

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



JUNETEENTH "A CELEBRATION OF LIFE & FREEDOM"

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

- Abraham Lincoln

Juneteenth is one of those cultural holidays widely celebrated by African Americans, but very few non-African Americans understand both the origin and its **historical significance**. In 1619, America embarked on a Transatlantic quest in search of cheap labor, which took European-American settlers to the shores of Africa. American Privateers and Southerner slaveholders initiated the worst case of human trafficking in America's history. These settlers **set sail on a voyage** that would lay the foundation for the beginning of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Sadly, it was also the start of a brutal, **transactional human barter** system that created a lucrative and oppressive system that exploited Africans. Indentured servitude was quickly replaced with slavery.

The Chattel Slavery System was the **common form of slavery** known to Americans. It rapidly replaced the previously instituted European indentured servant system, which was viewed by American slave owners both as being bad for the slave trade business and unprofitable. The chattel slavery system allowed slave owners to consider Africans in America as legal property, to be bought, sold, and owned forever. On **December 6, 1865**, enslaved African Americans were jubilantly freed with the ratification of the **Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution**, which abolished the chattel slavery system nationwide.

Before the Thirteenth Amendment, President Abraham Lincoln signed and issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, **declaring** that all enslaved Africans in all the Southern secessionist states of the Confederacy **were freed**. Nevertheless, good news traveled slowly during those days. It was not until the morning of June 19, 1865, two years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, that Union Army Major General Gordon Granger arrived on the island of Galveston, Texas to enforce the emancipation of its slaves and oversee a peaceful transition of power.

On January 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, which **officially recognizes Juneteenth** as a **federal holiday**. In the federal government recognition of Juneteenth, the City of Antioch, in collaboration with Grace Arms and Making Moves Motorcycle Club, is planning a three-day extravaganza both at Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 3415 Oakley Rd, and at **Williamson Ranch Park**, located on the corner of Lone Tree Way and Hillcrest Avenue. No one is truly free until we all can celebrate life freely.



EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Thank you to everyone who joined us for The Earth Day clean up!

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM SUCCESS!



Our swing shift officers were recently dispatched to a 13-year-old experiencing a **mental health crisis**. The boy's mother reported he climbed onto his neighbor's roof and was threatening to jump in an attempt to harm himself. He began throwing bricks and other items at his family and responding officers.

Officer Chandler was on duty and is a member of our **Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)**. When Officer Chandler arrived, he immediately put his CNT training into action and calmly talked to the young man about his situation. After several minutes of speaking to the young man, Officer Chandler offered to get a ladder so he could safely climb down from the roof. The young man agreed and climbed down to Officer Chandler, and they sat and talked for a while until he was sent to a facility for **emergency psychiatric help**.

The Antioch Police Department's CNT officers strive to **build relationships** and communicate to bring stressful situations to a peaceful resolution for all involved. The young man's parents were **very grateful** for Officer Chandler's compassion and dedication to his CNT assignment, which helped bring this potentially dangerous situation to a peaceful resolution.

Services are available to those experiencing a mental health crisis by simply dialing 211 from their phone. **Calls to 211 are routed to a local or regional call center**. The 211 center's referral specialists receive requests from callers, access databases of resources available from private and public health and human service agencies, match the callers' needs to available resources, and link or refer them directly to an agency or organization that can help. We are also here whenever you need us.

<https://www.crisis-center.org/211-database/Contra Costa Crisis Center>



ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PRESCHOOL STARTS NEW SESSION

On Monday, May 2nd, our preschool kicked off a new session. Twenty students **enjoyed the day** making Mother's Day gifts and making new friends. To enroll for **Summer Preschool classes**, please call (925) 776-3073 for information.



RECREATION EXPO

On Saturday, May 7th, the City of Antioch celebrated the return of the Recreation Expo. A **free community event** that connects families, community members, organizations, youth, and older adults to the **many programs and classes** the Recreation Department offers. The Recreation Expo offered a host of activities for the community – jumbo chess, corn hole, monster murals, live demonstrations of the current classes, and included **free swim** at the Antioch Water Park! This event fostered community pride, taught the community new things, and **strengthened relationships**. Be on the lookout for the next Recreation Expo in 2023!

DANCE & TUMBLING

Fun with Dance & Tumbling is offered on **Saturday mornings**. You and your little one can join this all-abilities class while we explore **creative movement**, games, and activities and learn basic dance and tumbling skills. We also offer Gymnastics and Ballet classes. Our classes incorporate activities to enhance motor skills, balance, swinging, jumping, flexibility and strength. Come in and sign up, or you can [register online](#).



COYOTE HILLS SPORTS CAMP IS BACK!

Coyote Hills Sports Camp is back for the second consecutive summer. This camp is designed to **introduce young athletes** to the fundamentals of various sports while learning about **teamwork**, health, and wellness. Each week consists of fun team-building games, nature hikes, disc golf, and swimming at the **Antioch Water Park** and drills and games to introduce campers to basketball, baseball, soccer, **track and field**, volleyball, kickball, dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, and more. Weeklong sessions begin on June 21st and run through July 29th. Register today to ensure your child's spot in the program.

ANIMAL SERVICES



KITTEN SEASON IS HERE

Finding underage kittens in their yard or neighborhood can be distressing for many people. If you find a kitten(s), **do not 'kitten-nap' them**. Instead, leave them alone, and wait to see if their mother returns. Unattended kittens should be left where they were **found and observed** for at least 8 hours, or overnight, before intervening.

If you find unattended kittens that are at least six weeks old, you may be able to bring them to the Animal Shelter. Call us at **(925) 779-6989** for advice or an appointment to bring the kittens into the shelter. Do not bring the kittens directly to the shelter without calling first, and do not abandon kittens or any other pet you have found at the animal shelter overnight. Also, please remember that every animal shelter and rescue group in the region will be full of kittens during this time of year, so the amount of **available space** in the shelter or rescue may be limited.

To help determine the age of kittens you have found, visit here:
<https://www.alleycat.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Kitten-Progression-Poster.jpg>.

HUMAN RESOURCES



HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

Currently open recruitments include:

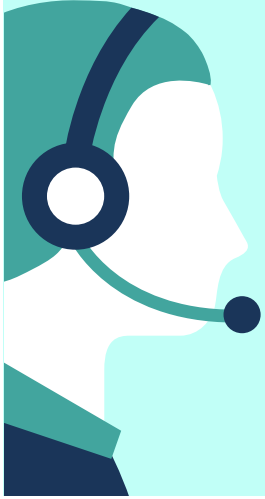
- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Police Records Supervisor
- Water Treatment Plant Instrument Technician
- Water Treatment Plant Superintendent

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.

BIKE TO WORK DAY MAY 20, 2022



Biking is more popular than ever, and Bike to Work Day is just around the corner. With gas prices at an all-time high, and workers returning to offices, now is the perfect time to **commit to a two-wheeled commute**. Whether you're an avid cyclist or just getting started, it's not too early to start preparing for Bike to Work Day on May 20:

- **Map your route.** 511 Contra Costa's Bike Mapper lets you find flat, comfortable, and convenient routes anywhere in Contra Costa County.
- **Make it easy!** Buy an e-bike for a faster, sweat-free ride. **Get a \$150-\$300 cash rebate.**
- **Tune Your Bike.** Start with the ABC's – Air, Brakes, and Chain. Check them all, and if your bike needs more TLC than you can handle, visit a **local bike shop** for a thorough tune-up.
- **Take a test ride.** If your planned bike ride on May 20 is a new route, or it's been a while since you've ridden it, take a test ride to get acquainted.
- **Pick Your Energizer Station.** Look for **energizer stations** along your ride route and join us for free goodies on May 20.
- **Find a bike buddy.** If you're new to biking or just want company on your ride, connect with a biking companion.






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 articles Five, Six, and Seven. More to come in the next issue of the Bi-Monthly Update:

Article 5: The President shall at all times have the right to vote when the Board shall be equally divided including his vote, the question shall be lost.

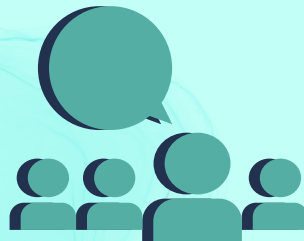
Article 6: The order of business which shall not be departed from except by the consent of all the members present shall be as follows -

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- 1 - Presentation of petitions
 - 2 - Reports of committees
 - 3 - Communications and reports from corporation officers
 - 4 - Motions and resolutions and considerations of bills
 - 5 - Unfinished business
 - 6 - Special orders of the day
 - 7 - Consideration of ordinances

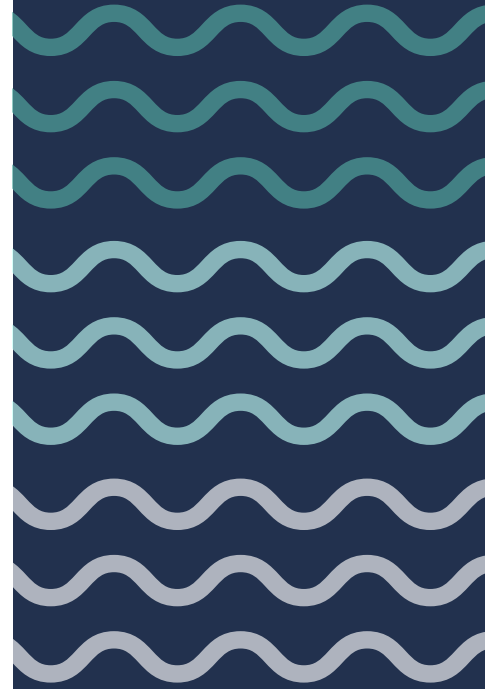
Article 7: No ordinance shall be called up for final passage upon the day of its instruction to the Board unless the consent of all the members present be given.

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'S OFFICE





HEY DADDY LOOK SCULPTURE REINSTALL

Look'ee here! The "Hey Daddy Look" statue is being returned to its rightful place on Lone Tree Way, south of James Donlon Blvd. Toward the end of September 2021, Frostad Atelier Foundry in Sacramento was tasked with restoring this **landmark statue** due to vandalism (severing) of the dad's hand and a watering pail. The restoration took approximately seven (7) months, and the statue is being **reinstalled!**

The patina, a green or brown film on the sculpture's surface produced by oxidation over a long period, has also been restored as part of the process. The installation of **new primrose flowers** will take place during the project's final phase, and all finishing touches will take place at the location.

KEEP YOUR SEWER LATERAL HEALTHY!

Our Collections Crew maintains our sewer mains to keep them flowing freely. We televise-inspect and clean the lines on a scheduled basis. But did you know that there are some things that you can do to maintain your sewer lateral also?

DO:

- Ask a plumber about preventative maintenance on problem sewer lines
- Call the City of Antioch if you have any questions about your sewer line
- Obtain a permit from the city if you need to make a lateral repair. If a plumber is repairing, they should obtain the permit
- Use only a licensed contractor to make necessary repairs
- Consider installing a backflow preventer to prevent flooding in your building
- Recycle oil, paint, and other toxic materials at a recycling center such as Delta Diablo Sanitation District (DDSD)
- Remember that storm lines, streets, sidewalks, and trees in public rights-of-ways are also maintained by the city

DO NOT:

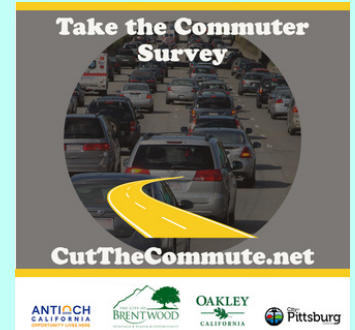
- Put grease or eggshells down drains or in garbage disposals
- Plant a tree directly over a sewer line. Roots can be problematic
- Cut down a curbside tree without checking with the city
- Dig without calling Underground Service Alert (USA) at 811 or (800) 227-2600
- Proceed automatically with an expensive repair. Always get a second opinion (three estimates are best)
- Use an unlicensed, unknown contractor to make repairs
- Forget to locate the cleanout in front of the building before having a stoppage
- Pour anything toxic down the sewer or storm drain
- Open a manhole for any reason. The City of Antioch will do this for you



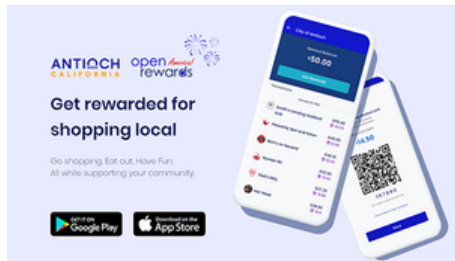
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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



ANTIOCH ON THE MOVE

Antioch on the Move offers to **inform** and **engage** Antioch residents and visitors through this digital platform.

Signup for our newsletter [here](#) for more information on City events and more!

A poster for the DVG Memorial Day Commemoration. It features a large silhouette of a person's head in profile, facing right. The interior of the head is filled with the stars and stripes of the American flag. The poster is set against a dark blue background with white stars. At the top left, there are several logos including 'Coco Farms', 'Antioch Unified School District', and others. On the right side, the text 'DVG MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, with 'Remember and honour' in a script font below it. At the bottom right, it says 'ANTIOCH Oak View Memorial Park 2500 E. 18th St. Antioch, CA Monday, May 30, 2022'. Below that, in smaller text: 'PROCESSIONAL DEPARTS VETERANS MEMORIAL @9AM CEREMONY IS AT 10AM AT OAK VIEW'. A '150 YEARS' logo is also visible.

EL CAMPANIL THEATER

602 West 2nd Street Antioch
(925) 757-9500

ECTA: Crazy for you: Youth Edition

May 27-29 2022 | 4:00 pm

Adults \$15 | Seniors \$12 | Youth \$10

Don't miss this one-hour version of the classic Gershwin musical, presented by El Campanil Theatre Academy! "Crazy For You" is the classic tale of a boy, a girl, and a theater in need of salvation.

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.

