



## CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

APRIL 27, 2018

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### Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending April 27, 2018.

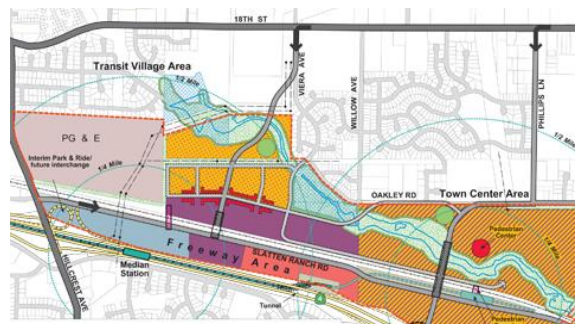
### CITY MANAGER



BART Commissioner Keller made a presentation to the City Council and announced the new Hillcrest BART ribbon cutting occurring on Friday, May 25th at 11:00 a.m. This long-awaited transit improvement will directly connect Antioch with the rest of the Bay Area through this system. The new diesel multiple unit (DMU) trains and OUR BART themed station make it the first of its kind in the Bay Area. Full service will begin at 5:43 a.m. on Saturday, May 26th.

Along with Mayor Wright, I attended the Delta 6 meeting in Pittsburg. This is a quarterly gathering of the mayors, city manager's, County supervisors and their chiefs of staff. Some of the items discussed were District Elections, Highway 4 Camera Project, the Jobs Corridor, and BART ribbon cutting on May 25th. Regional cooperation is the theme of our meetings.

Economic Development Project Manager Zepeda and I met with the owners of the land north of the new BART station about their plans to develop the Hillcrest Specific Plan Area. With the opening of the Hillcrest BART Station on May 26th, the owners are interested in finding creative ways to fund critical infrastructure necessary to serve this area and the BART Station. The potential impacts of AB 2923 were also discussed.





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Finance Director Merchant, our outside counsel and I met with the Department of Finance to discuss an ongoing dispute regarding redevelopment successor agency money we believe the State is obligated to provide to the City. We will be receiving their decision on the matter May 17th.

Along with a group of elected officials and city managers, I met with Assembly Member Grayson regarding AB 2923 (Chiu), a bill he is sponsoring that would limit our local control over property owned by BART and land BART may later control. This is of particular concern to cities like Antioch that have BART stations and the prospect of very high-density residential development occurring without the need to comply with local ordinances on density, height or design review.

I received a tour of Smith's Landing (formerly Humphrey's) from the owner who is making fantastic progress on the "extreme makeover" of this gem on the Delta. Projected to open in June, and located in our beautiful Antioch Marina, this will be one of the best dining experience in East Contra Costa County, if not the entire region. The beautiful facility, unbelievable views, and amazing menu will be still another reason for folks to come to the Antioch Rivertown District. Accessible by boat, with outdoor dining and views from every seat in the house, Smith's Landing will be the dining experience Antiochans have been asking for. The restaurant will also employ over 75 people providing quality, good paying jobs to our community and residents.

## POLICE

On April 19th Detective Tom Smith along with representatives from the Securities and Exchange Commission, The California State Contractor's Licensing Board, and The State Controller's Office participated in the Senior Scam Stopper event the Senior Center. Topics included how to identify and not be a victim of senior financial abuse, unlicensed contractors, various phone and email scams, identify theft, and "phishing." The presentation from the State Controller's Office provided information on how individuals can search for and recover unclaimed assets belonging to them. There was a great turnout from our seniors wanting to educate themselves. The event was a valuable opportunity for our senior community as they are the most targeted group of individuals for this type of criminal activity.





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Last Saturday, we recognized all of our volunteers at the annual volunteer recognition brunch as part of National Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are fortunate to have such dedicated Volunteers in Police Service, Police Explorers, Police Reserves, Crime Commissioners, Police Chaplains, and Animal Services volunteers who generously donate their time to the city to make it a better place for everyone. U.S. Congressman

McNerney, State Assemblyman Frazier, representatives from Congressman DeSaulnier's, and State Senator Glazer's office, as well as Mayor Wright and the City Council, were on hand to help us honor our volunteers. Each volunteer received a certificate and a small token of appreciation from Chief Brooks. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering, you can learn more at [http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/vips\\_program.htm](http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/vips_program.htm)

### Animal Services

Be Kind to Animals Week is celebrated each year during the first week in May. Although Antioch Animal Services employees show their kindness to animals every day, Be Kind to Animals Week is an excellent opportunity for us to celebrate our love of animals, and remind us of our responsibility to model kindness, compassion, and empathy for our animal friends. Tuesday evening, Mayor Sean Wright, echoed our commitment of being kind to animals by proclaiming May 2018 as Be Kind to Animals Month!



### HUMAN RESOURCES

Currently, open recruitments include:



- Animal Control Officer
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- 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 open recruitments can be found on the Human Resources page of the City website <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources>. 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.

The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting will be held on May 8, 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, simply click on this link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/notification-systems/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.

### RECREATION

Last week, the Antioch council of Teens announced the 2017 Teen Friendly Business Award during the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. The award goes to T4, a local business offering bubble tea/tea room, juice bars, and smoothies. On Wednesday, the ACT presented the award at T4.



On Thursday, 12 **Strength Training & Cardio** students wrapped up their morning class for the spring session. Participants focus on getting stronger, leaner and healthier through workouts that increase bone density, helps control weight, reduces the risk of injury, boosts stamina and reduce the signs and symptoms of many chronic conditions. Join us next Thursday for the next session of Strength Training & Cardio at the Antioch Community Center!

This week, staff contacted families who have received Youth Scholarship funding to remind them that their child's scholarships may be used for all spring and summer programs listed in the Recreation Guide; staff shared the many exciting activities scheduled for the season.



The Recreation Department is still accepting applications for 2017/2018 Youth Activity Scholarships! Funding is provided by the City of Antioch CDBG and HUD program for youth in our community to participate in recreation activities in our Recreation Guide, including sports, swim lessons, art classes, and preschool!





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On Mondays and Wednesdays, the Antioch Senior Center hosts an afternoon of BINGO for all interested individuals. Join the seniors at 1:00 p.m. for a fun afternoon and support the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome!

The Antioch Water Park is the perfect place for your family reunion, company picnic, customer appreciation day, or school celebration. There are currently 11 full buyouts and four pool/slide rentals scheduled for the 2018 season; the Water Park has a few more open slots available. Call the friendly recreation staff, and they will help you plan the perfect event.



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Code Enforcement

On April 16, the Code Enforcement Division began a three day cleanup of the vacant lot at the corner of McElheney Road and Sixth Street.



An encampment had formed on this site, and the conditions were in violation of multiple local, state and federal laws. Much has been said about this action and several local and regional news outlets reported on the action. To help inform this conversation, the following course of events describes the cleanup and the occurrences leading up to it.

From June 2017 through March 8, 2018, the Code Enforcement Division received multiple complaints regarding the condition of the property from neighbors and others in the community. In response, Code Enforcement Officers inspected the property on numerous occasions and advised anyone staying on the property of the observed violations and the need to vacate the property. As is practice, the Code Enforcement Officers partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Shelter, Inc., and the County's CORE team during these inspections to provide occupants requesting assistance with the necessary resources to vacate the property and pursue shelter options. Code Enforcement Officers then followed up their inspections with notices and citations to the property owner advising of the violations and corrective actions required. None of the occupants were cited.

On March 14, a final Notice of Violation and Citation was posted at the property describing the violations for junk/rubbish and illegal use of the property. The Notice advised that all tents and debris must be removed by March 24, 2018.



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As the property owner failed to correct the violations, the City obtained an Inspection and Abatement Warrant on April 10, 2018, that authorized the City to abate the violations and clean up the property.

This Inspection and Abatement warrant was posted on the property on April 12, 2018, and all occupants were advised that abatement activity would begin on Monday, April 16, 2018. From April 16-18, the City of Antioch's Code Enforcement Division, with help from the Public Works Department and private

contractors, conducted a significant cleanup of the site. The team removed approximately 300 cubic yards of debris from the property – the equivalent of 25 dump truck loads. Additionally, overgrown vegetation was trimmed to increase visibility.

During the cleanup process, Code Enforcement officers were accompanied by the Antioch Police Department Community Engagement Team (CET), City of Antioch Animal Control, City of Antioch Public Works, as well as the Contra Costa County Health Services Community Outreach Referral and Engagement (CORE) team and Contra Costa County Mental Health. All of the occupants of the site were offered access to resources for homelessness, including shelter options. Four occupants agreed to receive the resources and were provided with shelter.

The City of Antioch continues to work with property owners and the homeless community to address the ongoing problems associated with large encampments and the unsanitary conditions, accumulation of garbage, and other circumstances that pose a genuine threat to public health and the environment. The homeless issue is complicated and will continue to require the cooperation and dedication of multiple City, County, and State agencies, as well as the non-profit community.

Individuals interested in learning more about local efforts for the homeless or contributing to a solution are encouraged to contact Contra Costa Health Services at <http://cchealth.org/h3/coc/volunteer.php>.

### **The City of Antioch's first ever Idle Free Pledge drive has come to an end!**

Over 50 City staff and council members have taken the pledge turn off the car's engine if they'll be waiting for more than 30 seconds. Leo Reyes, Emily Reinard, Susan Vasquez, and Lauren Posada each took home Starbucks gift cards for taking the pledge. Grand Prize winner, Jenn Lee with the Antioch Police Department won a portable Bluetooth speaker, reusable water bottle, City of Antioch lunch bag, and



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reusable tote - everything you need to get out of your car and enjoy a picnic outside. You can find out more about the benefits of not idling and take the pledge at [www.idlefreebayarea.org](http://www.idlefreebayarea.org).



### PUBLIC WORKS

The City of Antioch Collections Division's wastewater repair crew is dedicated to repairing the City's sanitary and storm sewer conveyance systems.



This construction/repair crew consists of a large backhoe or large vacuum truck and three to four wastewater Collections employees that are specially trained and certified in all aspects of underground wastewater and storm sewer repairs. We are currently repairing a lower sewer lateral on Caples Court. The lower lateral starts 10 feet from the face of the curb where a proper clean out is required and runs to the main line in the middle of the street. We offer a video on proper sewer cleanouts to help determine if you have a proper cleanout at

<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/PublicWorks/WasteWaterDivision.htm>

***We need your help.*** If you see this crew working in the field, please respect the construction zone by keeping away from the safety cones and barricades and understand that there is loud, heavy construction equipment in use, this is for everyone's safety.

### Parks & Landscaping Division

The Parks Division is working in collaboration with our Streets and Facilities Divisions to get our parks 'summer' ready. As part of our ongoing maintenance and repair projects, we are replacing the picnic sets in many parks. Pictured is the work performed at Heidorn Park. We have identified several parks where we will complete similar projects so we will have more updates to come. If your local park is in need of maintenance or repair, please reach out to the Public Works Department.






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### Contact Public Works:

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

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Fair Chance Employers Learn about Hiring Workers

The Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County's Employment & Human Services Department (EHSD), in partnership with the Office of Reentry and Justice, presents the Fair Chance Employer Summit in Antioch



#### FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYER SUMMIT



Wednesday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The East County Cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, & Pittsburg are some of the sponsors of this event. Employers will learn about strengthening their hiring processes, minimizing risk, and maximizing value by hiring formerly incarcerated workers who struggle to find employment.

Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fair-chance-employer-summit-tickets-44411504004>

Video: <https://youtu.be/ys9zTNqj2bE>



#### 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! [Survey](#) and [Video](#)





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### Cannabis Ordinance Process in Antioch

Hey Antioch! We need to hear your thoughts on Cannabis. As you know Proposition 64 passed and cities in California are or have placed a cannabis ordinance. The Antioch City Council is in the process of developing a Permanent Commercial Cannabis Ordinance. Part of this process involves getting community feedback. To shape the ordinance, we want to hear from all of the Antioch community. We have a survey, city informational page, 2nd workshop and a timeline of upcoming items. Please share with as many of your neighbors for your voice to be heard.

For more information on our cannabis Cannabis Ordinance Process in Antioch visit our page. Cannabis Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSLG82R>

Planning Commission Meeting to review Zoning/Land Use May 2nd, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Antioch Council Chambers

### 2nd Cannabis Community Workshop – We Want to Hear from you.

Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m. Downtown at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center 213 F St, Antioch, CA 94509. We need your feedback!

Next Items for Cannabis Tentative Schedule				
PC	5/2 Zoning/Land Use	Cannabis goes to the Planning Commission to discuss Zoning Ordinance –City Attorney/Consultant	15 day notice went out	Ordinance & to include alternatives with overall city map
Workshop confirmed	Saturday 5/5	*2 <sup>nd</sup> date for public workshop with Consultant, Council, Commissions, & Public		Downtown - NRCC Feedback, PPT & Maps
CC	5/22 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Draft Cannabis Ordinance goes to Council		Ordinance
CC	6/12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading 6/26 Back-up 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Final Cannabis Ordinance goes to Council		Ordinance
30-Days	7/31 (30 days)			

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**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.





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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: [info@foodiecrew.com](mailto:info@foodiecrew.com)



### El Campanil Theatre

602 W. Second St.

Downtown Antioch

Tickets: [www.ElCampanilTheatre.com](http://www.ElCampanilTheatre.com) or (925) 757-9500

### "You've Got A Friend" The Carole King Songbook Performed by The Rhythm Method 4

Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Adults: \$29 Seniors (62 and Over): \$27

Youth (Under 18): \$12

Buy Online Now - No convenience fees



#### About The Concert

A Celebration of one of the most prolific songwriters of the '60s and '70s, Carole King's hits include memorable classics like Aretha Franklin's *Natural Woman*, The Drifters' *Up on the Roof*, and The Shirelles' *Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow*.

The Rhythm Method 4 is a group of 4 distinctively talented musicians who perform regularly throughout the Bay Area to fans of every genre and taste of music. Chris Holmes performs Keyboard and Vocals, Rob Lopez is Bass and Vocals, Keith Vaughn provides Drums and Percussion, and Ke'Lee Marie Bordeaux is featured on Vocals.

Buy Tickets / Watch Video: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/the-carole-king-songbook.html>



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### **Fleetwood Mask**

#### **The Ultimate Tribute To Fleetwood Mac**

Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Adults: \$29 Seniors (62 and Over): \$27

Youth (Under 18): \$12

Buy Online Now - No convenience fees

### **About The Concert**

Fleetwood Mask is a Fleetwood Mac tribute band from the San Francisco Bay Area. The band formed out of a mutual love and respect for Fleetwood Mac's music and story. Replicating one of rock's most successful bands is a passion for Fleetwood Mask and each band

member is committed to performing the music of Fleetwood Mac with authenticity and style. With over 25 years of professional music and theatrical experience combined, Fleetwood Mask is dedicated to providing audiences a fun and exciting Fleetwood Mac musical experience! Don't just take our word for it, experience Fleetwood Mask!

Buy Tickets / Watch Video: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/Fleetwood-Mask.html>

### **Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra "American Idols"**

Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Adults: \$15 Seniors (62 & Over): \$12 Students: \$7

Formed in the late 1970s, the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra has established a presence throughout the county. The orchestra is comprised of forty-five musicians ranging in age from 15 to 94 who are music teachers, accountants, students, electricians, mechanics, homemakers, lawyers, retirees, dentists, engineers and computer specialists. Primarily Contra Costa residents, their only remuneration is the stimulation and satisfaction of rehearsing and performing together. In addition to the five-concert season at the Leshner Center, the orchestra also nurtures its dedication to the community by providing affordable performances to the residents of East Contra Costa County at El Campanil Theatre.



Buy Tickets: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/American-Idols.html>



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### Antioch 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 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Starting Location: Corner of G Street & 3rd Street.

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  
Eventbrite Tickets \$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 required at check-in

### Steak 'n Shake at the Somersville Towne Center looking for 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 milk shakes.



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.



### Deer Valley High School's Divine Voices

Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Antioch Community Center (Prewett Library)

This is the final concert in our music series funded with Keller Canyon Mitigation Funds administered through Contra Costa County Supervisorial District 5. Deer Valley High School's Divine Voices is led by Michelle Stark who was chosen by Antioch Unified School District as Teacher of the Year.

### Antioch Library

501 W. 18th Street

925-757-9224

Library Hours: Monday & Tuesday 12-8 Wednesday & Thursday 11-6 Saturday 12-5





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The Antioch Chamber of Commerce Hosts the  
**2018 STATE OF THE CITY**

Accomplishments/Goals/Visions Presented by:  
**Chief of Police Tammany Brooks**  
**City Manager Ron Bernal**  
**Mayor Sean Wright**  
Antioch Community Center  
(Located Prewett Community Park)  
4703 Lone Tree Way Antioch, CA 94531  
\$20/person, includes lunch.

**MAY 11th, 2018**  
12p - 1:30p

Visit [www.antiochchamber.com](http://www.antiochchamber.com) to register  
Sponsorship opportunities available  
Event Sponsor - \$1,500, Title Sponsor - \$2,500  
Please call the Chamber of Commerce at  
925.757.1800 to take advantage of this opportunity.

# Get Active Antioch!

## Recreation & Health Expo

**FREE!**

**Saturday, May 12**  
**10:00am-4:00pm**  
Antioch Community Center

**15% discount** on all recreation classes, camps & program fees—one day only!

Discover New Recreation Activities and Experiences:

- Entertainment
- Demonstrations of Recreation Activities
- Healthy Living Resources
- Preschool Open House

**Disc Golf Demos!**

Walk with a Doc—Join Dr. Cinnie Chou and get your steps in! Ask all the health questions you want while you walk.

# Splash & Spray Saturday!

**FREE!**

**Saturday, May 12**  
**12:30-4:00pm**

Join the aquatics staff as they talk about water safety, give tours of the facility, and offer free swim tests for swim lessons. Our lap pool will be open for free swimming.

Buy your season pass at a **25% discount** and sign up for summer swim lessons, register for summer camps and more!



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For more information about Business mixers, events, or memberships check out the website calendar

**Chamber of Commerce Events**

If you have Economic Business News to share, please email [lzepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:lzepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us) 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**

Antioch, CA Community and Events