

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

"Can do, shall do, will do"

Lori Sanson, Executive Vice President - DeNova Homes

As the City of Antioch Interim City Manager, one of my responsibilities is to attend community and public events to represent our wonderful city. On Tuesday, March 29, 2022, I had both the privilege and honor to join, along with dignitaries, local government officials, and trade partners, Dave, Trent, and Lori Sanson, owners of DeNova Homes and founders of **Yellow Roof Foundation**, in a ribbon-cutting ceremony unveiling the very first Yellow Roof community of affordable homes, in Old Town Pittsburg. The community is appropriately named **Gonsalves Village** in honor of East Bay business leader and Yellow Roof supporter Mr. Steve Gonsalves, President and CEO of Conco.

According to its founders, the mission of Yellow Roof, a 501(c)(3) public charity non-profit organization, is to **assist those families** who are hardworking, contributing members of their community, but are experiencing difficult times due to both unforeseen and unexpected circumstances beyond their control. Yellow Roof Foundation has both enthusiastically and compassionately worked with the City of Pittsburg on the creation of Gonsalves Village, which showcases

three single-family residences. The residences are **beautifully designed**, single-story style structures in a prime location in Pittsburg, with excellent access to employment and transportation centers.

As the City of Antioch mayor, in conjunction with the city council, continues to work hard to find innovative and **fiscally sound solutions** to both the Bay Area housing crisis and our unhoused residents' predicament, the Yellow Roof Foundation Founders are partnering with our city leaders to provide a place for our families who are on the verge of becoming homeless.

By partnering with city government officials, private business owners, non-profit organizations, trade partners, and consolidating city resources, we, too, as a compassionate community, can give hope to the unhoused so they can dream of a better tomorrow and **future for their children**. It is said that "words have meaning, and names have power." The name Yellow Roof Foundation has proven that it, too, has the power to transform individuals' lives and restore a sense of dignity by compassionately illustrating that **"there's no place like home."**



FENTANYL DANGERS

Fentanyl is one of the most dangerous synthetic drugs currently in circulation. According to the DEA, fentanyl is a **synthetic opioid** drug approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin. More recently, there has been a re-emergence of trafficking, distribution, and abuse of illicitly produced fentanyl and fentanyl analogs with an associated dramatic increase in **overdose fatalities** nationally, ranging from 2,666 in 2011 to 31,335 in 2018.

Illegal fentanyl is sold in the following forms: as a powder, dropped on blotter paper-like small candies, in eye droppers or nasal sprays, or made into pills that look like actual prescription opioids. In the event anyone encounters a substance believed to be fentanyl, please **DO NOT TOUCH IT OR APPROACH IT** and immediately dial 911.



WE'RE HIRING

Police Officer Trainee
Academy Graduate/Student
Police Officer Lateral

APPLY TODAY AT:
www.governmentjobs.com/career/s/antioch



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!

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

LOCATIONS WHERE THE EGGS CAN BE FOUND WILL BE POSTED ON
FACEBOOK ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

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



**ANTIOCH
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ANTIOCH HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Antioch High School Softball program held their annual tournament at the Worth Shaw Sports Fields inside of Antioch Community Park March 31st-April 2nd. In all, over **600 players on 30 teams** came to Antioch to participate in the event. The City is currently renting sports field space to local teams, user groups and individuals. Antioch Community Park features three baseball diamonds and **two synthetic turf soccer fields**. Field space is also available at the **32** neighborhood parks throughout the City. If you are interested in renting a sports field for an upcoming practice, game, tournament or just to have fun; contact Recreation Supervisor Troy Faulk at tfaulk@antiochca.gov or at (925) 779-7075.



JR. GIANTS BASEBALL

Register your child for the summer **2022** Jr. Giants Season now at gojrgiants.org. The Junior Giants Summer League is a free co-ed program for girls and boys ages 5-13 co-sponsored by the City of Antioch Recreation Department and the Antioch Police Activities League. This non-competitive league runs June-August; each week consists of a **weekday practice** and a game on Saturdays. For the first time ever, a softball division will be offered for girls only, ages 8-10. **Click here** for more information and to register today.

AWP SPRING UPDATE!

Spring has sprung at the Antioch Water Park! Our spring break **lifeguard class** was a lot of fun and we're excited to welcome newly certified guards to our team! There are two more certification courses coming up in **April & May** for anyone who wants to join us for an awesome summer at the water park! Swim instructor positions are still available as well. Visit antiochwaterpark.com for more information.

SPRING BREAK CAMP

Our spring break camp was a huge success! Our campers enjoyed a week full of **fun activities, games, crafts, and cookie decorating**. We had a wonderful time meeting new friends and making wonderful memories. A special thank you to our amazing camp leaders for providing a loving, entertaining environment. We look forward to seeing new campers this summer. **Coyote Hills Camp** starts June 21st, so sign up soon.



ANIMAL SERVICES



Come to our Kitten Shower!



KITTENS ARE COMING!

As Winter gives way to Spring, many are looking forward to getting outside to enjoy the warmer weather. This can also be a time of stress and anxiety for animal shelters across the county because we know the warmer weather means, **KITTENS ARE COMING!** Everyone loves kittens, but we will soon be overwhelmed with them, which makes this a very stressful time of year for **animal shelters and rescue groups**. To help make it a bit less stressful, Antioch Animal Services is trying something new!

On **April 9, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**, we are holding a **Kitten Shower** at the Antioch Animal Shelter. During the Kitten Shower, donations will be accepted from the community to help us prepare for kitten season. We will also have games, activities, and a raffle with amazing prize baskets!

If you are unable to join us for the **Kitten Shower** but still want to help the kittens, please visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#) for a list of supplies that are always needed. With your help, we can make a difference in providing the supplies needed to help our foster kitties thrive, grow, and get ready for adoption.

HUMAN RESOURCES

HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

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

Current Promotional Opportunities include:

- Finance Service Supervisor

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. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CIVICSPARK TEAM LAUNCHES THE RESOURCE RECOVERY AMBASSADORS PROGRAM!

On April 2, 2022, Antioch had its **Sesquicentennial Kick-Off Barbeque** at the Antioch Historical Museum, which over 700 people from the community attended. It was also the kick-off for the Resource Recovery Ambassador Program. Our CivicSpark team for this year, Dawn Schultze-Allen and Andrea Lyn Mateo have created this **waste diversion program** as their volunteer engagement project.

Our first Resource Recovery Ambassadors, Lucy Meinhardt and Dave Zumwalt worked hard during the event to educate event-goers on the **three-sort waste system**. Great job, Lucy and Dave! In educating event-goers on how to sort waste properly, **we reduced landfill waste** and recovered resources by composting and recycling.

If you would like to become a Resource **Recovery Ambassador** and help out at future community events, click on this [link](#) to join!

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

We want to hear from you!

The City of Antioch is updating its Housing Element for 2023 to 2031. This Housing Element update will create a plan for all the policies and programs related to housing. Join us remotely to provide input on the Housing Element's draft goals, policies, and programs and learn how environmental justice will be incorporated.

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Join online: Pre-register at

www.bit.ly/AntiochHE2*

Join by phone: +1 (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID 833-7958-5161

**After registering, you will receive an email with your meeting link.*

Attendees will still be able to register and join the meeting after 7 p.m. on 4/13. The City has also prepared an online survey that will help us design housing strategies that reflect local priorities while still meeting state requirements. Links to the survey are included below.

- **Survey English Link**
- **Survey Spanish Link**

Survey respondents who sign up to receive email updates will automatically be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 Visa gift card!





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 is holding hearings to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn.

For more information email redistricting@antiochca.gov or call (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 our local community. One way to do so is to serve in an advisory capacity on one of the City's various commissions, boards and committees. For more information and to check openings, visit: www.bit.ly/ApplyAntioch

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE





TIME TO PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON

The City of Antioch's NPDES Division began working on Fire Breaks next to our City creeks on April 4th. The crew's work consists of clearing dead branches, debris, and trash and mowing down the **tall weeds and grass** to prevent wildfires in the upcoming dry months. Currently, crews are working around **West Antioch Creek** near Sycamore Avenue and will be continuing toward the Markley Creek area and then towards Hwy 4 in the coming weeks.

Crews will begin annual creek maintenance once finished with our large fire break areas. Our creek maintenance season is from April 15 to October 31. During that time, we have our **NPDES crews and contractors**, i.e., Al Fresco Landscape and MJH construction, help accomplish our goals for the year. We will start on the south side of town and continue moving towards the river shortly.



BRACKISH WATER DESAL PLANT UPDATE

Construction continues at the **Water Treatment Plant** as crews remove and replace the concrete ceiling of a **treated water storage basin** to make modifications for the City's new Brackish Water Desalination Plant.



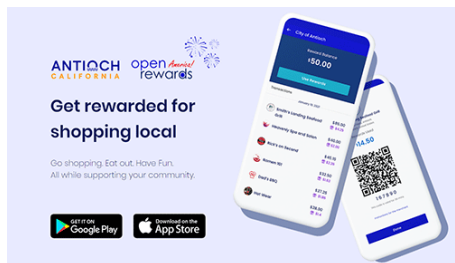
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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.



C ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



Keep Antioch Beautiful

**SATURDAY
APRIL 23**

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO
BUILD A STRONGER AND
CLEANER ANTIOCH!

CHECK-IN: 8AM
CLEANUP: 8:30-11:30AM

**FREE BBQ LUNCH FOR
VOLUNTEERS AT PREWETT
COMMUNITY PARK 12-1PM**

REGISTER AT:
ANTIOCHCA.GOV/REGISTER

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SIGN UP LOCATIONS FOR:
CITY PARK
MARCHETTI PARK
ANTIOCH COMMUNITY PARK
PREWETT COMMUNITY PARK

EL CAMPANIL THEATER

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

The Folk Legacy Trio

Thursday, April 28, 2022 | 2:00 pm

Adults \$32 | Seniors \$29 | Youth \$15

The legendary talent of the Folk Legacy Trio returns to El Campanil for a special mid-week matinee concert! It is a journey through American Musical History with their signature dynamic harmonies enriching some of the most beloved songs ever written.

The Stephanie D Band: To Carole With Love

TRIBUTE TO CAROLE KING

Sunday, May 22, 2022 | 4:00 pm

Gold Circle \$39 | Orchestra/Loge \$35 Opera \$30

The Stephanie D Band brings back great memories to all of us with the album To Carole With Love, which celebrates the 50th anniversary of Carole King's masterpiece, Tapestry. The band will brilliantly perform the songs of Carole King; not an impersonation, but a loving tribute to the woman who wrote the soundtrack of our generation.

