



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE MAY 5, 2017



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending May 5, 2017

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

As of January 1, 2017, Antioch's population is 114,241 growing by 1.1% from 2016's population of 112,968. Behind Concord, we are the second largest city in Contra Costa County.

I attended my first Contra Costa Economic Partnership Board of Directors Meeting where the Redefining Mobility Summit 2016 and Earn & Learn East Bay were discussed. The Board is comprised of business and corporate leaders, city managers, and county officials all working toward cooperative economic development for the county and region.

County Librarian Melinda Cervantes spoke at the Mayor's Conference held at the Walnut Creek Downtown Library. Having only been at the helm since last October, Melinda described many of the initiatives she and her staff are pursuing in the upcoming year, striving to continually improve the library experience and adapt to continual changes in the wants and diverse needs of libraries within Contra Costa County. Melinda will be making a presentation to the City Council at their May 23rd meeting when Council will be deciding whether to expand the hours of operation at the library on West 18th Street.

As a reminder, Police briefs can be found on the Antioch Police Department's website <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/crime-maps/>. This information provides residents and business owners with up-to-date information of activity in their neighborhood and the City.



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This year's Antioch Prayer Breakfast, held at the Lone Tree Golf and Event Center, brought a full house of over 300 individuals of different walks of life and faith together to pray for our nation, state, military and communities. Organized by Golden Hills Community Church, this annual event draws folks from Antioch and the surrounding communities.

Some of the rarest flowers on Earth can be seen blooming in Antioch this month. The endangered Antioch Dunes Evening Primrose and Contra Costa Wallflower are both in flower at the Antioch Dunes National Wildlife Refuge. These two plants, along with the Lange's Metalmark Butterfly, are three endangered species at home here along the banks of the San Joaquin River. Due to the highly threatened nature of the plants and butterfly, they are protected on a riverside refuge by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Once a month, on the second Saturday, the refuge hosts visitors on free docent-led tours of this ancient dune habitat. This month's tour begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13 at 501 Fulton Shipyard Road. (Courtesy of Sandra Kelly)



https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Antioch_Dunes/

<http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/04/28/annual-wildflower-count-at-antioch-dunes-a-local-galapagos/>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



2017 Rivertown Wine Walk in Antioch: The Rivertown Business District is hosting local Wineries in Beautiful Downtown Antioch on May 13, 2017 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: For more Information & Tickets please go to <http://eventful.com/antioch/events/2017-rivertown-wine-walk-/E0-001-100976261-5>



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Antioch joins the Bay Area Urban Manufacturing Initiative: Launched in May of 2016, the Bay Area Urban Manufacturing Initiative is a three-year, multicity public-private partnership to catalyze a powerful and interconnected regional manufacturing ecosystem. In 2017, the Initiative expanded across the region from its four inaugural cities (San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, and Fremont). Antioch's Economic Development staff has joined the initiative and connected neighboring cities to join the effort as well.

Freshest Cargo Downtown Tuesdays Located at the Senior Center Parking Lot: 415 W. Second Street



Website: <http://freshapproach.org/freshestcargo/>
FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/FreshestCargo>

Downtown Restaurant New Happy Hour and Karaoke





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El Campanil Theatre
602 W. Second Street
Downtown Antioch
Tickets: www.ElCampanilTheatre.com or
(925) 757-9500

Upcoming Shows

Mau Loa Ohana Presents

Hula Away The Cancer

Saturday May 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

All Seats: \$18

Mau Loa Ohana offers a Modern ('auana') take on Hula & Tahitian dance that tells the stories of the beautiful island of Hawaii. Presenting May 6th, Hula Away the Cancer is a Public Recital Fundraiser. Modern hula (Hula Auana) arose from the adaptation of traditional hula concepts of dance and chant (mele) to Western Influences. Hula 'Auana primarily tells a story or describes a place through sinuous movements of the limbs and hips. Hula Auana, utilizes melodic harmony and utilize instruments including the ukulele, steel guitar, bass guitar, guitar, bass, piano and other modern apparati.

Buy Tickets: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=73466>

The Ballet Company of East County Center Presents

Alice in Wonderland

Sunday May 7, 2017 2:00 pm

Reserved Seating

Loge: \$12

Orchestra: \$15

The Ballet Company of East County brings to life their spring ballet performance at El Campanil Theatre with Alice in Wonderland, the beloved children's story of whimsy and imagination. Come enjoy dancing flamingos, a crazy tea party, a tardy rabbit and a queen with a propensity for beheading as they perform and entertain you.



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In 2005 The Ballet Company of East County was brought to life from a dream to provide more dance opportunities to Eastern Contra Costa County. BECE is able to provide a professional performance experience to over 90, child and adult, dancers and actors every year.

Buy Tickets: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?performance=319134>

El Campanil Children's Theatre - The Reluctant Dragon

Friday May 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday May 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

General Seating

The Reluctant Dragon is a peaceful fellow who likes tea, poetry, and an afternoon snooze. Mischievous children stir the villagers to call in the famous dragon slayer, Saint George. A young lad befriends both of the "adversaries" and arranges a meeting between them. The comic battle that ensues provides an entertaining climax and a happy ending.

Tickets: Adults: \$12; Seniors: (62 & Over) \$10; Youth: (17 & Under) \$8

<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=71342>

Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra

Then and Now

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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

General Seating

The bookend to Set #1 - this concert features Mendelssohn's "Reformation Symphony", to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and pairs this with the world premiere of Bay Area composer Noah Luna's new work "A Mighty Fortress" based on the same Luther Hymn that Mendelssohn used. A suite of music from William Walton's film score to Richard III is a microcosm of the Then and Now theme, as is Ricard Rodney Bennett's Reflections on a 16th Century Tune.

Tickets: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?performance=311813>

2017 Art4Schools Exhibits at Antioch's Lynn House Gallery: Students from Antioch Unified School District showcase their art at the Lynn House Gallery from March through May. The Lynn House is located Downtown at 809 W. 1st Street, open from 1:00- 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays during exhibits and admission is free. For more information about each exhibit call Diane Gibson-Gray at (925) 779-7018 or email Diane@Art4Antioch.org.

Website: <http://art4antioch.org/ArtExhibits.asp>



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Celebration of Art Exhibit Returns to the Antioch Historical Society Museum for the 13th Year. The Arts & Cultural Foundation, in partnership with the Antioch Historical Society, will host the 13th Annual Celebration of Art Exhibit at the Antioch Historical Society Museum. This is a non-juried exhibit with no required theme, with up to 60+ local artists participating in the event. The event begins on Saturday, May 6th, with an artist reception from 2-4 p.m. The exhibit continues through Wednesday, May 24th on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. The event, artist reception and entry to the museum are free. For more information about each exhibit call Diane Gibson-Gray at (925) 779-7018 or email Diane@Art4Antioch.org.

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Habit Burger Grill (With Drive-Thru) Coming Soon To Antioch



A new Habit Burger Grill at 2430 Mahogany Way will be opening in just a few weeks, marking the second location of a Habit Burger restaurant in the city of Antioch. The new 3,418 square foot building with 750 square feet of patio space will be one of a handful of Habit Burger Grills that features a drive-thru aisle. The Habit Burger Grill specializes in preparing fresh, made-to-order chargrilled burgers and sandwiches featuring USDA choice tri-tip steak, grilled chicken and sushi-grade albacore tuna cooked over an open flame. In addition, the menu includes fresh made-to-order salads and an appealing selection of sides, shakes and malts. The first Habit Burger Grill opened in Santa Barbara, California in 1969 and has grown

to more than 125 restaurants in 12 markets throughout California, Arizona, Florida, Nevada, New Jersey, and Utah. More information is available at www.habitburger.com.

North Concord to Antioch BART Access Study

Do you use North Concord/Martinez or Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station, or do you live or work in Eastern Contra Costa County? BART wants your feedback!

<http://www.bart.gov/about/planning/eastcocoaccess>

The North Concord to Antioch BART Access Study catalogues access barriers and proposes improvements for the two existing and two future BART stations in Eastern Contra Costa County. Please submit your ideas on how BART can improve access to these stations, or other comments on this report [by email](#) or call 510-874-7303.



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Antioch's Future Growth: The region is projected to grow in population and wealth. Antioch is in a period of economic growth. We welcome residents and new residents as they make Antioch their town to raise a family. Click [San Francisco Business Times](#) for article on growth.

"Come Grow with Us" Marketing the City of Antioch: As part of the City's Strategic Management Plan for Economic Growth, a marketing campaign effort has been put together. Two videos (link below) have been produced demonstrating the City's housing, parks, recreational sites, retail, programs, schools, and revitalization concept plans for downtown. An annual City Report has been created (link below). The report contains information on every city department and highlights milestones, projects, and updates.

[City Marketing Videos](#)

[2016 City Report](#)

Regional Marketing for East Contra Costa: The City of Antioch is working with the Cities of Pittsburg, Brentwood, and Oakley to put together a regional article that will be published in Business In Focus, an electronic magazine, in their July 2017 issue. Each city will have a feature layout with pictures and interviews.

Do you have Economic Business News to share email: izepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us
pictures, stories, links, or media releases.

[Chamber of Commerce Events](#)

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CITY CLERK

Council agendas, including staff reports for the May 9th Council Meeting, 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'.

City Council Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. The first Council Meeting in July is cancelled due to Summer Break.

The regularly scheduled Board of Administrative Appeals meeting was held on May 4, 2017, in the Council Chambers which began at 3:00 p.m.

City Clerk Arne Simonsen and Deputy City Clerk Christina Garcia received a proclamation from Mayor Wright in recognition of "Municipal Clerks Week", May 7 – 13, 2017. The City Clerk's Office serves as the information center on functions of local government and community, and provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels. Under state law, the Office of the City Clerk has responsibility for the impartial, effective administration and implementation of laws related to the government of the City, including: The Brown Act, The Public Records Act, The Political Reform Act, The Maddy Act, Conflict of Interest Law, Election Law, Ethics Law, Tort Claims Act and The California Voting Rights Act. Mayor Wright further extended appreciation to Clerk Simonsen and Deputy Clerk Garcia for the vital services performed and exemplary dedication to the Antioch community.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- Evangelina Ramirez was hired as an Office Assistant for Antioch Animal Services on April 30, 2017.
- Michael Bechtholdt was hired as a Deputy Public Works Director II for Public Works on April 30, 2017.
- Lynn Filson was hired as an Assistant City Engineer II for Public Works on April 30, 2017.



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

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.

RECREATION

On Saturday, 160 youth from grades 1 through 8 participated in their first day of scheduled games for the Junior Warriors Spring Basketball League held at the Antioch Community Center gymnasium. The season will last for 8 weeks, ending on June 17th.

Over the weekend, twelve men's teams participated in the "E" State Division qualifier at the Antioch Community Park softball complex. Teams from Merced, Sacramento, Vacaville, Roseville and Antioch traveled to the Worth Shaw ball fields with the ultimate goal of taking home the 1st place trophy, but more importantly "bragging rights." The Antioch Community Park softball complex continues to be a hot bed for tournaments in Contra Costa County.

On Monday, the second session of spring swim lessons began with 76 youth participating. This session also includes participation from the Contra Costa County First 5 program.



This week, participants began a new session of fitness classes. Recreation currently offers a wide variety of fitness classes. Yoga, Strength Training, Tai Chi, Zumba and even Lap Swimming are some of the great opportunities residents have to enjoy their community and stay fit!

Preschool started a new session of classes for children aged 3-5 years. The last completed session of classes had over 319 participant enrollments in preschool. Did you know that early learning positively affects brain structure and builds a desire to learn? Preschool also





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increases emotional development and positive self-worth that gives kids a head start in social development and discipline.



Last month an active group of seniors visited Big Break Visitor Center at the Delta and embarked upon a kayaking adventure!

On Tuesday, the Antioch Seniors Club Board of Directors met and discussed upcoming events including the Senior Picnic on May 19th, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, and Hot Summer Nights on September 16th.

Over the last week, 381 affordable, healthy meals were served through the CoCo Café. This program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure. No membership or income requirements are required to eat at the CoCo Café. All supplies are provided by the County for participating cafés.



<https://www.facebook.com/antiochrecreation/>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning

On May 3, the Planning Commission approved a Use Permit and Design Review for Granite Expo, a new cabinet and countertop showroom, retailer, and installation operation at 1888 Verne Robert Circle, directly across from Costco. This new business will offer a variety of home improvement services and will also be installing a new parking lot and landscaping in addition to building façade improvements.





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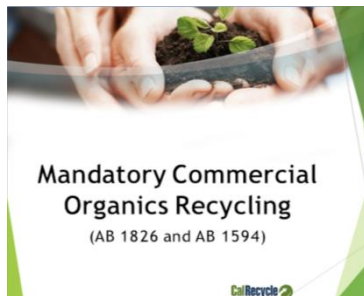
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The Planning Commission also approved the Design Review for the Big Break Solar Project at the 86-acre retired Contra Costa Generating Station on Wilbur Avenue. This project will construct a large solar panel field that will generate 2 megawatts of electricity.



Finally, the Planning Commission elected new officers. Congratulations to Commissioner Janet Zacharatos as the new Chair and Commissioner Martha Parsons as the new Vice Chair!

Environmental Services



Commercial Organics Rates – Republic Services and the City of Antioch hosted a meeting to get input on the organics rate options from local businesses on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Antioch Community Center, 4703 Lone Tree Way. For questions or to submit comments, please contact RC Ferris, Recycling Coordinator for Republic Services at (925) 671-5859 or rferris@republicservices.com.



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PUBLIC WORKS

Capital Improvements Division

On May 2nd, the City held the public bid opening for the Community Development Block Grant Downtown Roadway Pavement Rehabilitation. This work will include pedestrian and roadway improvements in the downtown area following the completion of the sewer project. Empire Engineering and Construction, Inc. out of San Francisco submitted the lowest bid for this project and Staff is currently reviewing their bid documents and references.

R.J. Gordon has begun installing the slip lining pipeline under Highway 4. Access pits have been excavated at the intersection of D and Drake Streets and near the intersection of West Tregallas Road and D Street. Roads in the vicinity of the intersection of D and Drake should be expected to be closed during the day.

A-S Pipelines, Inc. continues to repair and replace sanitary sewer facilities in the downtown area and has commenced testing of the newly constructed water main on E Street. This week, the contractor began the installation of new manholes on Putnam Street, Dunham Court and Gloucester Court.

The City will be hiring a contractor to construct a new traffic signal at Wild Horse Road/Folsom Drive and modify the signal at West Tenth Street/L Street. The public bid opening for this project is scheduled for May 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 200 H Street.

The City has received notice from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) that they have approved \$350,000 in grant funding for rubberized chip seal of various streets in the city. Staff is working on finalizing the list of streets for this project. Construction expected to start in 2018.

Staff has submitted a grant application with the Urban Greening Grant Program in the amount of \$1,777,000 to the California Natural Resources Agency for the L Street Beautification – Pedestrian and Bike Improvements project.





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Utilities - Water Distribution

WATER VALVE TURNING



HYDRANT FLUSHING



Good work going on downtown! The Water Distribution Division of Public Works is exercising water valves and flushing hydrants to ensure that our water meets the highest standards

and the water valves are in good working order in case a water main ever needs to be shut down. If water valves are in need of replacement or repairs, crews quickly perform the work with little to no downtime to our customers.

Operations

The City's weed abatement program is underway! The work is designed to reduce available fuel for fires. The City contracts for weed abatement and vegetation management of City owned open-space establishing a minimum of 30 feet between public open spaces and privately owned properties. Open spaces are mowed with flail mowers and disking equipment. The program standards are mandated and inspected by [Contra Costa County Fire Protection District](#) (CCCFPD). This vital safety program is provided through a disciplined work plan. Please refrain from reporting concerns until after July 1st as this will help us keep the program progressing as scheduled and allow time for quality inspections to be completed as scheduled.

Landscape maintenance in the City's courts is underway. It's hard to miss the tall weeds that the unusually heavy rains caused this year and our court medians are no exception. The good news is that the City runs an annual landscape maintenance program for the 450 court medians we maintain. This work begins every May and is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. We thank you in advance for your patience as this work is performed. We also thank those residents who take the time to maintain the medians in their courts. This type of pride of ownership is another one of the things about Antioch that make it great.



<https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Antioch-Public-Works-566519033543711/>



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch



The Antioch Police Department recognized the good work accomplished by all of their volunteers during their annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on April 29th 2017 at Lone Tree Golf and Event Center. The various volunteer groups donated over 25,000 hours in 2016, which amounts to a savings of more than \$580,000 to the City of Antioch. The Police Department offers many different volunteer opportunities such as: ***Police Reserves, Volunteers in Police Service, Animal Services, Police Chaplains, Crime Prevention Commission, and the Police Explorers.*** If you are curious how our volunteers serve our community or are interested in volunteer opportunities at the Police Department more information can be located at the following links:

- **Crime Commission** – http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/crime_prevention.htm
- **Police Reserves** – <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/ReservesProgram.htm>
- **Volunteers in Police Service** – http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/vips_program.htm
- **Police Explorers (youth)** – <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/ExplorerProgram.htm>
- **Chaplains** – http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/chaplaincy_program.htm
- **Animal Services** – <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/AntiochAnimalSvcs/>





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Drug Take Back Day

On April 29th, the Antioch Police Department in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) gave the public its 12th opportunity in six years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs by participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

Last September, Americans turned in 350 tons (over 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its 10 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 5.5 million pounds - more than 2,750 tons of pills.

This year, the Antioch police department took in approximately 220 pounds of prescription drugs which were collected on this date and throughout the past several months. We participate in this program bi-annually, usually held in April and again in October. Additionally, the Antioch Police Department has a "drop off" box located in the lobby which allows members of the public to dispose of these drugs throughout the year.

Crime Stats and Arrest Data

Crime stats and arrest data can be found on the Antioch Police Department's website <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/crime-maps/>. Interested residents and business owners can also subscribe to www.crimereports.com. This website has an interactive map linked to our dispatch reporting system, allowing viewers to see where crimes have been reported, set up alerts to notify them if a crime occurs in their neighborhood, submit tips for previously reported crimes, register their own security cameras with us, and more.



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Animal Services

We believe that when you adopt, you save a pet's life & enrich your own. Antioch Animal Services will be at PetSmart in Pittsburg during National Adoption Weekend, Saturday & Sunday on May 6th & 7th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with adoptable dogs and cats. Please consider welcoming a homeless pet into your family.



Antioch Animal Services will also be hosting a VIP Pet Care Clinic at the shelter on Saturday, May 6th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This clinic will have special pricing to include \$6 Purvex/Rabies vaccinations, \$14 microchips, and AMNESTY on late license fees (waived).



<https://www.facebook.com/AntiochAnimalServices/>