

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Update



Latest Health Order Lifts Restrictions

Effective May 4th, the Contra Costa County Health Officer's most recent Health Order lifted some restrictions which include:

- Landscaping maintenance may resume
- All types of construction are now permissible, and the City is issuing building permits
- The Lone Tree Golf Course has been reopened
- Recreational opportunities *(for family members/living unit along with continued social distancing)* like the Skate Park and Disc Golf at Prewett Family Park and tennis courts have been opened (playgrounds and restrooms at parks are still closed)



Governor Orders Hotels for Homeless

The County Health, Housing, and Homeless department has procured rooms in hotels around the County for homeless individuals.

In East Contra Costa County, the Motel 6 in Pittsburg with 176 rooms has been secured for this purpose. This program is currently scheduled to operate through July 31st. The Pittsburg location will serve the most **high-risk homeless in our County first** with remaining rooms intended to house East County's homeless.



Contra Costa Council
on Homelessness

Homeless Sheltering-in-Place

I have received numerous comments and complaints about the number of homeless individuals that are visible to the public living along our streets, parking lots, front of stores, and in our parks. The County Health Officer has required us to allow these folks to remain where they have established their camps during the Health Order. Porta potties and hand wash stations have been placed near the most heavily occupied encampment locations around town. **We are monitoring these locations** to keep trash and garbage picked up, and these temporary bathroom facilities clean and undamaged.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Do you follow the Antioch Police Department on Facebook?

If you do, thank you! We enjoy providing you insight into some of the things that are happening within our Police Department as well as in our community. Some of our loyal followers will notice over the last few months, we have added a new "member" to our Social Media Team (he is trying to remain anonymous). This member is an officer that works graveyard and has a certain "flair" to his writing style (and he LOVES emoji's). If you aren't a follower, here is a post regarding an incident that occurred this last week:

Officer Amiri 🚔 and his partner Purcy 🐕 were on-duty last night in the area of L and West 7th. At about 3 am, they saw a motorist driving down the road talking on a cellphone. Said driver wasn't using the 📱 hands-free, so Officer Amiri (or was it Purcy?) flipped on the red and blues 🚓 to have a conversation. During the chat, it was learned said driver didn't have a license either. Purcy asked if he could sniff around and alerted to the presence of narcotics from inside the vehicle. Our best pals 🚔 at the Pittsburg Police Department, Pittsburg, CA, sent us Officer Oreja 🚔 (also a canine handler) to help with a search of our license-lacking lady. **What did we find?** Glad you asked because it turned out she possessed numerous ecstasy pills, cocaine, and heroin for sale. A reservation was made to shelter-in-place at the County Jail, and free shuttle service was provided.

Did you know the average canine's sense of smell is tens of thousands of times more sensitive than our own 🦮? Canine Purcy is a five-year-old Belgian Malinois who came to us from the Netherlands. He is trained in apprehension, tracking/trailing, and narcotics detection. He's also a really really good boy! Police canines are a force multiplier and an indispensable part of our mission to **PROTECT ANTIOCH!** Remember to give Purcy an "Atta boy!" if you see him sniffing around your neighborhood! 🚓 🐕 🚔

Records Technician Connie Friedrichson



It has certainly been a busy week at the Antioch Police Department. On Monday, May 4, Records Technician **Connie Friedrichson** retired after 20 years of service to the City of Antioch. Connie has always been a wealth of information that she was always willing to share with anyone that asked. Connie was quick with a "pun" that could brighten anyone's mood at a moment's notice. We will all miss seeing Connie here at the PD but **wish her all of our best in retirement.**

114th Antioch Police Officer Sworn-in

On May 4th, **Dustin Dibble** was sworn in as our 114th Police Officer (we are authorized 115). Officer Dibble was hired as an



"entry-level officer," meaning he had no prior experience as a California Peace Officer and still needed to complete a Police Academy. Officer Dibble and his classmates started Academy Class 189 at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Pittsburg on November 4, 2019. In the Academy, Officer Dibble learned the basics of what it takes to be a police officer. Now that he has graduated, he will be assigned various Field Training Officers to complete his training and learn how to protect and serve our community. **Welcome, Officer Dibble!**

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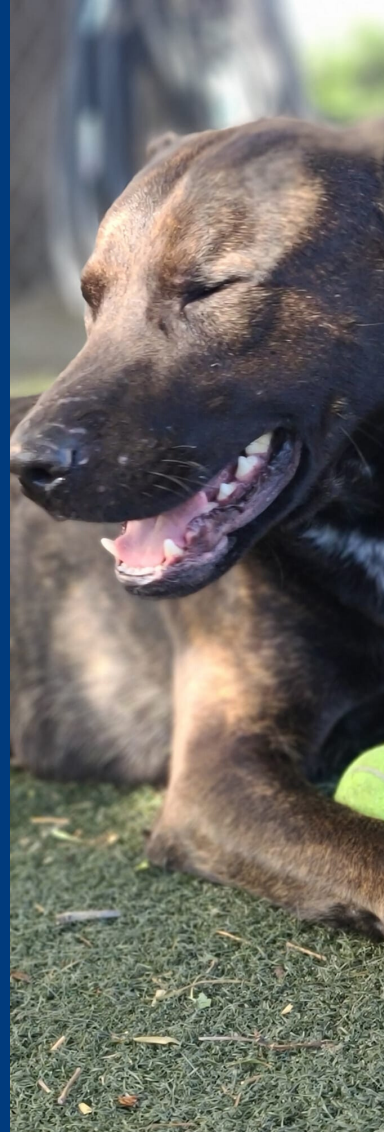
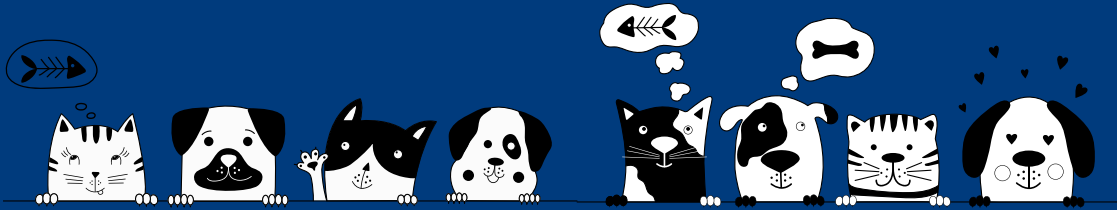
PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

Sponsored Adoptions the entire month of May!

Antioch Friends of Animal Services is sponsoring the adoption fees for all pets for the entire month of May! If you are considering adopting a new pet, now is a perfect time. Sponsored adoption fees include the spay/neuter surgery, microchip, and age-appropriate shots for your new pet. Antioch residents who adopt a dog will need to purchase a \$20.00 dog license at the time of adoption. Due to the COVID-19 shelter in place order, Antioch Animal Shelter is closed to the public, but we are accepting appointments for adoptions. **To view the pets currently available for adoption, visit www.petharbor.com or www.petfinder.com.**

If you find a pet you want to know more about or one that you would like to adopt, please call us at 925-779-6989 to schedule an appointment to visit with the pet. Adoption appointments are available every day from 10:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Pictured to the right is Lincoln, who is ready for adoption now.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- **Dustin Dibble** was sworn in as a Police Officer his start date was April 26, 2020.
- **Amanda Lunsford** was hired as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Community Development Department on May 4, 2020.

Please join us 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.





Sports Fields and Courts

Sports fields and courts are now open for use by family members only! The April 29th Orders issued by the County allows for more fitness options and healthy activities for families. Users must not share equipment and must not play with friends or neighbors. New signs are being posted at fields and courts to remind all residents of the new County Orders.



Water Safety

Water Park Managers are reporting back to work and studying all the rules and guidelines that apply to aquatic operations. Their first task was to develop a water safety video that encourages all families to make water safety a priority while enjoying backyard pools and spas, or open water. Everyone will benefit from these simple tips [here](#).



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Planning for Summer

The Recreation Department continues to prepare and plan for summer activities based upon the State and County guidelines.



On April 29th, Contra Costa County announced the return of some “Low-Risk” business and recreation activities such as summer camps and other recreational programs. Summer camps may be allowed as long as no more than 12 children are in a group, and they have the same recreation camp leaders for the entire camp. More information and details to come!

Great Plates Delivered program

Governor Gavin Newsom announced the launch of the **“Great Plates Delivered”** program, a meal delivery service for California’s older adults. Great Plates Delivered has two purposes: to assist seniors and other adults at high risk from COVID-19 in staying home and staying healthy by delivering three nutritious meals a day, and to provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses struggling to stay afloat during the COVID-19 crisis. Antioch seniors and older adults interested in having meals delivered should contact the local administrator, Contra Costa County, at (800) 510-2020.



Recreation Treat Bag Delivery!

On Friday, May 1st, the Recreation staff delivered recreation treat bags to 50 families randomly selected to receive a package. The “we miss our families” message was welcomed by everyone!! **More deliveries to come!**



Code Enforcement

In response to the desires of the City Council and the community, the Code Enforcement Division recently hired a fifth Code Enforcement Officer and is in the process of finalizing the hiring of a sixth Code Enforcement Officer. These new officers will supplement the excellent work being conducted by the Code Enforcement Division. They will continue the work to improve the quality of life and appearance of the City of Antioch. 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.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Inspection Services

Beginning May 4, 2020, the Building Inspection Services Division has begun to offer limited services for building permits. Applicants can submit new applications or drop off resubmittals through a contactless drop box on the second floor of City Hall. **This service is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.** Once an application is received and approved, Building Inspection Services staff will contact the applicant to schedule an appointment to pick up the permit and make all necessary payments.

During the week of May 4 – May 9, the Building Inspection Services Division issued 63 building permits and received 31 new applications and resubmittals. **The Building Inspection Services Division is not open to the public for general inquiries, but can be reached at (925) 779-7065. More information is available [here](#).**

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission held its first virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. The Commission considered new architectural designs for the Cielo residential project and made a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Development Agreement for the AMCal affordable housing project. A video of the meeting will be available [here](#). The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 20, 2020.

CITY CLERK

Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 3 – 9, 2020



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.

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EXTENDED | Deadline Date: May 15, 2020



Board of Administrative Appeals

- One (1) Board Member, 2-year term vacancy, 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

Deadline Date: June 5, 2020

Planning Commission

- One (1) Commissioner partial-term vacancy, expiring October 2020

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 the dates listed above. Applications are available [here](#). Applications and resume can be emailed to cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us.

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.

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Landscaping Resumes

The new **Contra Costa County Health Department Order** lifted restrictions for landscape maintenance effective Monday, May 4th. With the lifted restrictions, the City rolled out five different contracted landscape crews first thing Monday morning. These crews are back on the job and working hard after being off the job for over six weeks to get our medians and landscaped areas cleaned up and trimmed. We started in the following areas:

- **Lone Tree Way - Medians**
- **Buchanan Road - Medians**
- **Mesa Ridge Trail**
- **Davison Drive – Rights of Way**
- **Silverado Trail – Rights of Way**

The **Fire Abatement crews** continue their hard work, getting rid of the weeds all over the City.



PUBLIC WORKS

Drinking Water Week | May 3-9th

Whether it's to cool off after a workout or clean fruits and veggies for a snack, your drinking water is there when you need it. And your water utility is working hard around the clock to make that happens. You routinely drive over an intricate maze and miles of pipes underground delivering nature's most precious resource to homes and businesses. It takes a lot to deliver just about any high-quality product, and our drinking water is no exception. It takes an intricate maze of infrastructure, which includes treatment plants, pipes, pumps, storage tanks, and treatment supplies to ensure your drinking water is there when you need it. **During Drinking Water Week**, take a moment to recognize the reliability and resiliency of what it takes to deliver high-quality drinking water.



Repetition Is The Key To Success!

The City of Antioch Collections Division is continuing to perform essential services for the benefit of our residents. We currently have a crew performing fire abatement in West Antioch Creek between Longview and Meadowbrook. Our mowing contractor is presently working at the open basin near 18th St. We have a couple of crews performing sewer line cleaning maintenance north of Highway 4 near W 10th St and another in south Antioch near the Laurel area. We also have a construction crew doing work in various spots north of HWY 4. **If you are having any sewer issues, please call us first at (925)779-6950.**



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Economic Baseline and Strategic Plan Summit

The Economic Development Department held its second Economic Development Baseline and Strategic Plan Summit Meeting on April 29th, 2020, via video conference. The City's consultant, The Natelson Dale Group, Inc. (TNDG), led the strategic planning process to stakeholders that attended. The **City of Antioch's Economic Development Strategic Plan** (EDSP) will provide a blueprint for attracting targeted new development and business investment, creating jobs, and ensuring the City's long-term fiscal health. The Plan will identify key industries that should be the focus of Antioch's business retention/ expansion/attraction efforts and will also consider closely-related issues such as infrastructure, land use, education, and workforce development.

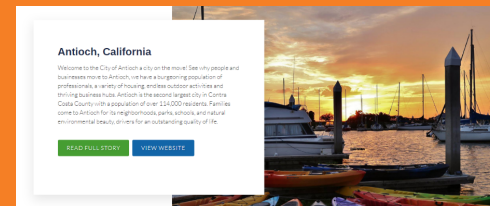


Economic Development Department during the Shelter-in-Place Order

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.**

bludot open

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.



Here's what's happening In the City of Antioch



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City of Antioch Payment Portal

Fast, convenient and easy to use!



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 [here](#).

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 [here](#)
- To pay for a new business license please us visit [here](#)
- To pay for a business license renewal please visit us [here](#)

**To pay for a recreation fee please contact the Recreation Department directly at (925) 779-3050.*

During this COVID-19 Pandemic

STAY CONNECTED WITH 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.

