

## **CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE**

APRIL 13, 2018



**Mayor and Members of the City Council:** This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending April 13, 2018.

#### **CITY MANAGER**

The City Council will be holding a Strategic Planning and Visioning Special Meeting/Workshop this Saturday, April 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center. This is a follow-up to the workshop held in January when the Council discussed goals. The community is invited to participate in this important meeting to develop a vision for what they'd like to see Antioch become as a community and regional leader.



The City's Annual Service Awards were held this week where 38 employees were honored with milestones ranging from 5 to 30-years of service. Our Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Tim Coley and Public Works Supervisor Mark Harris were both recognized for 30 years of dedicated service to our City. To all the men and women who provide quality service to this community and its residents, I thank and commend you for a job well done!

On April 10th, the City Council conducted a workshop to receive public input regarding drafting proposed maps for a district-based system of electing Antioch City Council Members and later introduced the first reading of an ordinance adopting a by-district system for electing City Council Members. With only having 90-days to complete this process and make a decision on whether to enact a by-district election system and how the districts will be comprised, it has been fast-paced effort involving several Special City Council workshops and meetings. The second reading of the ordinance is scheduled to occur at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 8th.



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## POLICE

We are delighted to announce the addition of two new teams to our K9 program. Over the last several months we have lost three teams due to promotions, transfers, and retirements. Officer Kyle Smith and K9-Kona and Officer Kevin Tjahjadi and K9-Kaia are our newest members. We were able to purchase and cover training costs for them through generous donations from our community members. In the coming weeks, they will attend a basic K9 handler course in preparation for their California POST certification. After training, they will be on patrol. Since both K9's are under two years old, we anticipate they will be able to serve the citizens of Antioch for many years to come.



On April 11, 2018, the City held its annual Service Award Ceremony for 2017. Honored from the Police department were:



Christopher Kidd – 5 years Theodore Chang – 10 years Stephanie Lattuca – 10 years Ana Cortez – 10 years Rick Hoffman – 10 years Vincent Norris – 10- years Gabrielle Johnson – 10 years Kristopher Kint – 10 years Ryan Geis – 15 years Robert Green – 15 years James Stenger – 15 years Nicole Fromme – 20 years Trevor Schnitzius – 20 years Jimmy Wisecarver – 20 years Monika Helgemo – 25 years

#### **Animal Services**

It takes a village to accomplish great things, and Antioch Animal Services is grateful for all of the rescue organizations that support our efforts in animal welfare. When a stray animal comes into our shelter, AAS never knows what to expect. When Esther Bunny showed her cute face, we were not anticipating medical issues like a hernia or mammary tumors. Thankfully Dr. Josie Noah and her team from the ARF Mobile Clinic saw her potential and stepped in. Dr. Noah performed the surgeries on this sweetie and took her home for recovery to ensure she is



healthy and ready for her new start!!! The village does not end there! Thank you also to Umbrella of Hope for accepting Esther Bunny into their Rescue Program.



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## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

• George Harding IV was hired as an Animal Services Manager for Antioch Animal Services on Monday, April 9, 2018.

• Nicole Browne was hired as a Registered Veterinary Technician for Antioch Animal Services on Monday, April 9, 2018.

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



Currently open recruitments include:

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

The 2017 Service Awards Ceremony was held at the Community Center on April 11, 2018, from 8:30 am to 10 am. The 2017 Ceremony recognizes employees for their dedicated years of service with the City and awards are given for 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years, and 30 years of service milestones. The Human Resource Department in collaboration with the



Parks & Recreation Department and the Finance Department ensured the event was a success. Congratulations to the award recipients and thank you to everyone that attended the event.

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 <u>http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources</u>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.



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#### **CITY CLERK**



City Council Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers, 200 H Street, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Annotated minutes and a video of the City Council meeting held on April 10, 2018, are available on the City's Website (<u>www.ci.antioch.ca.us</u>).

The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting will be held on April 24, 2018, in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports, are posted on our City's Website 72 hours before each Council Meeting. To be notified when the agenda packets are posted on our City's Website, just click on this link and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link and then click 'City Council.'

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

- Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee (Extended deadline date to apply: 04/20/18)
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee (Extended deadline date to apply: 04/20/18)
- Board of Administrative Appeals, Alternate (Deadline date to apply: 04/20/18)
- Police Crime Prevention Commission (Deadline date to apply: 04/13/18)

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 <u>www.ci.antioch.ca.us</u> 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. Your interest and desire to serve our community is appreciated. Applications and resume can be emailed to cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us; faxed (925) 779-7007; sent by mail; or dropped off at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall.

The City Clerk's office was pleased to have received five applications for the partial term on the Economic Development Commissions. The applications have been sent to the Mayor and Economic Development Manager to schedule interviews.



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## RECREATION

The UC Master Gardener Speaker Series is back in season! The Master Gardeners will be at the Antioch Community Center on Saturday, April 14th from 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. for the first of their four class series. This "Edible Flowers" class will be taught by a trained volunteer for the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), Holly Sauer. Holly will be available



to answer your garden questions, share the latest information about growing edibles in our area and more!

This past weekend, the Antioch High School Girl's annual Invitational Softball Tournament was held at the Antioch Community Park. Local teams from Antioch, Pittsburg and Brentwood participated along with teams from Livermore, Castro Valley, Hayward, and McKinleyville. Unfortunately, Thursday's heavy rains made it necessary to cancel the rest of the tournament for safety reasons. The remainder of the tournament will be held at a later date.

Last week, the Antioch Community Center Ballroom received an audio/visual upgrade including a new LED projector, HDMI connectivity; a press feed port, and improved discussion microphone system.



On Monday, The Antioch Council of Teens held their monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events. The ACT will be the site captains at the Antioch Water Park for Keep Antioch Beautiful on Saturday, April 21st. The ACT is also hosting a **Resume and Interview Workshop** presented by Theresa Moodie from the CCC Office of Education on Thursday, April, 26th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Use Room at the Antioch Water Park.

Thursday was the final day for free tax services this year, and more than 40 citizens met with trained AARP Tax Service Representatives to complete their tax reporting. This service is a free community program provided by the Antioch branch of AARP. Thank you for your support of Antioch seniors!

AARP is also hosting a Smart Driver Course on Tuesday, April 17th at the Senior Center. Call if you are interested in attending.





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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Keep Antioch Beautiful Day – Registration is now open for the event! On April 21st, volunteers will be able to check in at 8:30 am at the following five sites to pick up the areas surrounding them:

- City Park
- Marsh Elementary School
- Park Middle School
- Prewett Community Park
- Turner Elementary School



Once again, you can earn money for your favorite Antioch school. Write the name of the school that you wish to support on the top of your waiver. For the Elementary, Middle and High Schools, there will be cash prizes for the 1st (\$500), 2nd (\$300) and 3rd (\$200) for the most volunteers checked in. This is your opportunity to give back to your community. To sign up for the event, you may register online <u>here</u> or for more information call (925) 779-6137, option 1. Thank you for your participation to keep Antioch Beautiful and Litter free!

#### Planning

Three members of the Planning Commission attended the League of California Cities Planning Commissioners Academy from April 4-6. This conference provides essential skills and training specifically tailored to the unique role of the Planning Commissioner. Attendees and speakers from all over the state contributed to a valuable and memorable conference.

#### Building



The Building Division has been very busy finishing up inspections on essential projects in the community. The Tabora Gardens project,

an affordable senior housing complex, is now complete and The Learning Experience, a child care facility, is also approved and ready to occupy. These two projects have been under construction over the past year and will be valuable assets to our community.

## **Code Enforcement**

On April 11, the Community Development Department released a Press Release regarding the encampment at 6th Street and McElheny Road. Over the coming days, the Code Enforcement Division will be pursuing abatement of the encampment to ensure compliance with local, State and federal regulations. The Division is working



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closely with local organizations and agencies, including the Antioch Police Department and Animal Control, the Contra Costa County Health Services Community Outreach Referral and Engagement (CORE) team and Contra Costa County Mental Health Services. Questions regarding this effort should be directed to Curt Michael, Code Enforcement Manager, at cmichael@ci.antioch.ca.us.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Collections System/NPDES**

The Collections System Division of Public Works is pleased to announce the promotion of Chad Truesdell from Wastewater Collections Worker I to Lead Wastewater Collections Worker. Chad came to the City of Antioch approximately two years ago with a great deal of underground construction experience and an incredibly positive attitude. He has been a quick-study and has focused his efforts on acquiring the necessary knowledge, skill-set, and certifications to achieve the advanced journey/leadership position in a



short amount of time. With hard work and dedication to his craft, he has prepared himself to get to the next level in his career, and we applaud him. Congratulations Chad!

#### Parks & Landscaping

As we continue to prepare for the summer season, the refurbishing, repair, and replacement of the amenities at our various parks keep us busy! In this weekly update,



we are featuring a table replacement at Hillcrest Park, located on Larkspur Drive (and Sunflower Drive). It is now picnic and family-celebration ready! Each week, we will identify other parks that may be in need of similar attention and present the excellent work by staff! And remember, if your local park is in need of maintenance or repair, please feel free to reach out to the Public works department.

#### Water Distribution Division

Have you ever wondered how your water meter is read? The Water Distribution Division of Public Works would like to share some insight into the Water Meter Program in this update. In the Water Meter Reading Unit, our Meter Reading personnel are primarily responsible for reading approximately 31,274 water meters each month. In fact, all meters are read monthly within a 28-31 day schedule.



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To read the meters, City personnel use a meter reading truck outfitted with the appropriate meter reading technology! You may even see the City's meter reading truck in your neighborhood from time to time. Inside the vehicle is an automated meter reading system that uses radio frequency to collect consumption data from the water meters, as the trucks travel through each neighborhood.



The vehicle is also equipped with a receiver interfaced directly to a computer that displays consumption details and allows for immediate assessment of faulty or inaccurate reads.

If you have a meter leak, please be sure to contact us to address it right away!

#### **Contact Public Works:**

Mobile Devices:	Download the <b>SeeClickFix</b> application on a mobile device.
Email:	publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us
City website:	http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/PublicWorks/SeeClickFix.htm.
Phone:	(925) 779-6950 <sub>ک</sub>
Social Media:	Facebook

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The four East County Cities of Antioch, Pittsburg, Oakley, and Brentwood met with Amalia Cunningham, the new Economic Development Manager for Contra Costa County. The East County cities are excited to build an ongoing dialogue regarding our needs and excited to work on future collaborations to help activate economic development in Antioch and East County.



#### California Cleanup Day is Thursday, April 12 -

Help us keep California clean!



#### 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 for your voice to be heard. Help us maintain and improve our community. The nine-question survey is fast and simple to answer! <u>Survey</u> and <u>Video</u>



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#### **Cannabis Ordinance Process in Antioch**

The City Council continues the process of developing a Permanent Commercial Cannabis Ordinance. On November 1, 2017, the City Council extended the moratorium it had previously enacted in late 2016 to all commercial cannabis land uses. The ordinance was extended for nine months. During this final

extension period for the moratorium, staff promptly began the process for enacting a permanent, regulatory ordinance for such uses. Staff also provides regular updates on progress every other month at council meetings.

#### 2nd Cannabis Community Workshop – We Want to Hear from you. Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Downtown at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center, 213 F St, Antioch, CA 94509 We need your feedback! For more information on our Cannabis Ordinance Process in Antioch visit our page <u>here</u>

MuniServices is the City's consultant on cannabis and will be conducting a Special City Council Meeting/Workshop on Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m. located downtown at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center. This is your opportunity to come and learn about Prop 64, ask questions, and how this use may be allowed in Antioch. There will be City maps, and an interactive chart to gather your information. The first reading of the permanent ordinance before the City Council is expected to occur at the Council's May 22, 2018 meeting with the process to be concluded by the Council's regularly scheduled meeting on June 26th. We hope you can join us.

#### **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

#### **Volunteer Appreciation Month**

The Antioch Library wouldn't be able to function without the hard work of our miraculous volunteers. We are so thankful for all that they do!

#### **Antioch Library**

501 W. 18th Street 925-757-9224 Library Hours: Mon/Tue., 12-8, Wed/Thu., 11-6 Sat., 12-5





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#### Food Truck Thursdays at the

Antioch Community Center & Water Park parking lot. The food truck market takes place every Thursday night from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. through the end of October 2018. 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. 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: <u>info@foodiecrew.com</u>



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



## Energy Fitness Program

For more information, please call the Residential Energy Fitness Program at <u>1-866-455-0898</u> or email <u>savenow@energyfitnessinfo</u> .com to see if you qualify!

Space is limited.

If you own a small business, please click here: <u>energywatchinfo.com</u>



### El Campanil Theatre

602 W. Second St. Downtown Antioch Tickets: <u>www.ElCampanilTheatre.com</u> or (925) 757-9500

**Country Music Legend Lacy J. Dalton** 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee Saturday, April 14, 2018, 8:00 pm

Adults: \$29 Seniors (62 and Over): \$27 Youth (Under 18): \$12 Buy Online Now - No convenience fees -Save time later About The Concert



One of the all-time great country performers, Legendary Country Music Star Lacy J. Dalton's career has spanned decades and touched the hearts of millions. Her signature song, "16th Avenue", was voted one of Country's Top 100 Songs Ever by Billboard Magazine. In March 2017, she was inducted into the North American Country Music Association International Hall of Fame.

With her worldwide hit song, "Black Coffee," she will enchant you with her soulful



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delivery, power, and heart. Voted Best New Female Artist by the Academy of Country Music in 1979, she brought home numerous Grammy nominations and three prestigious Bay Area Music Awards for Best Country-Folk Recording. She has appeared with the likes of Neil Young, the Grateful Dead and Grace Slick, and Jefferson Airplane. Lacy will be performing from her repertoire of hit recordings including "Hard Times," "Crazy Blue Eyes," and more classic country tunes.



### International Film Showcase The Insult (Lebanon)

Sunday April 15, 2018 2:00 pm Lebanon's 2017 Oscar Submission

#### About The Film

In today's Beirut, an insult blown out of proportion finds Toni, a Lebanese Christian, and Yasser, a Palestinian refugee, in court. From secret wounds to traumatic revelations, the media circus surrounding the case puts Lebanon through a social explosion, forcing Toni and Yasser to reconsider their lives and prejudices.

Language: Arabic English Subtitles Runtime: 112 minutes Tickets: Adults: \$9 Seniors: \$8 Students: \$8 No convenience fees - Save time later - buy online now.

**Relay for Life of the Delta Presents: Bark for Life** Bring your canine friend and join us for as fun-filled day starting with a walk and then continuing with

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.

Sign: <u>www.RelayForLife.org/BarkTheDeltaCA</u> Special guest Mermaid Oona will be here. Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm Somersville Towne Center

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





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## Fun Art & Wine Tasting Event!

The Rivertown Business District is hosting local Wineries in Beautiful Downtown Antioch's Rivertown Business District! What: Rivertown Art & Wine Walk 2018 When: May 5, 2018 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Starting Location: Corner of G Street & 3rd Street, Antioch CA 94509

Participating Merchants: \* Almost There Travel \* Twin Rivers Insurance \* Reigh Salon \* G St. Mercantile \* Prime Vintage Realty \* East County Veterans Thrift Store \* Rose Time of Day \* Rivertown Treasure Chest \* Rivertown Sweets \* Oddly Unique Antiques \* M&D Specialty Collections \* D'Ann's Academy of Dance \* Shearz

<u>Eventbrite Tickets</u> \$20 Available Online or at Participating Merchants \$25 At The Door Must be 21 years or older to participate in the wine tastings Valid ID's are required at check-in

# Steak 'n Shake at the Somersville Towne Center is hiring employees!

Steak 'n Shake was founded in February 1934 in Normal, Illinois. Gus Belt, Steak 'n Shake's founder, pioneered the concept of premium burgers and milkshakes.



Steak 'n Shake Antioch will be located at the Somersville Towne Center southeast side. Opportunities for employment are available; please contact Sonia at (510) 919-0963. Hiring will start around May 2018. You can also check out more details on our website: https://recruiting.talentreef.com/steak-n-shake-corporate choose Antioch, California.

If you have Economic Business News to share, please email <u>lzepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us</u> 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