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## **CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE**

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## **Mayor and Members of the City Council:** This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending May 11, 2018.

## **CITY MANAGER**



On Tuesday night, the City Council approved an ordinance that establishes by-district elections beginning in 2020. This will change the way future Council members are elected and the areas they will represent. Throughout this process, which was initiated through the threat of litigation, Council consistently communicated that regardless of what district they may be elected from, they are committed to serving all of Antioch.

Along with Chief Brooks and his command staff, I attended two meetings at the Antioch Chamber of Commerce this week. One was to hear a presentation from an executive from Weedmaps on information they provide to individuals and businesses related to cannabis. Weedmaps is an online legal (the State of California only)

marijuana community that allows users to review and discuss cannabis strains and local dispensaries. The other meeting was to discuss the Business Watch program in Antioch and to encourage business communities that currently do not participate to consider adopting the program. A collaboration between the Chamber, the Antioch Police Department and City



Hall, the Police Crime Commission, Republic Services and the business community, this program has achieved positive results in reduced illegal dumping, issues with homelessness, crime and overall communication between businesses.

Antioch Unified School District Superintendent Stephanie Anello and I met to discuss the joint use of facilities, charter schools, and next year's MLK event. We agreed that the participation and impact of the MLK event would be improved if the City and School



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District each coordinated their own events. I will be discussing this with the City Council and staff. I appreciate all that Stephanie does as she leads the administration of the District with its many demands and challenges and I look forward to continuing a positive relationship with her and her staff.

Mayor Wright and Chief Brooks spoke at the State of the City event sponsored by the Antioch Chamber of Commerce. What has happened over the last year and where we are heading as a City were presented. The Chief presented his annual Police Report which showed significant progress in the area of crime, response times and outreach to the community. The Mayor spoke about some of the many things that have been accomplished over the past year and his vision for Antioch in the future.



## POLICE



We held our 89<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Cleanup event on 5/5/18. We had a nice turnout from community members, VIPS, and police department staff volunteering at the event. We cleaned the neighborhoods around Belshaw Elementary between Shaddick Drive and E. Tregallas Road. Several residents noticed our team working to improve the appearance of the neighborhood and made it a point to take time to personally thank our volunteers. We appreciate our volunteers who are willing to take time out of their week to make a difference in our community.

Our neighborhood cleanups are the first Saturday of every month barring bad weather. Join us on June 2, 2018, for our next cleanup event and be part of the change you want to see in Antioch (location to be determined).



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Antioch High School's Hoop Dreams program featured a few new players on Thursday. Antioch Police officers ioined the Panthers for some 3-on-3 basketball during the

after-school program. The games were a way to merge community spirit between the officers and AHS students. The basketball

games come ahead of Black & Gold Respects the Blue, an event on May 16<sup>th</sup> designed to bring APD back to their high school campus with a chance to talk with staff and students about their jobs.



#### **Animal Services**



Spring has sprung, and summer is on the way! We saw an explosion of more than

100 new pets coming into the shelter over the last few days. Thankfully, our amazing volunteers have sprung into action too and sent us some items from our Amazon wish list to help us take good care of all the new arrivals. Our volunteers also have big plans to move pets out of the shelter, and into their forever homes. Visit us, and some of our available dogs for adoption during Food Truck Thursday's, at the

Antioch Community Center and Water Park, or during the National Adoption Weekend, May 18-20, 2018 at PetSmart. Our Amazon wish list can be found here: <u>http://a.co/iVSRYXi</u> Picture attached is of Jack, our office cat, doing quality control on the donations received this week.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Currently, open recruitments include:

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





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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 <u>http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources</u>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.

## 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.

Annotated minutes and a video of the City Council meeting held on May 8, 2018, are available on the City's Website (<u>www.ci.antioch.ca.us</u>).

The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting will be held on May 22, 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 onto our City's Website, just click on this link: <u>http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/notification-systems/</u> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <u>http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/</u> and then click 'City Council.'

The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications for the following boards, committees, and commissions:

- Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee (Extended deadline date to apply: 06/01/18)
- Board of Administrative Appeals (Deadline date to apply: 05/25/18)

To be considered for these volunteer positions, a completed application must be received in the Office of the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the dates listed above. Applications are available at <u>www.ci.antioch.ca.us</u> and at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 200 H Street, Antioch, CA 94509, (925) 779-7009, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Your interest and desire to serve our community is appreciated. Applications and resume can be emailed to cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us; faxed (925) 779-7007; sent by mail; or dropped off at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall.



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The Clerk's Office received the red Primary Election ballot drop off box from the CCC Elections Office on May 8th. Antioch residents can drop off their vote-by-mail envelopes, no postage required, for the June 7th Primary Election. Be sure to sign and date the back of the outside of the ballot envelope.

## RECREATION

Get Active Antioch! Join us for the Recreation & Health Expo on Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Antioch Community Center and Water Park. Spend the day discovering new recreation activities and experiences with your family and enjoy a free Splash and Spray Saturday to beat the heat! Check out and sample some of our recreation



programs, learn about healthy living resources, do a fun craft at our Preschool Open House and so much more!

There will be a 15% discount for walk-in registrations on all recreation classes, camps & program fees - one day only! See you there!

On Wednesday, the Antioch Council of Teens held their last meeting of the school year and discussed having a booth at the Recreation & Health Expo to promote new members for next school year. The Antioch Council of Teens will also volunteer for the Senior Picnic on Friday, May 18th the Antioch Senior Center.

Last week marked the half-way point for the 2018 Adult Summer League Softball program. Fifty teams in Men's, Women's, and Coed Divisions are playing their hardest and having fun while trying to secure a spot in the prestigious playoffs late June. The fun can be seen on Mondays with the women's, Thursday and Friday men's and Sundays with the co-ed leagues. All games are played at the Antioch Community Park Worth Shaw Ballfields.



Antioch Senior Center in the mornings before lunch is served. Try the class and meet new friends. Join the Senior Citizens Club and enjoy the classes for free all year long!



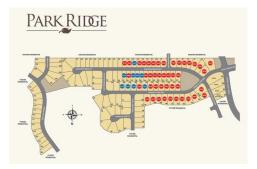
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Over the last week 395, affordable, healthy meals were served through the CoCo Café. This program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure. There are no memberships or income requirements to eat at the CoCo Café; interested participants must only register with the food County program. All supplies are provided by the County for participating cafés.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

As the State of California and the San Francisco Bay Area, in particular, struggle with a desperate housing shortage, the City of Antioch is stepping forward to do its part to provide new housing opportunities. Over the coming months, Antioch residents will notice a marked increase in construction activity as many residential projects break ground.



Park Ridge, by Davidon Homes, is currently under construction. This week an additional 13 building permits were issued, and 13 others are under review. Since construction began last year, Davidon has already completed Phase One and built around 60 homes. The project is located on Canada Valley Road, near the terminus of Vista Grande Drive. More information about this project is available at http://www.homesbydavidon.com/park-ridge-homes/.

Heidorn Village, a new residential neighborhood may also be breaking ground soon. With 117 homes and various park amenities, this project is located near the intersection of Heidorn Ranch Road and Prewett Ranch Drive.

Promenade – Vineyards at Sand Creek is another new residential neighborhood that is putting the finishing touches on its required approvals and hopes to break ground later this summer. This project includes 641 homes over 6 phases and may include a senior housing component. The entire neighborhood will be gated with private streets and parks, offering a unique option for Antioch residents. This project is located between the future extensions of Hillcrest Avenue and Heidorn Ranch Road, just north of future Sand Creek Road.





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Aviano is yet another project that may soon be underway. With 533 units, it includes extensive parks and streetscape improvements and will likely break ground in the next year. Aviano is located between the future extension of Hillcrest Avenue and Kaiser Antioch Medical Center on Deer Valley Road.

ALMOND KNOLLS



We also anticipate that the Almond Knolls 58unit apartment project on Worrell Road will begin construction this summer. This project includes an array of high-end apartments with on-site amenities and is being built as an infill project, demonstrating that passed over development sites can be used for innovative and beneficial development.

In total, the City of Antioch has over 2,300 residential units approved and awaiting construction. There are also another 1,400 under various stages of review. If you are interested in development projects in the City of Antioch, you can find updated information at the Development Project Pipeline, supported by the Community Development Department. It can be found at

http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/CommDev/PlanningDivision/docs/Project-Pipeline.pdf

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Water Distribution Division - Hydrants and Valves

**Isolation Valves** are **important** to our water distribution system because they allow sections of the water main lines to be shut down for repairs or emergency response with minimal impacts to our customers.

Earlier this week our Water crews discovered a single valve at the Marina that simulaneously served both the restaurant and the fire hydrant located in the parking lot. Ideally the fire hydrant and restaurant water service lines would have their own designated isolation valves.

When we discover an area in our water main system that would benefit from the control an isolation valve adds we get to work right away so the installation is





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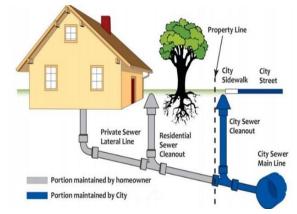
completed as guickly as possible. In this case an isolation valve was added in the parking lot area to solely serve the hydrant; the existing valve will continue to deliver water soley to the restaurant. Now the restaurant and hydrant have their own independent isolation valves.

#### **Collections System/NPDES**

It's safe to say that we all love swimming pools! They provide great activity for families and especially kids to enjoy during the summer (around 3 months or so); although some die-hards may choose to do this year round. At its best, the water should be pristine

with the correct chlorination and PH levels, etc., while free from algae and other forms of bacteria. At its worst, algae proliferate and bacteria form to make a pool look anything but inviting and desirable. Maintenance is the key.

When the pool gets to be anything but inviting, part of the maintenance may be draining the pool, then adding more water, chemicals, etc. Draining the pool though, is not a simple consideration. Per the City's



Municipal Code, it is unlawful to establish, use, maintain or continue unauthorized drainage connections to the City's Stormwater System, and to commence or continue any unauthorized discharges to the City's Stormwater System. In simple terms, you



Look on your property for a small circular cap on a pipe, with a raised square or mushroomshaped cone on it, sticking out of your house or our of the ground. These caps often cover clean-outs.



OR .... Look on your property for

a concrete or metal cover marked "SEWER", "C.O." or "S." Clean-outs are often located under them.

cannot drain pool water into the streets, curbs, catch basins, gutters, ditches, channels, and ultimately, into storm drains (which flow directly into local streams)! The purpose of storm drains is to guard against flooding and water damage by quickly removing rain water from the streets. Pool water contains pollutants, i.e.: elevated chlorine, salt, chloramines, other chemicals, etc., that when allowed to get into the Stormwater System, may otherwise degrade the local water quality, as well as degrade the water quality of local streams to the Stormwater system. This may pose an environmental threat and a threat to public safety.

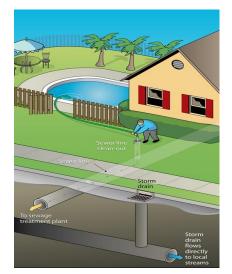


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Three options at your disposal for draining your pool are:

- Your Backyard you get to reuse and recycle your water, and reduce your water usage for landscaping. Be mindful of your neighbors and proximity to storm drains. Also, conduct research on which plants in your yard can thrive with pool water being released.
- The Sanitary Sewer By using your home's sanitary sewer cleanout, you keep the City's Stormwater System free of pollutants.
- A Contractor if the water contains serious contamination, you may want to hire a Contractor to pump out the water.



By disposing of pool water safely and properly, you are helping preserve the creeks and wildlife in the City of Antioch, and helping to preserve local water quality.

## **Contact Public Works:**

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

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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 Wednesday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The East County Cites 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 Eventbrite Video: <a href="https://youtu.be/ys9zTNqi2bE">https://youtu.be/ys9zTNqi2bE</a>



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#### 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! <u>Survey</u> and <u>Video</u>.



## Chamber of Commerce Special Government Affairs Meeting in Weedmaps

City staff from the Police Department and the City Manager's Office attended the Antioch Chamber of Commerce Special Government Affairs Meeting on Tuesday morning in downtown. Brendan Murphy is a Government Relations Manager from Weedmaps provided education, policy, and insight into the cannabis industry in California. Weedmaps is an online legal marijuana community that allows users to review and discuss cannabis strains and local dispensaries. Before joining Weedmaps Brendan Murphy spent 20 years in law enforcement and had worked in the state's Department of Finance as a Budget manager for the governor. The meeting was well attended, and Chamber members had questions about how allowable uses will affect the Antioch community.



## **Cannabis Ordinance Process in Antioch**

Residents! 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, 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 Ordinance Process in Antioch visit our page.

City Council Meeting to review Zoning/Land Use recommendation from the Planning Commission on May 22, 2018 in the Antioch Council Chambers



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#### Next Items for Cannabis Tentative Schedule

City Council	5/22 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Draft Cannabis Ordinance goes to Council	Ordinance
City Council	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. through the end of October 2018. This event is sponsored in part by the **City of Antioch Recreation Department** and is presented by <u>**The Foodie Crew**</u>. Food Truck Thursdays is a kid, family, and pet friendly





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: <u>info@foodiecrew.com</u>

# Summer Reading and Lunch @ the Library Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, May 31 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Are you are age 13-18 and want to earn volunteer hours over the summer? Join us for the summer volunteer orientation. You must bring a signed volunteer application, and the orientation is mandatory for all summer volunteers.

#### **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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**El Campanil Theatre** 602 W. Second St. Downtown Antioch Tickets: <u>www.ElCampanilTheatre.com</u> or (925) 757-9500

## 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 Lesher 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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<u>Chamber of Commerce Events</u> For more information about Business mixers, events, or memberships check out the website calendar.



## **Stay Connected To Your Community**

Did you know the City of Antioch has a variety of ways to communicate? Check out our social media outlets! We are continuing our efforts to better communicate with our residents.



## All you need to know about Antioch Sites, Buildings, & Community Innovate Antioch

Do you have Economic Business News to share please email: <u>Izepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us</u> for submittals and to share pictures, stories, links, or community events on our social media.