

# CITY MANAGER'S BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

For the weeks of April 27 and May 4, 2020

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### CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



### Cleanups are back!

Good news, Antioch! Beginning the week of May 18th, Republic Services will reinstate all curbside on-call bulky, recycling, and yard waste cleanups as well as large item and e-waste pickups. Customers whose cleanups were postponed will be contacted to have them rescheduled. If you would like to schedule a cleanup or have any questions, contact Republic Services Customer Service at (925) 685-4711. Saturday neighborhood cleanups will also be rescheduled with dates to be determined.

### **Antioch Payment Portal**

We are excited to announce a new, easy and convenient way to make payments to the City of Antioch. This newly created portal is perfect for anyone who wants to make a non-water or non- business license payment online. All you need is a valid credit



card, debit card or bank account. For more information and links to the the portal see Page 9 of this Bi-weekly Update.



### **Extension of Shelter-in-Place Order**

Later this week, the Public Health Officers of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and Santa Clara will issue a revised shelter-in-place order that will largely keep the current restrictions in place through the end of May. See press release <a href="here">here</a>.



### **Reopening of Smith's Landing**

Smith's Landing Seafood Grill will officially reopen for take-out orders beginning Wednesday, April 29th. Website link <u>here</u>.



# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**Covid-19 Department Update

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# Reminders during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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 (<u>www.antiochca.gov/police/online-police-reporting-system/</u>)
- 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.

### **New Officer Sworn In**

As the situation in our Country, State, and community change, we must adjust along with it. Our personnel at the Antioch Police Department want our Community to know that, although we have modified our responses to certain calls for service, we are still here when you need us. We are also again bringing aboard quality, well trained, lateral officers. This week we welcomed a new officer to the Antioch Family.

Officer Bill Whitaker comes to us from the Sunnyvale Police Department, where he was an officer for 18 years. During that time, Officer Whitaker was a Canine Handler, EVOC Instructor (Emergency Vehicle Operation), Field Training Officer, Background Investigator, Crime Scene Investigator, and member of the Gang Unit. He also recently obtained his master's degree in Criminal Justice.

Due to social distancing and regulations against gatherings, we had a private swearing-in for Officer Whitaker and his immediate family, so when you see him out on patrol, make sure to give him an extra hearty wave to welcome him to our amazing Community.





### ANTIOCH CALIFORNIA





### **POLICE- ANIMAL SERVICES**



### Antioch Animal Services is Participating in the Bissell Pet Foundation Empty the Shelters COVID Relief May 9-17, 2020

After successfully finding forever homes for 3,189 pets in the past month, BISSELL Pet Foundation is once again aiming to Empty the Shelters by sponsoring reduced adoption fees across the country starting Saturday, May 9 through Sunday, May 17. During the Bissell Empty the Shelters event, you can adopt a dog or cat from Antioch Animal Services for \$25.00! Although the Antioch Animal Shelter is closed due to COVID-19 protocols, we are still adopting pets by appointment. You can make an appointment by calling 925-779-6989, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m daily. To search for pets available for adoption at Antioch Animal Services visit www.petharbor.com or www.petfinder.com. If you are unable to find a new pet to adopt at Antioch Animal Services, we suggest you visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org/ets to find additional ETS Participants near you. Antioch residents who adopt a dog will also need to purchase a dog license for \$20.00 at the time of adoption.



### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **Human Resources Updates**

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- William Whittaker was sworn in as a Police Officer on April 20, 2020.
- Wilma Van Hook was hired as an Administrative Analyst II for the Community Development Department on April 13, 2020.
- Darren Travels was hired as a Senior Public Works Inspector for the Public Works Department on April 13, 2020.

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

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.



### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### **Virtual Recreation Center**

The <u>Virtual Recreation Center</u> and Network continues to add new experiences for residents of all ages! Located on the City website, the Virtual Recreation Center now has home workouts with Coach Burden, our Jr. Giants and Jr. Warriors Senior Recreation Leader. Art instructor Abraham Rodriguez, aka Mr. Abe, is adding short art lessons for school-age kids, so be sure to visit the website frequently.





### **Online Classes**

Classes are available online! Residents of all ages can enjoy enrichment programs, training workshops, and tutorial programs through the Recreation Department online program Recreation Classes Online!! We even have an online driver's education class for teens ages 15-18 years.

### **Parks & Recreation Directors Meeting**

The Park and Recreation Directors from Contra Costa County held a Zoom meeting to discuss the opportunities for providing summer programs in each community. The cities will work together to implement consistent guidelines based upon parameters for group gatherings, as well as develop similar plans to reopen parks and facilities. The Directors are committed to working together to address the impacts of the Coronavirus as one County voice, from running aquatic facilities and programs to canceling large-scale events.







# **Building Inspection Services**

The Building Inspection Services Division is offering limited services under the current Health Order. Building Permits will only be issued for affordable housing projects and for projects that are vital for basic health and safety or to ensure occupancy of an existing building, such as water heaters or furnaces. For more information, please see the Community Development Department at https://www.antiochca.gov/co mmunity-developmentdepartment/.





### **Environmental Resources**

The Draft Climate Action and Resilience Plan is available for public review and comment at <a href="https://www.antiochca.gov/environmental-resources/climate-change/climate-action-resilience-plan/">https://www.antiochca.gov/environmental-resources/climate-change/climate-action-resilience-plan/</a>. Please feel free to email Lorenzo Siemann with any comments, edits, or questions about the CARP. He can be reached via email at lsiemann@ci.antioch.ca.us. This plan will be presented to the City Council for approval on May 12, 2020. If you are hoping to have any comments considered for inclusion in the report, please submit them by the end of business on April 23, 2020. Otherwise, there will be an opportunity to comment at the City Council meeting on May 12.

### Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division is working to ensure that non-essential businesses remain closed under the current Health Order. If you believe that a non-essential business may be operating in our community, please notify the Code Enforcement Division at codeenforcementcomplaints@ci.antioch.ca.us.









# Congratulations to City Clerk Arne Simonsen!

On April 13, 2020, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) conferred on Antioch City Clerk Arne Simonsen the designation as a Master Municipal Clerk (MMC). Arne became the first Antioch City Clerk to obtain this designation and became one of only 1,300 Master Municipal Clerks in the world.

### FPPC extends deadline for Annual Form 700 "Statement of Economic Interests

The Fair Political Practices Commission has extended the filing deadline for the Annual CY2019 Form 700 until June 1, 2020 due to the Declaration of Emergency due to the COVID-19 crisis.





# California Census Day is April 1, 2020

Count Me In for Census 2020 because.....
It is Important: The Census determines the number of Representatives each state has in Congress and is used to draw district boundaries. Census data is used to distribute billions of dollars in Federal and State funding. Being counted brings those resources back to your community. For more information click <a href="https://example.com/heres/length/heres/because.com/heres/length/heres/lengt



### **Accepting Applications**

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

### Board of Administrative Appeals:

• One (1) Board Member, 2-year term vacancies expiring March 2022

### Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee

• Two (2) Committee Members, 4-year term vacancies, expiring March 2024

### Police Crime Prevention Commission

• One (1) Commissioner partial-term vacancy, expiring October 2021

### Parks and Recreation Commission

• Two (2) Commissioners, 4-year term vacancies, expiring March 2024

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, May 15, 2020. Applications are available at <a href="here">here</a>. 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 DEVELOPMENT

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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.



# What's HAPPENING in Antioch



# GAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS FROM HOME!



Classes taught via Zoom!

### **Gain Administrative Skills from Home!**

Find a career in an office environment at NO COST to you! Opportunity Junction provides 12 weeks of computer and life skills training, followed by a 4-month paid internship along with career guidance and job placement assistance. No computer. no problem! Laptops and books are provided. For more information click <a href="here">here</a>.



### **Antioch Payment Portal**

Do you need to make a payment to the City of Antioch (other than for a water account, business license or recreation fees\*)? This can now be done through our convenient and easy payment portal <a href="here">here</a>.

All you need is a valid credit card, debit card or bank account. Please be sure to notate what the payment is for in the reference field on the payment screen (i.e. building permit B1907-1234).

- To pay a water account, please visit <u>here</u>
- To pay for a new business license please visit <u>here</u>
- To pay for a business license renewal please visit <u>here</u>

\*To pay for a recreation fee please contact the Recreation Department directly.