

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



WELCOME CHIEF DR. STEVE A. FORD

"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm." Publilius Syrus

As a former police officer, who honorably served 30 years in law enforcement and is currently serving the City of Antioch as its Interim City Manager, there is no greater honor and privilege than having both the benefit and opportunity of appointing a new Chief of Police. The Chief of Police is an iconic city figure who must be beyond reproach and possess impeccable personal character. With great humility, I would like to introduce Dr. Steve A. Ford as the City of Antioch's newly appointed Interim Chief of Police. *A very special thank you to Captain Tony Morefield who stepped in as Interim Chief of Police since October 2021.*



Dr. Steven A. Ford, Ed.D, M.S., B.S., who recently retired from the San Francisco Police Department as a Commander, grew up in one of San Francisco's crime-ridden and gang-infested communities, notoriously known at the time as the Ingleside-Oceanview district. His **law enforcement background** spans thirty-one-plus years with the San Francisco Police Department and has included assignments in Operations, Investigations, Administration, Special Operations-Homeland Security, and Professional Standards-Strategic Management Bureaus. Dr. Ford currently serves as faculty at San Francisco City College and San Francisco State University, where he **instructs administration of justice courses** and course work in the MPA program.

Dr. Ford holds an Associate of Sciences Degree from San Francisco City College, a Bachelor of Science Degree from San Francisco State University, a Master of Science Degree from California State University-Long Beach, and a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from Saint Mary's College-California. Chief Ford has attended the **Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute**, Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigations, California POST Command College, California Police Chiefs Executive Leadership Institute at Drucker-Claremont Graduate University, POST Executive Development, San Francisco Leadership-S.F. Chamber of Commerce, and San Francisco Police Department Leadership Development Institute.

Dr. Ford considers his leadership and professional philosophy to be that of a **contemporary leader** who values the profession's history, is focused on current challenges, and has a vision for the **future of policing**. Please join Mayor Lamar Thorpe, the entire City Council, and me in welcoming our new Antioch Police Department Interim Chief of Police, Dr. Steven A. Ford, to our beautiful city, where Opportunity Lives.



PD EASTER EGG AND ROTARY BUNNY HOP

Thank you to everyone that came out and joined us at our Easter Egg Hunt and the Antioch Rotary Bunny Hop.



HOMICIDE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

On 2/8/22, at approximately 7:00 pm, a shooting occurred at the intersection of **Canada Valley Drive and Pinnacle View Drive**, Antioch. An unknown subject traveling in a silver Dodge Charger shot at a Honda sedan striking the passenger, a 76-year-old woman who was transported to the hospital and later died.

This unprovoked attack shocked our community, and we are asking for public assistance in helping to **identify the suspect or vehicle** involved in this senseless act. If you have any information, please contact Detective Whitaker at (925) 779-6890 or wwhitaker@antiochca.gov



TRAFFIC UNIT

We received multiple complaints about this **vehicle doing donuts** in a business parking lot, and before we could get there, it crashed into another vehicle and left. Our Traffic Unit tracked down videos, **followed up on leads**, and located the vehicle. A vehicle seizure warrant was issued, and the car was towed for 30 days.

We always try to get these dangerous drivers **off the road** because they are dangerous to not only themselves but the members of our community. As always, we couldn't do most of what we do without **helpful tips and calls** from the community, so again, we thank you!



ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT



RECREATION DEPARTMENT



2022 VIRTUAL SENIOR RALLY DAY

CALIFORNIA • SENIOR • LEGISLATURE

Registration is now open for the **FREE** 2022 Virtual Senior Rally Day. Join us **virtually** from the comfort of your home or office as we meet with members of the CA Department on Aging and Legislators for an update on the status of the **Master Plan for Aging** and the State Budget. The afternoon advocacy session will allow legislators and staff to meet on important aging bills and budget requests. All attendees must be registered in advance to participate. To register, click the link: <https://4csl.org/senior-rally-day/>. We look forward to seeing you virtually on May 3rd. Questions or concerns can be sent via email to jbailey@seniorleg.ca.gov.

EASTER FUN



Things were hopping at **Antioch Preschool Academy** with a week full of EGG-citing Easter activities! Our preschoolers worked on Easter crafts, counting carrots, and baby chick sequencing! We had an egg hunt, decorated cookies, and at the end of class, we had a special guest...the Easter Bunny! Our next preschool session **starts on May 2nd**. Call (925) 776-3073 for information.

RECREATION EXPO

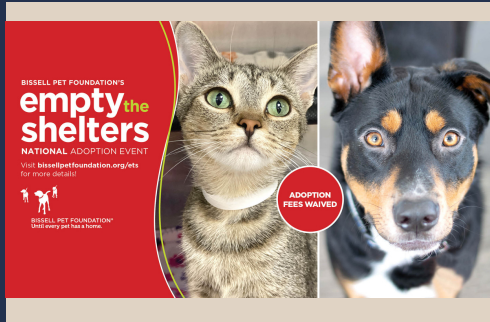
Come out to the Antioch Water Park on **Saturday, May 7th**, for our Recreation Expo! See demonstrations of our recreation programs and enjoy a sneak peek of what the Antioch Water Park will be offering in summer 2022! There will be a **discount on in-person activity registrations** and Water Park Season Passes, so mark your calendars and stop by between 11:00 a.m. – and 2:00 p.m.

ANTIOCH YOUTH SPORTS

The Antioch Youth Sports Division provides low-cost skills and drills classes for local children. Basketball classes include **Little Dribblers** (ages 4-6), **Jumpshooters** (ages 7-9), and **Dunkers** (ages 10-12). Soccer classes include **Little Kickers** (ages 4-6), **Sweepers** (ages 7-9), and **Strikers** (ages 10-12). Each class only costs \$29 for a 4-week session and is instructed by Recreation Department Staff. This spring, 99 young athletes participated in the program. Summer classes begin June 4th at Prosserville Park, Diablo West Park, and the Antioch Community Center. **Click here** for more information and to register now.



ANIMAL SERVICES



EMPTY THE SHELTER EVENT

The BISSELL Pet Foundation is hosting its spring "Empty the Shelter" adoption event from **May 2 – 8, 2022**, an effort that has helped more than 83,055 pets find homes in shelters throughout the country.

Over the past several years, more than **60 pets** have been adopted from Antioch Animal Services during Bissell's Empty the Shelters events. "Shelters across the country are over capacity, and highly adoptable pets are at risk as we face one of the largest crises in recent years," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. BISSELL Pet Foundation calls on people to visit their community shelters during the event to save a life through adoption. Without you, there is no tomorrow for these deserving pets."

To view pets available for adoption at Antioch Animal Services, visit <https://24petconnect.com/>, then call **(925) 779-6989** to schedule an appointment. The Antioch Animal Shelter is open for adoption appointments from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday.

HUMAN RESOURCES



HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Gonzalo Ramos** was hired as Collection Systems Supervisor for the Public Works Department on April 10, 2022.
- **Matthew McCullough** was hired as Equipment Operator for the Public Works Department on April 10, 2022.
- **Shahad Wright** was hired as Recreation Supervisor for the Parks & Recreation Department on April 25, 2022.
- **Dr. Steven Ford** was hired as Interim Police Chief for the Police Department on April 25, 2022.

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)
- Police Records Supervisor
- Water Treatment Plant Instrument Technician
- Water Treatment Plant Superintendent

The City of Antioch'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

COUNTER HOURS UPDATE

The Planning Division's counter hours at City Hall, 200 H Street have been adjusted to Mon-Thur., 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. There are three additional ways to submit inquiries to the Planning Team during weekly business hours:

Fill out a **Quick Online Inquiry Form**, by **phone** at (925) 779-6159, or direct **email** to planning@antiochca.gov

This information has been posted online at antiochplanning.com and on-site at City Hall.

CITY OF ANTIOCH RESOURCE RECOVERY AMBASSADORS

Want to learn how to reduce landfill waste & fight climate change while engaging with your community at fun, local events? Are you interested in jumpstarting a career in Zero Waste and Sustainability? Get trained to become a Resource Recovery Ambassador Volunteer through the City of Antioch!

Benefits:

- \$125 stipend award possibility for the first 10 AUSD youth
- Free meal up to a \$15 value
- Free 1 month Bus Pass to get to/from volunteering events

Expectations:

- Inform event-goers on how to sort their waste
- Monitor waste bins to make sure materials are thrown into the correct bin

Timeline:

Virtual Training - Will take place for 1-hour and 30 minutes on May 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
Volunteering in-person at Events - 2-hour shift at the following events:

- Saturday, May 21, Black Diamond Day Picnic
- Thursday, June 16, Movie Night and Food Truck Thursday
- Thursday, June 30, Movie Night and Food Truck Thursday
- Saturday, July 2, Music in the Park at the Williamson Ranch Park 3:00-9:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 4, Sesquicentennial Extravaganza



Sign Up



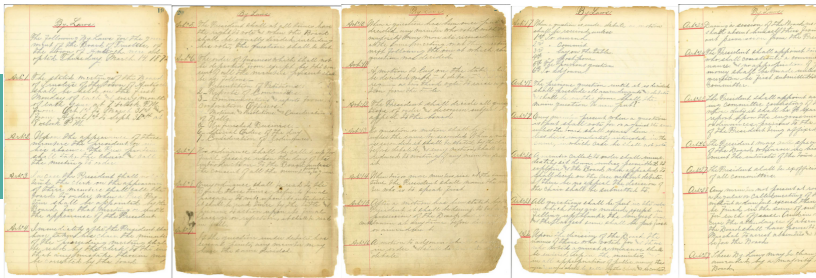
To sign up, click on the link **here**. For any questions or comments, please contact alynmateo@antiochca.gov or dschultze-allen@antiochca.gov or call **(925) 779-7000 Ext. 14106**. We look forward to building a brighter future for the people of Antioch together with you!





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](#).



CITY CLERK HISTORY

The following By-Laws for the government of the Board of Trustees, of the Town of Antioch, were adopted Thursday, March 14, 1872. Below are the 1st four articles. More to come in the next issue of the Bi-Monthly Update:

Article 1: The stated meetings for the Board of Trustees of the Town of Antioch shall be held on the first Monday of each and every month of each year at 7 o'clock P.M. from October 1st to March 31st and from April 1st to September 30th at 8 o'clock P.M.

Article 2: Upon the appearance of three members the president, or in his absence the President Pro Tem shall take the chair and call the meeting to order.

Article 3: In case the President shall not attend, the clerk on the appearance of three members shall call the board to order. When a President Pro Tem shall be appointed by the Board for that meeting or until the appearance of the President.

Article 4: Immediately after the President shall have taken his chair, the minutes of the proceeding meeting shall be read by the clerk to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the board.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE





SEWER SAFETY

Experiencing a Sewer Emergency? Call us at (925) 779-6950

The City of Antioch responds to customer requests for assistance 24/7!

For your safety, please **NEVER open a sewer manhole!** Manholes may have dangerous gases present. Manhole covers are also quite heavy, and lifting them could injure you. Our trained Collection Systems employees have the safety equipment necessary to inspect, clean, and remove obstructions from manholes; we arrive within the hour. Please call us first at (925) 779-6950 if you experience any of the following inconveniences: sewer stoppage, overflowing manhole, manhole cover off/broken, noisy manhole, riser cover off/broken, sewer odor, broken sewer line, open manholes!

BEST WISHES

Recently, we said Fare Thee Well to three of our long-term berthers at the Antioch Marina. One of those berthers is **Bob**, pictured right. Since he was five, he has been on the water and recently sold his **much-loved River Otter**. The River Otter is one of less than fifty **Pilgrim 40 Trawlers** made, originally in Canada, to refresh the spirit, put a smile on the owner's face and heart, and as a means of escape! Bob is still smiling, and we wish him and the other departing Mariners well and safe travels.

We have **three (3) highly coveted spots available** on A-dock with their departure. These berths are **40' covered slips**. Please contact the Antioch Marina office for availability information.

Main Office: 925-779-6957

Email: Antiochmarina@antiochca.gov

A SPRING SURPRISE



It is Spring, and one of our boaters made a remarkable surprise discovery! A Green Heron used this boater's swim platform as the location for its nest. Visit the Antioch Marina, and the adjacent Dow Wetlands Preserve to hear the quiet sounds of the wetland birds and experience the marsh habitat along the shoreline adjacent to the Marina and across the San Joaquin River.



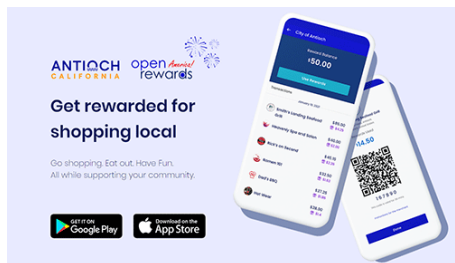
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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



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.

