and fun facts about our newest staff members.

Cory Neal:

Cory was raised in Concord and graduated from Concord High School. Before joining Law Enforcement, Cory was a personal trainer at a UFC Gym for five years. He then joined the Marine Corps, serving in the infantry for four years. He was on combat deployment to Afghanistan and a Security Deployment to Iraq.

Fun Fact: Cory has worked out with UFC Hall of Famer BJ Penn.

Taylor Hubbard:

Taylor has lived in Antioch for about ten years and recently bought her first house here. Before joining APD, she worked as a dispatcher for six years in the Golden Gate Division of the California Highway Patrol. Taylor hopes to spend the rest of her career here at APD.

Fun fact: Taylor enjoys all animals and has four cats and a dog.

Tekari Kelley:

Tekari was born and raised in Pittsburg. She graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and Concentration in Psychology. Tekari was formerly employed as a commissioned Probation and Parole Manager with the Tennessee Department of Correction.

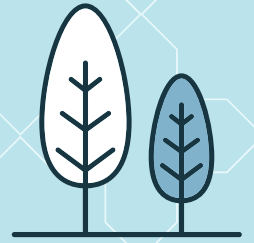
Fun Fact: Tekari enjoys dancing.



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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Staff Attends Jr. Giants Commissioner Camp

On Wednesday, February 22nd, Antioch Recreation staff attended the Jr. Giants Commissioner Camp at Oracle Park in San Francisco to prepare for the upcoming Jr. Giants season. At this event, SF Giants President Larry Baer addressed all commissioners, and Giants officials led our staff through various workshops to help improve our league here in Antioch.

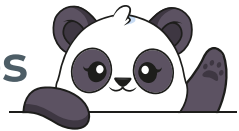
Last summer, 580 local youth ages 6-14 participated in the Antioch Jr. Giants program. Registration for the 2023 Jr. Giants League begins on April 3rd at gojrgiants.org. This year's season will run from June to mid-August and is once again free for all participants.

Celebrate Antioch Foundation

On Wednesday, March 8th, Celebrate Antioch Foundation was awarded Outstanding Non-Profit Organization Partner in Parks & Recreation by the California Park & Recreation Society District 3 for their continued contributions to the City of Antioch through their year-round community events, as well as their collaboration and implementation of Antioch's sesquicentennial events throughout 2022.



Max Academy Classes



The well-known Max Academy has been astounding in teaching self-defense and life skills such as focus and perseverance. Currently, Max Academy has a class of 20 youth and offers monthly martial arts classes for ages 4-6 in Pandas and 7-12 in Juniors. Sign up for one of the next sessions at www.antiochca.gov/register, keyword Max Academy.



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ANIMAL SERVICES

It's All About Partnerships and Teamwork



Recently, Max, an almost 100lb. German Shepherd mix was hit by a car and brought to East Bay Veterinary Emergency Hospital as a "stray." It was evident that Max needed immediate help, so the East Bay Veterinary Emergency team called AAS for approval, then sprang into action to stabilize his condition by surgically repairing a very large laceration on his right shoulder.

Staff Veterinarian Dr. Kelly Beverly assessed Max's injuries better at the shelter and took x-rays of his rear leg. The x-rays showed Max had a nasty break, high on the femur, near his hip. Knowing his condition would require specialized care, Dr. Beverly contacted the Fracture Program for Rescue Animals at UC Davis, believing Max would be the perfect candidate for this program.

Graciously, the team at UC Davis agreed, and Max's surgery was successful. He is now back at the shelter, but he will need at least eight weeks to rest to recover before he can be made available for adoption. The shelter can be noisy and stressful, so **we are looking for a foster home or a rescue** to take him as soon as possible. If you're interested in fostering Max, or you are a rescue interested in pulling Max from the shelter, please call us at **(925) 779-6989**.

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.

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions

- **Jason Bonilla** was hired as an Operations Supervisor for the Public Works Department effective March 1, 2023.

Please join us in welcoming this employee to his new position with the City of Antioch.

Currently open recruitment's include:

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- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Animal Control Officer
- Community Development Technician (Assistant/Associate)
- Senior Civil Engineer

Current Promotional Opportunities include:

- Recreation Programs Coordinator (Aquatics)



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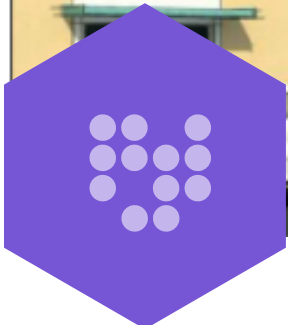


COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Apartment Complex

On February 15th, the Planning Commission approved a Use Permit, Design Review, and Density Bonus to construct a two-building courtyard-style apartment complex with 74 units at 810 Wilbur Avenue. The project scope includes constructing two apartment buildings with a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, resulting in 74 units total. Site improvements include the construction of a new parking lot, lighting, landscaping, outdoor open space, and stormwater detention basins. The project will provide four (4) units on site which would be deed-restricted affordable units to very low-income (VLI) households (30-50% of Area Median Income).



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CITY CLERK

City Council Meetings

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. 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

Boards and Commissions

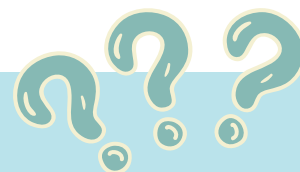
The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in our local community by volunteering for one of the City's boards and commissions! For more information and to check openings, [click here](#)



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.



Questions?

Contact the
City Clerk's Office at
cityclerk@antiochca.gov



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PUBLIC WORKS

Employee Spotlight: Michael Rhodes

Michael Rhodes was hired on July 5th, 2022, as a Collections General Laborer. He was put to the test in our creeks, helping with homeless encampments and learning about his division's tasks. Mike has demonstrated dedication to the job and his pride for Antioch countless times.

Due to his commitment and perseverance, Mike sought his CWEA (California Water Environmental Association) Certificate for his Grade 1 in Collection System Sewer Maintenance. As a new hire learning the trade and department, this is not an easy task, but a required one to advance the ranks here at the City of Antioch.

A Certification with the CWEA Collection System Maintenance program shows that an employee is dedicated to learning about his job and continuing education within the field. On February 3rd, 2023, Mike passed his Grade 1 with flying colors and advanced from General Laborer to Collections System Worker 1. We want to congratulate Mike on his success!



Construction on Brackish Water Desalinization Plant

Membrane cartridges being installed for the new Brackish Water Treatment Plant..



Slip Availability

The Marina is Welcoming New Customers - SAILBOAT FRIENDLY!

- 24' to 36' uncovered slips
- 32' to 50' covered slips

Amenities include private facilities- restrooms with showers, laundry room, FREE Wi-Fi, and two Kayak ramps to launch from!



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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

Youth Art Expression Program

The 2023 Youth Expression Art Program is back by popular demand. YEP is a weekly, three week workshop taught by an industry professional aimed at enhancing your art techniques. This workshop will help develop your communication abilities by providing a community-wide platform where your voice will be heard through your art.

6th - 8th graders | Tues./Thurs. April 4–April 20
4:30-6:30 pm | #9836 Antioch Community Center

9th - 12th graders | Mon./Wed. April 3–April 19
4:30-6:30 pm | #9837 Nick Rodriguez Community Center



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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