

CITY MANAGER'S BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

For the weeks of April 13 and April 20, 2020



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Fellow Antiochans,

The past three weeks have been trying and, at times, confusing. Terms like social distancing and flattening the curve have dominated our daily news and lives. Rules on sheltering at home, what is and isn't an essential business, when to wear a mask and gloves and when our kids will be able to go back to school and play outside with their friends seem to be changing or worse uncertain. I want to assure you that the dedicated women and men at the City of Antioch are committed to providing accurate and timely information, continue to provide the essential services you pay for and expect, and operate our government safely and efficiently.

Providing Services

The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has hit many businesses hard. This, in turn, is impacting City revenues to



operate the many services our residents depend on. City staff is continually monitoring revenues and expenses to keep the City Council informed and essential services like clean and safe streets, high-quality water flowing, toilets flushing, and parks mowed and free from litter. Our Abatement Team is working daily to pick up illegal dumping, litter, and shopping carts, paint over graffiti and keep our facilities sanitized. I want to thank all City staff that are working daily to maintain our quality of life.

Covid-19 Website

Check out the <u>COVID-19 page</u> on the City's website. It is packed full of up-to-date information and press releases from the State, County, and City of Antioch. Our goal is always to keep you, our residents and businesses informed.

Thank you

I'd like to say a special thank you to all of our health care workers who are doing an amazing job of putting their lives on the line every day. We appreciate your commitment and service to our sick and elderly as we all do our part to beat this virus.

THANK YOU



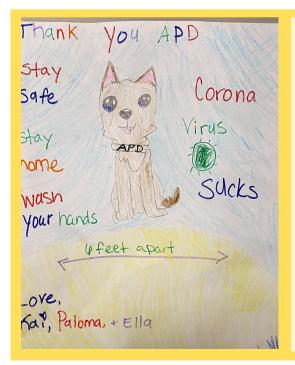




Reminders to the Community

First and foremost, please know the Antioch Police Department will continue working to keep our community safe and maintain emergency services. We are monitoring Federal, State and local directives, and will make changes as necessary while we travel through these uncharted waters. We all must work together to keep our community safe and healthy. To ensure the health and safety of our community, as well as our first responders, it is necessary for us to make some temporary changes to help minimize the spread of this virus. These changes include:

- Our front lobby will be closed to the public. If you have a prescheduled appointment with a member of our staff or have business that can only be conducted at the police department, please call Dispatch at (925) 778-2441 when you arrive at our parking lot.
- We understand there may still be a need for members of our community to obtain copies of police reports during this time. If this is the case, please contact Records at (925) 779-6830.
- We encourage our community to use our online reporting platform to report non-emergency incidents (www.antiochca.gov/police/online-police-reporting-system/)
- Our officers will respond to all emergency calls. For other incidents, when appropriate, you may receive a phone call instead. This is in an attempt to practice social distancing as much as possible
- Internally, we modified schedules and changed response protocols to reduce personal contact within our agency.



Thank you for your support Antioch!

As our Country navigates these difficult waters, it is reassuring to the members of our Police Department to know that we have so much support from our community. We have had many calls from community members who want to (or have) purchased meals from local restaurants to be delivered to our personnel (please contact us before doing this – we are trying to socially distance here as well).

Others have donated supplies or sent us messages through social media, wishing us well. Though all of these are awesome, our favorite has been from Kai, Paloma, and Ella. They sent us a beautiful drawing reminding us (and everyone else) to STAY HOME, WASH YOUR HANDS and stay 6 FEET APART. Thank you for the picture and the reminder that we can all do our part.

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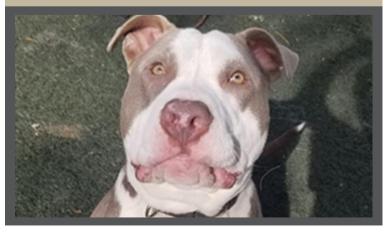
POLICE- ANIMAL SERVICES

Covid-19 Animal Services Update

Although the Antioch Animal Shelter is closed to the public in response to the COVID-19 shelter in place order, we still have pets available for adoption. To view pets currently available for adoption, visit www.petharbor.com or www.petfinder.com.

If there is a pet, you would like more information about, or to adopt, call us at (925) 779-6989 to receive instructions on how to schedule an appointment to come to the shelter. Appointments are available every day.

To help us place as many pets as possible, Antioch Friends of Animal Services is sponsoring the adoption fees for all pets during the shelter in place order (through May 3, 2020). Adoption fees include spay/neuter, rabies, and age-appropriate vaccinations, and a microchip. Antioch residents who adopt a dog will need to purchase a dog license for \$20.00. Below is our friend Sirius, who is available for adoption now.





HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Updates:

Open recruitment positions currently include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Water Treatment Plant Supervisor

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.

Animal Shelter is Closed to the Public

To limit exposure, the Antioch Animal Shelter will be closed to the public.

You can HELP!

Our current need is to help with the placement of large dogs. The expected length of time fostering is 6 to 8 weeks, and possibly longer. Anyone who would like to foster a pet should contact us at (925) 779-6989.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Covid-19 Department Update

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Virtual Recreation Center

Recreation facilities remain temporarily closed through May 3, 2020, but residents can still connect with City programs and activities, and each other, through the Virtual Recreation Center and VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER AND NETWORK



Network! This new network is easy to locate on the City website <u>Virtual Recreation Center</u> and it includes webcams to popular museums and zoos, Story Time with Miss Traci, Antioch Preschool Director, and other fun and enriching experiences. Registration for summer activities is also available <u>on-line</u>.

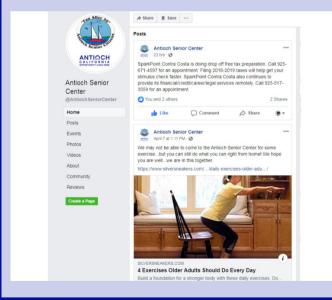


(ACT) Antioch Council of Teens

The Antioch Council of Teens (ACT) held a Zoom meeting to connect with each other and talk about how they are feeling during the COVID 19 shelter-in-place, and their new distance learning virtual school experience. The teens also developed a list of ideas and suggestions for helping the community, and also talked about a youth/teen event that could bring the community together when they are allowed to gather again. Staff participated in the meeting; listening and encouraging them to stay connected. Staff will begin exploring the feasibility for implementing their ideas.

Antioch Seniors

Antioch seniors are staying connected through social media, particularly the <u>Antioch Senior Center Facebook page</u> Antioch Senior Center. Information is posted and shared about staying healthy, home fitness, and community resources. Staff is also calling seniors that live alone and or don't have family nearby to see how they are doing, and to add a smile to their day.









Community Development Services

For the remainder of the duration of the Health Order, the Community Development Department will be offering limited services, while making all efforts to keep critical projects and affordable housing development moving forward, in alignment with guidance provided by Governor Gavin Newson and the State of California and the Health Officer of Contra Costa County. The second floor of City Hall will generally be closed to the public during this time.

Planning Division

The Planning Division will be working remotely on current applications and will be available by email and phone/voicemail. The staff will have access to voicemails left on the office phones and will be checking them daily, at a minimum. Similarly, staff will be accessible by email and will be monitoring communication just as if they were in the office. If you have a basic zoning inquiry, information is always available here, and the Zoning Ordinance is available here. If you have an active project with the Planning Division, please feel free to reach out to your assigned planner for updates.

Building Inspection Services

The Building Inspection Services Division remains open and is servicing affordable housing projects and is assisting with the securing of non-exempt construction sites, in response to the directions of the revised Health Order. New building permit applications are being accepted on a case-by-case, but may not be issued if inconsistent with the Health Order. The Building Inspection Services Division can be reached at (925) 779-7065 or through Mike Boccio, Building Inspection Services Manager at mboccio@ci.antioch.ca.us.





Environmental and Housing Services

The Environmental Services function will be working remotely as well, but you can reach Julie Haas-Wajdowicz at jhaas-wajdowicz@ci.antioch.ca.us. Similarly, Teri House in the Housing/CDBG program can be reached at thouse@ci.antioch.ca.us.

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division will not be investigating ordinary complaints in the field but will be receiving and responding to phone calls and email messages. The Code Enforcement Officers are monitoring the City of Antioch for non-essential businesses to ensure that only essential businesses remain open. If you believe that a non-essential business is operating, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at codeenforcementcomplaints@ci.antioch.ca.us. Messages can also be left on the Code Enforcement phone line at (925) 779-7042. If you have an active case, you may contact your assigned Code Enforcement Officer through their contact information or request such information through the above channels.







Antioch Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The City of Antioch, in response to the Executive Order of the Governor and the Order of the Health Officer of Contra Costa County concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease, is making Antioch City Council meetings available via Comcast channel 24, AT&T U-verse channel 99, or live stream here. If you wish to make a public comment, you may do so any of the following ways:

- By filling out an online speaker card, located here.
- Email the City Clerk prior to or during the meeting at: cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us
- Call (925) 776-3057 during the meeting.

Accepting Applications

The City Clerk's Department is accepting applications for the following:

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

Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee

• Three (3) Committee Members, 4-year term vacancies, expiring March 2024

Police Crime Prevention Commission

- One (1) Commissioner 4-year term vacancy, expiring June 2023
- One (1) Commissioner partial-term vacancy, expiring October 2021

Parks and Recreation Commission

• Three (3) Commissioners, 4-year term vacancies, expiring March 2024

Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control Board Of Trustees

• One (1) Antioch Citizen Representative Vacancy

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 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2020. Applications are available at here. Applications and resume can be emailed to cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us.









Department Updates

Public Works continues to maintain essential infrastructure such as water treatment, water distribution, sewer collection systems, landscape maintenance, road maintenance, engineering and will operate the City's Call Center. Staff will comply with regulations to help prevent the spread of this virus.

Central Call Center (925) 779-6950 Staff continues to address all customer's service inquiries and needs; weekdays 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. PD dispatch covers after these hours.

Water Treatment- There is no disruption of services in water treatment as staff continues 24/7 operations. Staff is monitoring news feed local, state, and federal water resource agencies and will keep our community up to date.

Water Distribution- Crews continue to activate new water service accounts and other essential water services such as responding to leaks, hydrants, pressure, main lines, etc. Crews are responding to residents with private leaks when they are unable to help themselves or reach a plumber.

Marina-The marina office is closed; staff will support other divisions, assist with sanitation, or covering phones as an increase in calls is expected.

Parks- Park restrooms, playgrounds, dog parks, and skate parks are closed. Park maintenance contractor has suspended all maintenance that is non- essential. Public Works crews are emptying garbage cans in the parks. All City park open spaces and trails will remain open until further notice.

Collections- All essential work continues in our Collection Systems (sewer, stormwater, creeks). If you experience a sewer problem, please call Public Works first at (925) 779-6950

Streets and Landscape Maintenance- Crews are conducting essential work in the public rights of way, ensuring roadways are safe. Crews are addressing potholes' critical signage, trimming sidewalks, low hanging limbs, lines of sight, and rights of way. As defined by the County Order, the City's Weed Abatement/Fire Prevention program started this week and is scheduled to continue through the end of June.

Engineering Services and Capital Improvement-The City continues to maintain the constructions, Inspection, Plan/Map checking, and processing of other items related to infrastructure. Plans can be delivered to City Hall, weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ;upon arrival call the phone number posted on the front door and an employee will come to the door, employees will maintain the required 6 ft. social distancing. Please do not leave plans unattended.

Email: publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us.
City Website: Click Here



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTCovid-19 Department Update

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The Economic Development Department staff will continue to provide service and information as normal as possible during the Contra Costa County mandated shelter in place order. Staff is working remotely as we are not deemed essential service staff members. Departmental phones are being answered, and email capability is in place. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Essential Business List

The City of Antioch is working with Bludot to provide a more user-friendly version of the Antioch Essential Business List. The list combines information for customers seeking open essential businesses and business owners seeking to be added to the list, in one convenient location. The program is available on both desktop and mobile platforms. Be sure to use the "filter" feature to search by business type. Please visit Antioch Open Essential Businesses.





Innovate Antioch

All you need to know about Antioch Sites, Buildings, & Community The City of Antioch has a great website to find all your needs for available sites, demographics, and other data needed to make Antioch your next move.

Helpful Covid-19 Videos

The Antioch Chamber of Commerce invited the Economic Development Director, Kwame Reed, to participate in a series called "Helpful COVID-19 Video Updates from our City and State Leaders...". Director Reed discussed how businesses are adapting to the County health order, resources offered by the City, the City of Antioch's eviction protection moratorium, and SBA options available to business owners, specifically the EIDL and PPP

(Click Here to Watch).

Director Reed's video is part of other videos featuring

Assemblymember Jim Frazier and County Supervisor

Diane Burgis.





in Antioch



El Campanil Theater Message

Click on link below for message from the El Campanil Theater Manager regarding performances during Covid-19 here



DONATE SUPPLIES TO HELP HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Goggles/Face Shields
- Disinfecting Wipes
- N-95 & Surgical Masks
- Waterproof Gowns, Coveralls & Sleeved Aprons Hand-sewn Cloth Masks



coronavirus.cchealth.org/ donations





Opportunity works here

The City of Antioch **Recreation Department** is accepting applications for:

Camp Leaders, Camp Director, Dance & Gymnastics Instructors, Dance Director and Preschool Assistants

Turn in your applications today: **Antioch Community Center** 4703 Lone Tree Way Information: 925-776-3050

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