

City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



Special Congratulations for Two Local Athletes



Antioch's **Najee Harris** has recently run into the national spotlight by being selected 24th overall in the **2021 NFL Draft** by the **Pittsburgh Steelers**. Najee is the first NFL draftee from **Antioch**

High School since 1999 and finished his college career as the all-time leader in rushing yards (3,843), total scrimmage yards (4,624) and touchdowns (57) for the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Also, this past week **2017 AHS grad Isaiah Dunn** was signed by the **New York Jets** and received the **biggest contract ever** for an undrafted rookie cornerback. Isaiah, also an **Antioch High School grad**, earned a full ride to **Oregon State** and had 115 career tackles, 16 pass deflections, and a forced fumble in 31 games.



Update on Unhoused Resident Services

The City has been working in earnest over the **last six months** to develop and establish local strategies that serve our vulnerable unhoused resident population in Antioch. Our approach seeks to pair and balance immediate and basic human needs with **bridge opportunities** to achieve long term housing stability. On April 27, 2021, the City Council approved Policy Guidelines for the City's Approach to Unhoused Resident Services, the first of its kind for the City.

Short Term Strategies. The City is joining efforts with local organizations to expand ongoing services to unhoused residents on a consistent basis. Early last month, the City launched two pilot activities in collaboration with community-based partners.

The **Laundry Voucher Program** builds on outreach efforts for mobile shower facilities by providing access to laundry services at two local laundromats.

The **Motel Voucher Program** offers temporary respite in a motel room. Referral entities are volunteer based organizations. They work with participants, using homeless diversion strategies and problem solving to navigate resources and develop exit plans.

Long Term Strategies. The City will soon release a Request for Proposals for Bridge Housing Support Services. This strategy has been identified as a critical path to achieving positive outcomes for Antioch's unsheltered population. The services are place based and are anticipated to play a pivotal role in the City's future bridge housing approach at a site to be determined.

For more information on these programs, please contact Unhoused Resident Coordinator Jazmin Ridley at jridley@antiochca.gov



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Antioch PD Trading Cards

Did you know that many of the members of the Antioch Police Department now have trading cards? These cards have been used in the past to **engage and interact** with the **younger members** of our community (okay, and many of the older members) and introduce a more personal side of our staff.

So next time you see an officer, please say hi and ask if they have a trading card to share!



Wrap up of a Great City Event

As many of you know, during the week leading up to Easter, the Antioch Police Department hosted several Easter Egg hunts throughout the city. There were one or more **"Golden Eggs"** that were hidden that included a special "treat" for the finder at each location.

These **"treats"** included some sort of engagement activity with our staff. Examples of the "Golden Egg" treats were a **delivered lunch by the Chief**, an ice cream social with an officer, and an outside game with an officer (to name a few). What a great way to wrap up a great event. Our staff is already talking about how to make next year even better!

Coffee with the Cops

On 12/15/2018, Chief Brooks hosted a **bilingual Coffee with the Cops** at Holy Rosary Church (pre-pandemic) and his Spanish-speaking assistant Ana Cortez. During this event, **Mr. Mark Lemoslima** – an attendee who is also a talented photographer, took various pictures to capture the event. We want to thank Mr. Lemoslima for stopping by last month and **donating a framed picture** of when he captured Chief Brooks at a Fourth of July parade.

We are looking forward to hosting more Coffee with the Cops and other events to **engage and interact** with our community this summer and fall as the COVID 19 restrictions ease.



We're Hiring!

Interested in a career in Law Enforcement, but not as an officer? Are you looking for a fast-paced position where no two days are the same? We may have the job for you! The Antioch Police Department is hiring for our **Dispatcher** position.

Follow the link below for more information and to apply!
<https://agency.governmentjobs.com/antioch/default.cfm...>

PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

It's Kitten Season!

Although kitten season sounds amazing and fun, it is a hard time of the year for the shelter and our **rescue partners**. There is an understandable strain on our resources with large numbers of kittens born and often surrendered to the shelter or our rescue partners. Are you looking for a way you can help us help kittens in need? We have an Amazon Wishlist (found here ---> [AAS Amazon Wishlist](#)) where we have listed items needed to help care for all these little kittens.

Some of the things **currently needed** are Royal Canin Mom & Baby Cat Food, small receiving blankets, kitten nursing kits, miracle nipples, and KMR milk replacement formula. If you make an Amazon purchase from our Wishlist, save time and have your donated items delivered directly to the animals at:



Antioch Animal Services

300 L Street
Antioch, CA 94509



Every item donated is greatly appreciated and will be put to use, helping an animal in need.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Jesus Martinez** was hired as a Street Maintenance Worker I for the Public Works Department on April 25, 2021.
- **Ryan Morgan** was hired as a Water Distribution Operator I for the Public Works Department on May 9, 2021.

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

Currently open recruitment's include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Police Dispatcher
- Collection Systems Worker I/II
- Equipment Operator

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**.





Prewett Library Branch

The Prewett Library Branch **re-opened** to the public on April 27th! **In-person** services are now available during their regular operating hours, Tuesdays from 10 am -7 pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 12 pm - 8 pm, and Fridays & Saturdays from 12 pm-5 pm.

For more information, please visit ccclib.org or call 1-800-984-INFO.



Swim Team at AWP

For the first time, the Antioch Water Park is renting pool space to the **Discovery Bay River Otters Swim Team!** These talented young swimmers fill up the lap pool **three days** a week and definitely bring a lot of life to our park!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Vaccinations at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center

Contra Costa County Health Services continues to offer vaccinations at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center/Antioch Senior Center. Due to their continued amazing work with their many partners, as of May 5th at least 90% of people 60+ in Contra Costa have been at least partially vaccinated. Thank you to all who care for our seniors!

as of 4/25	Vax'd	Not	Total	%
75+	71,238	2,547	73,785	97%
65-74	97,225	7,620	104,845	93%
60-64	56,976	13,876	70,852	80%
TOTAL 60+	225,439	24,043	249,482	90%



Late Spring Programs

Youth Martial Arts, Youth, and Teen Art classes, Preschool, and more are in full swing! Summer programs and classes are filling up fast! Check out all summer offerings and register online here. Use code: **SUMMER21** at checkout to receive a **10% discount** on your program registration. Online only deal, some restrictions apply. See you this summer!





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning

On May 19, the Planning Commission will consider **changes** to the City's **Home Occupation Use Permits regulations**. In the City of Antioch, home businesses require the prior approval of a Home Occupation Use Permit (HOUP) in addition to a **City Business License**. A HOUP authorizes the use of a home or apartment for a small business and imposes strict rules on the operation of the business and its impacts on the neighborhood.

Under the current rules, a **home-business operator** must apply for a HOUP and provide the addresses of all adjacent residences. The Planning Division then mails postcards to these neighboring addresses informing them of the proposed **Home Occupation** and providing contact information to report any complaints. Neighbor approval or consent is not required.

This process requires additional effort from the City and warrants the current fee of \$130. In addition, the **current regulations** fail to address many of the conditions that generate complaints, such as excessive numbers of vehicles, noise, and similar impacts.



Finally, State law has changed to allow certain **food preparation** businesses to operate from the home. In the past, these were prohibited, and a HOUP was not issued for these businesses. Similarly, small craft manufacturing would be permitted and **better clarified**. Auto repair and similar inappropriate home-based businesses would remain prohibited.

Planning Continued

The Planning Commission will consider **significant changes** to the HOUP process intended to streamline and simplify the regulations. First, the requirement to notify the **adjacent residences** would be removed along with the \$130 fee. Home businesses would not be **issued a permit**, but the operators would instead sign an affidavit agreeing to abide by all of the rules of home occupations. The affidavit would be submitted concurrently with the **Business License Application**, thereby eliminating a step in the City approval process. The rules themselves would be modified to reflect contemporary home-based businesses and address common complaints more specifically.

Information about this proposed change is available [here](#). Questions or comments can be sent to Forrest Ebbs, Community Development Director, at febbs@antiochca.gov.



CITY CLERK

Get Involved in your Local Community!

The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in their local community. One way to do so is to serve on various commissions, boards and committees. The City Clerk's Department is accepting applications for the following Boards/ Commission/Committee vacancies:

Board of Administrative Appeals Deadline Date Extended to
5:00 p.m., Friday May 14, 2021:

- **Three (3)** Board Members, 4-year term vacancies, expiring March 2024
- **Two (2)** Board Members, 2-year term vacancies, expiring March 2022
- **One (1)** Alternate Member, 2-year term vacancy, expiring March 2022

Parks & Recreation Commission Deadline Date by
5:00 p.m., Friday June 4, 2021:

- **Two (2)** Board Members, 2-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 via email: cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us by the dates listed above. Applications are available [HERE](#)

City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports are typically posted onto our City's Website **72 hours** before each Council Meeting. To be notified when the agenda packets are posted onto our City's Website, simply click on this link: <https://www.antiochca.gov/notifications/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe.

To view the current and past agenda information, click on the following link [here](#).



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Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay Project

The Streets Division crew completed a hot mix asphalt **overlay project** last week in Lemontree and Peppertree Courts. Hot Mix Asphalt is a mixture of primarily aggregate with a substance called **asphalt cement**. This contains asphalt and different adhesives added to bind together to improve worn-out roads. This project was completed over two days with minimal inconvenience to residents and added a **high level of quality**. Improvements like these will increase the quality of life and appearance of this neighborhood for many years to come!

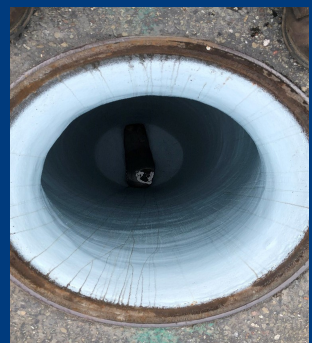
PUBLIC WORKS

National Public Works Week

National Public Works Week (NPWW) will occur May 16-22, 2021. Since 1960, NPWW has called attention to the vital contribution and importance of Public Works in **community life**. You may not have realized it, but the health, safety, and comfort of our community greatly depends on the quiet dedication of Public Works staff who are responsible for programs such as **Water Production**, Water Distribution, Sewers, Storm Water Collections (NPDES), Capital Improvement Program and Land Development Services, Traffic Engineering, Streets, Parks, Medians, and Open Space, Public Buildings, Marina, Fleet and Geographic Information Services (GIS). By working together, we can continue to **positively impact** the quality of life in our community, educate and energize community members on the importance of Public Works in their everyday lives, and have a better-informed citizenry!

City of Antioch Truly Cares About its Infrastructure!

The City of Antioch is currently working on a utility hole **rehabilitation** project throughout multiple locations within the City. Utility holes are necessary to access and maintain sewer lines, storm lines, and other underground utilities. Utility holes are most **commonly constructed** of two materials, bricks and mortar or precast concrete. The cleaning and rehabilitation of these utility holes are essential maintenance procedures to ensure the City's underground infrastructure **runs efficiently**. If any defects are left unchecked for too long, it can compromise the City's infrastructure and lead to sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Commission Meeting

The City of Antioch's Economic Development Commission (EDC) had its Special May 4th meeting via Zoom teleconferencing. The Commission discussed and commented on written and verbal reports by each commissioner based on the **City's current strategic vision plan**.

This task was created by Chair Tim McCall and the idea is to develop final reports based on current goals, action items and strategies and present to council for a **recommendation**. The next regular EDC meeting is scheduled for June 1st, 2021 at 7:00 pm. [EDC Meetings](#)



Countywide Economic Development Staff Meeting

Economic Development staff attended the Countywide Economic Development Staff meeting on May 5th via teleconferencing with economic teams from **local cities** like Pittsburg, Walnut Creek, and Martinez to discuss various economic related topics.

Some items included staffing updates, **local relief programs** – lessons learned from developed programming, future programming needs, and upcoming **Rescue Plan** local funding.

Workforce Development Board

Economic Development Director, **Kwame Reed**, attended the Full Board/Executive Committee Meeting of the Contra Costa Workforce Development Board on Tuesday, May 4th. The Board received presentations from Dr. Bryan Reece, Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District and from Celina Shands from **Full Capacity Marketing**. The Board also agreed to recommend the creation of a Deputy Director position on the Workforce Development Board staff to the County Board of Supervisors.



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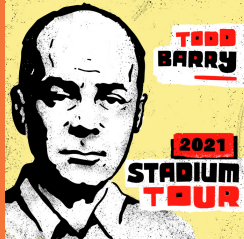
Antioch - Opportunity **grows** here.

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

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Netflix Comic TODD BARRY in Antioch this September



WHAT: Todd Barry--The 2021 Stadium Tour
WHEN: September 25th, 2021 @ 8PM
WHERE: El Campanil Theatre, Antioch, CA
TICKET PRICE: \$25.00
HOW TO BUY: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com>
or by calling (925) 757-9500

Ready to laugh a bit? Stand-up roars back to El Campanil Theatre with celebrated comic Todd Barry this September as he visits Antioch for the first time in his 2021 Stadium Tour. While El Campanil boasts an impressive 640 seats, this was probably the first time in its nearly 100-year history that it has been dubbed a **"stadium"**, says Executive Director Joel Roster: "We were very flattered."

Mr. Barry has appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, The Late Show with David Letterman, Conan, and Late Night With Seth Meyers. His acting credits include The Wrestler, Road Trip, Flight of the Conchords, Chappelle's Show, Spin City, and Sex and the City. You may have heard his voice on the animated series Bob's Burgers, Dr. Katz, Professional Therapist, and Aqua Teen Hunger Force. Todd is also the author of the critically-acclaimed 2017 travel memoir Thank You For Coming To Hattiesburg.

Reserved tickets are on sale now for \$25 each, and are available at elcampaniltheatre.com or by calling **(925) 757-9500**.

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