

# City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



## Covid-19 Vaccine

All people ages 16 and older who live or work in Contra Costa County are now eligible to get vaccinated through Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS).

Callers to the COVID-19 vaccine appointment line are experiencing long waits due to high demand. We are encouraging anyone seeking a vaccine appointment from CCHS to use the **online request form** instead of waiting on hold if you can. **[Click here](#)** for more information on any of the topics below

- Making an Appointment
- Vaccine Eligibility
- Vaccine Site Map
- Cost
- Ethical & Equitable Allocation



## Citywide Wayfinding and Signage Program, and Rivertown Dining District



Tonight the City Council will consider **alternative designs** for the new City's wayfinding and signage program. The fresh look will be installed all over town, **replacing dated** and mismatched signage. Also being considered is the establishment of a Rivertown Dining District program that will brand and market our **up-and-coming dining opportunities** along the beautiful San Joaquin River.

The City Council Meeting begins at 7:00 pm and can be accessed on observed on **[https://antiochca.gov/live stream](https://antiochca.gov/live_stream)**, on Comcast Channel 24, or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

## New Look to your Water Bill!

To better serve you, we've launched a new, redesigned Water Bill Statement. The new design is more **user-friendly** and informative.

**Simplified Design:** The goal of the new design is to better organize the data to make reading your bill simple, while still providing the information you need to understand the rates and charges.

**Detailed Water Use Breakdown:** Compare your water use to last cycle or last year with the monthly usage table. This new feature makes it easier for you to manage your water use.

See Welcome to Your **[New Water Bill \(PDF\)](#)** for a printable guide on how to read your water bill.





# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt

During the week leading up to Easter, the Antioch Police Department held its **first-ever** Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt. From Monday, March 29th through Saturday, April 3rd, our department members visited **two parks each day**, hiding approximately 300 plastic Easter Eggs at each location, including **1-2 "Golden Eggs,"** which held certificates for special visits and treats from our officers. Each day, we announced the locations on Facebook and then waited for the fun to begin.

We had so many **wonderful kids** and their families come out and join in on the "finding" fun. It was also great to see everyone rediscovering our beautiful parks. A **special "shout-out"** to the members of Antioch Rotary and Councilwoman Lori Ogorchock, who came out each day to help facilitate the hunt! During the week, we visited the following parks:

Antioch City Park, Contra Loma Estates Park, Almondridge Park, Gino Marchetti Park, Chichibu Park, Harbour Park, Eagleridge Park, Knoll Park, Hillcrest Park, Worth Shaw Community Park, Dallas Ranch Park, and Williamson Ranch Park

Thank you to **everyone** who came out to see us!

## Police Cadets

Our Police Cadets routinely leave our program with **knowledge and skills** they can take with them as they enter the "real world." Well, we are proud to provide two very recent examples of this.

**Lizel Green** was a Cadet with Antioch from 2016 to 2018. She left us to enlist in the United States Army. Cadet Green is now Sergeant Green, as she was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant and will be heading to Texas to become a flight medic!



Then, of course, there is **Alonzo Tidwell**. Alonzo was a Cadet from 2017 to 2020 and left the program as a Cadet Sergeant, also enlisting in the United States Army. He is currently assigned as a Military Police Officer in Colorado and was **recently awarded the "Lone Sentinel of the Week"** (think employee of the week) after his part in the apprehension of a subject wanted for a felony warrant. Great work, guys! Keep making us proud!

**759th MP BN**  
**LONE SENTINEL OF THE WEEK**

Name: PFC Tidwell, Alonzo  
Unit: 984th Military Police Company  
UIC: WGDHAA  
Email: alonzo.c.tidwell.mil@mail.mil

Description: On 09 MAR 21 while supporting the FGOO Law Enforcement mission PFC Tidwell responded to a gate runner at Gate 4, Colorado State Patrol (CSP) was pursuing the subject for a felony warrant during a traffic stop and the subject had fled toward FGOO. The subject rammed his vehicle into the barrier at Gate 4 and attempted to flee on foot afterwards. PFC Tidwell was the first patrol on scene and saw the subject attempting to flee on foot toward the FGOO railroad. PFC Tidwell and the CSP Troopers pursued the subject on foot and apprehended the subject, at which point EMS was called and CSP escorted the subject in an ambulance to the hospital. PFC Tidwell's quick thinking and action directly contributed to the successful apprehension of the subject with no injuries to civilians or Law Enforcement personnel. His actions deepened the interagency trust between CSP and the Fort Carson Police. His professionalism and competence reflects the values of the Lone Sentinel Battalion.  
"Hold the Gate!"

PFC Alonzo C. Tidwell



# PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

## Newly Named Petco Love Invests in Lifesaving Work of Antioch Animal Services

Antioch Animal Services will receive a **\$10,000.00 grant investment** from the newly named, Petco Love, to support their lifesaving work for animals in Antioch, California.

**Petco Love** is a nonprofit leading change for pets nationally by harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since their founding in 1999 as the Petco Foundation, they've empowered organizations with nearly \$300 million invested to date in adoption and other **lifesaving efforts**. And, they've helped find loving homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations, like ours, nationwide.

"Today Petco Love announces an investment in **Antioch Animal Services** and hundreds of other organizations as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessary euthanized," said Susanne Kogut, President of Petco Love. "Our **local investments** are only one component. This month, we will also launch the first of our national tools to empower all animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us." Visit [petcolove.org](https://petcolove.org) to be part of the lifesaving work we're leading every day.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Elnora Turner** was hired as a Business License Representative I for the Finance Department on March 29, 2021.
- **Benjamin Ambriz** was hired as a Lead Landscape Maintenance Worker for the Public Works Department on March 28, 2021.
- **Jose Collazo** was hired as a Community Services Officer for the Police Department on April 5, 2021.
- **James Desiderio** was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on April 11, 2021.
- **Daniel Garcia** was hired as a Computer Technician for the Information Systems Department on April 12, 2021

### Currently open recruitment's include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Administrative Analyst II/III (Public Works)
- Recreation Supervisor (Aquatics)

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

**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/Summer 2021 Recreation Guide is here!

Check out the virtual Recreation Guide [here](#) and see what awesome programs, camps, classes for youth, teens, seniors, swimming lessons, family swim, and more are in store this Spring/Summer! There's something for everyone! **NEW** Day Camps, sports classes, and recreation programs all spring and summer long to enjoy for all ages! See you in Antioch Parks and Programs! Registration begins Monday, April 19th. Spring/Summer discounts: 4/19 Only! **CODE: SAVE20**, beginning 4/20 **CODE: SUMMER21**, 7/5 Only! **CODE: SAVE15**. (Restrictions apply: ed2go courses, Family Swim, and Contra Costa First Tee Camps not included).

### Recreation Guide

Unifying and strengthening our community.



Opportunity  
plays here.

Spring/Summer 2021

In Antioch, opportunity is everywhere. It's our community centers and water park, our recreation sports and programs, our classes and parks. It's our services for youth, services for families and services for seniors. It's the connection we share.

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OPPORTUNITY LIVES HERE

May-August | Online Registration begins: April 19, 2021

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Junior Giants Youth Baseball League is returning this Spring and Summer



**Spring Training Program:** Junior Giants Spring Training is a free virtual program running from **April 12 to May 7**. This program is designed to prepare children **ages 4-16** for summer baseball/softball play through fundamental skill building. There will be new videos and graphics available for players 5 days a week to allow families to follow along at their own pace. Live workout sessions will be held via zoom on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm for players to get feedback and instruction with one of the Junior Giants Ambassadors. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

**Summer League:** 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-July; each week consists of a weekday practice and a game on Saturdays. The plan for **summer 2021** is to offer in-person practices and games that follow local county and state health regulations that ensure for outdoor sports to be played safely during the Covid-19 pandemic. Registration opens on April 15, please note that each division will be limited to **120 roster spots**. Register early to ensure your child's spot. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

**Volunteers Needed:** Each Junior Giants team needs two volunteer coaches and one team administrator. The City of Antioch is looking for parents, community members, high school students and anyone else interested in volunteering to work with youth to assist with the Junior Giants League this summer. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Recreation Supervisor Troy Faulk at [tfaulk@antiochca.gov](mailto:tfaulk@antiochca.gov) or call (925) 779-7075.

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## Continued...

This new industrial development will bring much-needed jobs and contribute to the Wilbur Avenue industrial corridor's ongoing redevelopment. As garbage trucks become more sophisticated and respond to clean air requirements, their maintenance has become very complex and requires high technical skills. The Antioch workforce will help this project and facility become a success. More information about this project can be found at [here](#)

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery Maintenance Facility Project

On Wednesday, April 7, 2021, the **Planning Commission** approved a new project at 2600 Wilbur Avenue. The 10.28-acre site contains an empty warehouse and is otherwise currently vacant. The **approved project** is the Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery Maintenance Facility.

This **new project** will serve as a truck repair and maintenance facility for Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery, a local solid waste service company that provides garbage collection services to many **local cities** and unincorporated areas. This facility will be their main hub for the garbage trucks, and routine **maintenance** and repair work will occur at the site.

The existing warehouse building will be **repurposed** to serve as a mechanical garage, and the entire site will be improved to create parking areas, **stormwater drainage** facilities, and an eventual new building. In addition, this portion of Wilbur Avenue will be improved by the project proponent to include proper curbs, gutter, and sidewalk, which will give a finished appearance to the street.



## FREE EVENT!

Join Sustainable Leaders in Action's **Climate Careers** Chat on Thursday, April 29th at 6:30pm PST! This **FREE** youth-produced virtual interactive panel will feature two professionals in **sustainability and conservation**, who will share their education and career pathways and participate in a live audience Q&A session.

Click to learn more and Sign Up here [Flyer here](#)





# 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 [here](#).



## Board of Administrative Appeals

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 Board of Administrative Appeals:

- Three (3) Board Members, 4-year term vacancies, expiring March 2024
- Two (2) Board Members, 2-year term vacancies, expiring March 2022
- One (1) Alternate Member, 2-year term vacancy, expiring March 2022

**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, April 16, 2021. Applications are available at <https://www.antiochca.gov/#>.



## Contra Costa County Moves into the Orange Tier

Contra Costa County moved into the **less restrictive** Orange Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy on Wednesday, April 7. It has been five months since the last time the county qualified for the Orange Tier.

Contra Costa County currently has a COVID case-rate of 4.9 cases per 100,000 people and an overall testing-rate positivity of 1.8% (and 3% for the health equity metric). COVID-related hospitalizations are down to their **lowest point since October**. Meanwhile, nearly 500,000 county residents are at least partially vaccinated. Health officials urge residents ages 16+ to get **vaccinated** so positive trends against COVID-19 continue.





## New Collection Systems Supervisor

**Gage Dunwell** began working with the City of Antioch on December 21, 2020, as the new Collection Systems Supervisor. Gage comes to us from the City of Modesto with five years of experience in Collections and Construction. Not only does Gage possess a **vast understanding** of the Collections Division, but he also has his Grade 3 Certification with the CWEA in Collection Systems Maintenance. He is well respected in the field, and we are happy to have his experience to help develop better and more efficient Collection Systems. And wouldn't you know it... he just completed his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management! The sky is the limit for this up-and-comer!

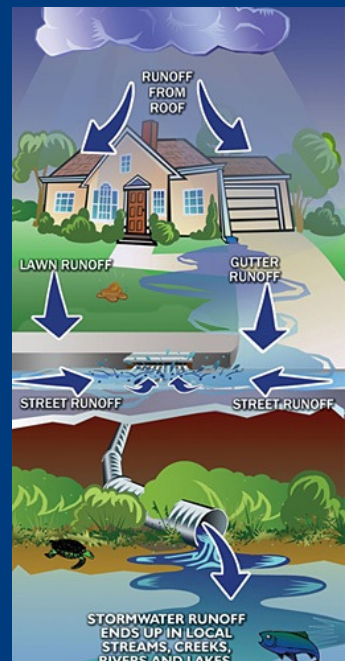


We are looking forward to seeing your future accomplishments and cheering you on as one of our own!  
**Congratulations Gage!**

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Collections System/NPDES

The Collection Systems NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) crews have started mowing the access roads next to our creeks, performing state required and **regulated routine maintenance** in our creeks and channels. When the creek area is not maintained correctly, the resulting obstructions can lead to increased flooding, **creek course** changes, and increased erosion. Proper creek care includes removing blockages (whether natural or man-made) that could cause flooding, keeping the banks vegetated to prevent erosion, preventing pollutants from **entering waterways**, and removing the trash to help maintain a healthy watershed. It is imperative that the work be conducted so that it will not adversely affect the natural habitat of vegetation and wildlife that share the creeks with us and in such a way that we **preserve the beauty** of our creeks.



Our **creek maintenance** season begins April 15th through October 31st every year. In that time, our NPDES crew, along with our partners: Pacific Coast Landscaping, Code Enforcement, and MJH Construction help accomplish our goals for the year. We are currently working in East Antioch Creek and will **continue our work** throughout the city until all creeks are completed.



If you have any questions or concerns please contact our NPDES division at **(925) 779-6950** or [publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us)



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Economic Development Commission

Economic Development Commission (EDC) The City of Antioch's Economic Development Commission had its meeting on **April 6th via Zoom**. Commissioners continued discussing draft reports created on each goal from the **City's Strategic Plan**, a task assigned by EDC Chair McCall. The next EDC meeting is calendared for May 4th, 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](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**.

## Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County's Business & Economic Development Committee Meeting

On **April 7th**, staff attended the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County's Business & Economic Development Committee Meeting via Zoom. Christopher Richardson Earl, Southern CA Regional Advisor, from the Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development (GOBiz), **presented details** on the State's Stimulus Package for **Small Business** and information to resources and assistance and E-Commerce Initiative.

Gurbax Sahota, President & CEO of California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED), presented an overview of economic development trends happening across the state, **shared key legislative issues** that impact economic development, and discussed tools and resources local economic developers **implemented** during COVID.



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

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## Grab and Go Activity Kits



**Día de los Libros Activity Kits**  
Starting Tuesday, April 13  
Stop by the library to pick up a fun activity while supplies last.

Antioch Library  
Front Door Service Only  
201 W. 18th Street, Antioch, CA 94509  
Mon-Closed, Tues-Sat 10:00-11:00, Thurs 11-4  
Fri 10-3, Sat 10-3, Sun Closed



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501 W 18th Street

- Tues : 1:00PM – 8:00PM
- Wed & Thu : 11:00AM – 6:00PM
- Fri & Sat : 10:00AM – 5:00PM

## Antioch Rotary Club Virtual Run Bunny Hop

Please Join **Bunny Hop Virtual 5k** from April 2- 20th, 2021. Participants will get a medal and Bunny Hop 5k face mask mailed to you at no extra cost. If you like to be part of the community video please hash tag **#antiochbunnyhop5k** on your Instagram account or email your picture to [bunnyhopphotos@gmail.com](mailto:bunnyhopphotos@gmail.com). The Bunny Hop 5k **proceeds** will directly go toward scholarships at the local high schools. If you want to learn more about the Rotary Club of Antioch please visit [www.antiochrotaryclub.com](http://www.antiochrotaryclub.com).



## 1st Annual Golf for Business Day

The Antioch Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 1st annual Golf for Business Day and Raffle on **Friday, June 11, 2021** to raise money for small businesses. The Chamber wants to create a fund to help businesses during these trying times.

Sponsor opportunities are available for the event and/or join with friends to play golf on that day, donate items to the raffle or purchase raffle tickets for great prizes. Antioch wins when Antioch businesses thrive! More information located [online](#).

