

# City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



## Congratulations Tim Coley

After over **33 years** of serving Antioch residents and Businesses, **Tim Coley** is retiring as our Water Treatment Superintendent at the end of the week. Tim has served in many roles for the Department of **Public Works** during his career, with most of his time spent as an operator, supervisor, and most recently superintendent of the Water Treatment Plant.

Many people do not know the importance of Tim's **knowledge and expertise** as he has the responsibility to provide high-quality, reliable, and safe drinking, irrigation, and fire protection water to Antioch. We want to thank Tim for his years of faithful and excellent service and wish him the best as he pursues the new season ahead...**congratulations and all the best, Tim!**



## CA COVID-19 Rent Relief

Whether it's a **health-related event** or a significant **financial hardship**, COVID-19 has affected us all. As our state continues to recover, we are committed to keeping families housed and recognize that California renters and landlords have enough to worry about. We want to make sure that past due rent isn't one of them.



CA COVID-19 **Rent Relief** will help **income-eligible** households pay rent and utilities, both for past due and future payments. The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 provides funding to support the program and tenant (renter) protection laws signed by Governor Newsom. For additional information, to find a Local Partner Network organization near you, or for eligibility and application help, call our CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Call Center: (833) 430-2122

## 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](https://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







# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Congratulations to our Newest Patrol Officer!

Congratulations to **Officer Nicco Pedreira** on completing his Field Training Program! Here's our newest solo patrol officer for the Antioch Police Department. Nicco grew up in Brentwood, California, with his two younger brothers Tre and Cole. Nicco has several **family members** in law enforcement, including his father, Ponch, which had a huge influence on how he was raised. Nicco attended Heritage High School, where he played football. After high school, Nicco attended **Los Medanos College** and **worked** both for the City of Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department and Performance Cryotherapy as a manager.

Nicco **always knew** he wanted to be a police officer, so he took this time to go on numerous **ride-a-longs** with many different departments to find the right fit for him. One of those agencies was Antioch, and he found his home! Nicco had his first son, **Daxton**, two months into the academy; therefore, he is learning how to be a police officer and a father at the same time.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Starting **March 29th through April 3rd**, Antioch Police Department will help provide a little "Easter fun". Each day, **officers will be hiding small plastic eggs** with non-perishable treats inside for the kids to find at two locations in the City. Suggested age group for participants is three to nine years of age. Hints regarding the areas will be provided daily at 8:00 a.m. on our Facebook page. Please **"Like" and "Follow"** our Facebook page (**@AntiochPolice**) for more information.

## APD Pen Pal Program

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 dropped 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**





# PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

## Urban Coyotes

With the abundance of beautiful open space and **natural habitat** found in Antioch, it should be no surprise that we wild neighbors with whom we share our community. One of those **wild neighbors** we often see roaming through our neighborhoods or local parks is the coyote. Simply **seeing a coyote** in your area is typically not an emergency, as they're likely just looking for food, water or shelter. To help reduce the likelihood of an unwanted encounter with one of our wild guests, be sure to **limit** their access to any food sources on your property and in our parks.

If you have an **unexpected close encounter** with a coyote, do not run away or turn your back on it. Make yourself as big and as loud as possible by waving your arms, clapping your hands, and shouting in an authoritative voice at the coyote. If the coyote does not leave the area, slowly back away until you are at a **safe distance**. If you see a coyote acting sick, has a serious injury, or is acting aggressively, please call Antioch Animal Services at **(925) 779-6989** to inform us about it. Depending on the situation, we may help, or we may refer you to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW).

To learn more about coyotes, visit the **CDFW** website [here](#). Register to attend the upcoming virtual presentation about urban coyotes and what you can do to keep your pets and family safe.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Benjamin Woodland** was hired as a Water Treatment Plant Operator for the Public Works Department on March 15, 2021

Please join me in welcoming this employee to their new position with the City of Antioch.

### Currently open recruitment's include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

### Currently open promotional opportunities include:

- Lead Landscape Maintenance Worker
- Administrative Analyst

**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**.







## Antioch Youth Scholarships are available now!

Would you like to **register your child** for a recreation program but can't because of a limited family budget? **Financial assistance** may be available through our Youth Activity Scholarships. **Funding is provided** by donations and the Antioch Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Applications are available here. **Please call** Recreation staff for more information at **(925) 776-3050**.



## Spring 2021 Registration

Registration for Spring 2021 classes is open! Register online before spaces are full! Use code: **LIMITLESS** at checkout to receive 10% off your program registration (some restrictions apply)

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT



## In-Person Sports Classes are Back!

The City of Antioch is partnering with **Skyhawks Youth Sports** to offer weekday after-school and weekend multi-sport classes to get your **young athlete** active and interacting with other children.

Class ages range from **4-10 years old**. Social distancing, masking, and health screenings will be enforced to keep all participants safe. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

## Senior Rally Day

Senior Rally Day occurs each year in May to coincide with **Older Americans Month**. It is designed to raise awareness among legislators and the Governor about senior issues. Traditionally, seniors attending Senior Rally Day visit with their **legislators** to make them aware of the need to provide funding for senior programs. This year it is virtual on **May 4th** from **9:00 am -2:00 pm**. Registration link coming soon!



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## This year's **VIRTUAL** Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is now open!

Registration for the free, virtual [Seventeenth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour](#), which will take place on **Sundays April 25 and May 2, 16, and 23, 2021** from 10:00 to 3:00, is now open. This award-winning tour will be kicked off with a presentation by the inspirational Doug Tallamy, feature twenty five beautiful native plant gardens, Q and A sessions with garden hosts, "Ask the Experts" opportunities, garden design and plant selection information, and more. Check out the schedule of events [here](#), and Register for the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour now.

## **Companion Green Home Tour**

Join garden tour host **Kathy Kramer** and electrification advocate Amy Kiser at a free companion event: the first annual virtual Green Home Tour, which will take place on Sundays, June 6 and 13 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Learn how you can **save money** and time, and improve your health while combating climate change by ditching natural gas, generating clean electricity from your own home, and installing **energy-efficient** (and health-protecting) induction stoves and heat pumps.

Register for the Green Home Tour [here](#)

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## **Waste Diversion Legislative Changes**

Since we added the **green cart** to our solid waste collection program in 1999, all that material has been used as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) at the Keller Canyon Landfill. AB341 went into effect on January 1, 2020, making green waste as ADC no longer eligible for **diversion credit**. For all of 2020, our green waste was not counted as diversion and instead was calculated as landfilled tons. We had hoped to correct this in the Spring of 2020 with a **rate request** from Republic to send our green waste cart contents to a composting facility.

With the pandemic shutting down most everything in March 2020, that effort was **put on hold**. While that has meant that our residents and businesses have not seen a rate increase in addition to the **annual CPI** during these difficult times, this has impacted our diversion rate that will be reported to the State. Though we won't know exactly how we are doing on meeting our disposal goal/diversion rate for 2020 until later this Summer, not getting diversion credit for our green waste looks to have us very close to our **daily disposal** goal of less than 4.2 pounds per person. And next year, SB1383 goes into effect, putting further requirements on every California to reduce the number of organics landfilled.

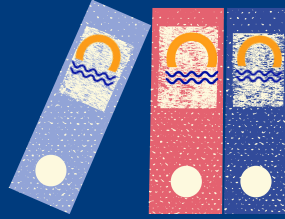
For more information on the upcoming legislation, visit Cal Recycle [here](#). To hear more on what the City is doing to prepare for **SB1383** implementation, watch the **April 8th Council meeting**. Hopefully, we will stay scheduled for that meeting.



# 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](mailto: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](https://coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested).



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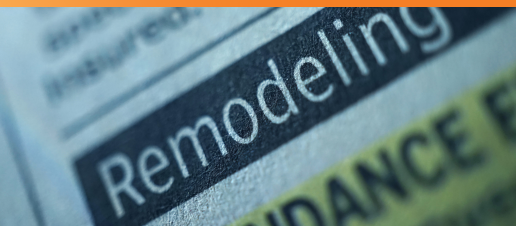




## City Hall Interior Remodel

The initial phase of **interior modifications** to City Hall is scheduled to commence during the week of March 15, 2021. The work to be performed includes rehabilitating and **increasing accessibility** to the public restroom on the first floor, reconfiguring office spaces on the first and third floor, and upgrading the **flooring and finishes** within the entryway and stairwell. During the course of the project, parking and access within City Hall will be **temporarily altered**.

We **appreciate your understanding** and patience during this project, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of September 2021.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Public Works Utilities – Collection Systems

The Collection Systems Lateral Maintenance Crew is currently working on Belle Dr. between **Buchanan Rd. and Delta Fair Blvd.** The Lateral Maintenance Crew comprises two Collection System Workers that conduct inspections of the city-owned wastewater (sewer) laterals using a portable camera to locate and assess the condition of the **City's wastewater** lateral connections. In addition to conducting inspections, they utilize a rodding machine for **clearing any debris**, grease, and roots as necessary.

The Lateral Maintenance Crew plays a critical role in assessing the service life and physical condition of the over **31,000 city-maintained** wastewater laterals. During field inspections, pipe defects are identified and classified according to a standard pipe condition code. This systematic approach provides accurate and **consistent data**, which is used to prioritize future maintenance activities, and make decisions about pipe rehabilitation, pipe replacement, a pipe's remaining useful life estimates, and its long-term **performance** capabilities. If the crew identifies any debris, grease, or roots in the pipe, preventive maintenance is immediately conducted with the sewer rodding machine.



Completing these inspections and proactively conducting maintenance plays a vital role in protecting our Collection Systems, the environment, and the health and safety of our community members. Lateral Maintenance Inspection crews **completed 87** wastewater lateral inspections this past week. If you experience a sewer problem, remember, call us first to see how we can help you **(925) 779-6950**.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Contra Costa Workforce Development Board Meeting

Economic Development Director, Kwame Reed, attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Contra Costa Workforce Development Board on **Wednesday, March 17th**. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the Workforce Development Board's 2021-2024 Local and Regional Strategic Plans.

The Regional Plan aligns resources and investment to meet outcomes related to industry sector engagement and **workforce development across multiple jurisdictions**. The Local Plan is an operational road map created in the Regional Plan on how Local Boards coordinate with local partners down to individuals' services.

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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](http://www.shopAntiochnow.com). More than 200 Antioch

businesses can be found at [shopAntiochnow.com](http://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**.

## Innovative Pathways to Public Service (IPPS): Public Sector in Transition

**Staff attended** the Innovative Pathways to Public Service (IPPS) March 2021 Mtg. via Zoom on 3/18. The group tackled the theme of Thinking Beyond COVID-19 featuring Dr. Robert Eyler, an Economist with over **20 years** of regional economic development and analysis experience specializing in public policy analysis for government. Dr. Eyler gave a forecast and overview of the **national** and state economies, current state of employment, career tracks that may be forming in the public sector, transitions the public sector needs to make to be empowered for the next five years, exploring **new models** for public service work, thinking about diversification of income, and challenges and opportunities that may come.

Overall, economists see a great track for a steady economy; they also suggest that the public sector will have to invest in innovative and technical ways to communicate with the public.



Antioch - Opportunity **shops** here.



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

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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!



## TRAFFIC SAFETY TAKES ALL OF US!



**yes, you too.**

Provide your input to enhance traffic safety:  
[antiochsafeststreets.com](http://antiochsafeststreets.com)

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HOP RIGHT ON OVER!  
**It's the Antioch  
Community Easter  
Egg Hunt!**

Get ready for an egg-citing week of  
fun with the  
Antioch Police Department!

WEEK OF MARCH 29 - APRIL 4, 2021

EVERY DAY THERE WILL BE A CLUE GIVEN ON FACEBOOK SO YOU CAN  
FIND THE LOCATIONS OF WHERE THEY ARE HIDDEN

Keep your eyes peeled for the lucky golden eggs for  
special APD surprises