



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE MAY 12, 2017



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending May 12, 2017

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Tammany "T" Brooks as our new Police Chief. Chief Brooks has been serving in the capacity of Interim Chief since the retirement of former Chief Allan Cantando. His appointment will become effective May 14th.

Chief Brooks has been a dedicated member of the Antioch Police Department for 22 years. He has served as an Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. Brooks has served in virtually every capacity within the Department, emphasizing that this appointment is critical to Antioch's continued growth and success. Chief Brooks is the right person and has what it takes to successfully lead the talented men and women of the Antioch Police Department. With over 20 years of loyal service to the City, he has proven himself as a team player who is committed to taking an outstanding department and making it even better. His integrity and no nonsense approach to the job are just two of the reasons Chief Brooks is so highly respected among his peers and the community. Elevating Chief Brooks from within our own ranks is a testimony to the quality of personnel we have in our Police Department. Rising up from humble beginnings, Chief Brooks epitomizes what can happen through hard work, commitment and the pursuit of excellence. Chief Brooks is also the City's first African American Police Chief.





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Brooks holds a Masters Degree in Leadership, as well as being a graduate of distinguished law enforcement programs, including the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) of Boston and the FBI National Academy.

Along with Mayor Wright, Mayor Pro Tem Thorpe, and Council Members Ogorchok and Tiscareno, I attended the official incorporation of the Youth Intervention Network (YIN) strategy into the Antioch Unified School District (AUSD) to create sustainability and to expand engagement of youth who, because they are truant and/or academically disengaged, are likely to commit or become victims of violence without the appropriate interventions.

YIN, created in late 2006 and then co-chaired in 2007 by Iris Archuleta, co-founder of Emerald HPC International, and retired Antioch Police Chief James Hyde, has achieved amazing results in reducing truancy and police calls for service while improving grade point averages and high school completion rates. 100% of YIN graduates have gone on to post-secondary education. Since 2008, YIN has trained over 300 youth, adult leaders and volunteers, served 103 youth and their families, and brought together more than 40 Antioch and Contra Costa County agencies and organizations. Community volunteers; trained in the *Dialogue for Peaceful Change* (DPC) methodology, serve as family mediators and educational advocates who directly engage youth and their families.

The YIN approach, home grown and unique to Antioch, supports AUSD's goal of increasing socio-emotional support for students and improving parent and family engagement. Through independent evaluations, YIN's approach has been recognized at all levels including being named as one of four global best practices in urban anti-violence and peace building at the opening ceremony of the UN Peace University at the Hague.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2017 Rivertown Wine Walk in Antioch: The Rivertown Business District is hosting local Wineries in Beautiful Downtown Antioch! What: Rivertown Wine Walk 2017. When: May 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Starting Location: Elite Dance, 304 G. Street. Information & Tickets:

<http://eventful.com/antioch/events/2017-rivertown-wine-walk-/E0-001-100976261-5>





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Mother’s Day Events Around Town:



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 2nd Street



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



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

Upcoming Shows

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

About The Play

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.

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



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Taylor Made: "Unplugged"
The James Taylor Tribute Band
Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PRICING OFFER

All Seats: \$25

SELECT 4 SEATS AND ONLY PAY FOR 2 (That's 2 free seats for friends!)

HOW SWEET IT IS...Taylor Made, The James Taylor Tribute Band, consists of a group of musicians who are dedicated to bringing the uplifting, soulful and memorable sounds of the legendary singer-songwriter to be enjoyed in any setting. Paying close attention to the details of each song, this distinctive group has crafted a sound that captures the live and recorded experience of listening to James Taylor in concert. The next best thing to JT himself! This special presentation of 'Unplugged' Taylor Made is dedicated to an intimate version of the band where guitar, bass, percussion and the occasional horn perform many of the tunes that the full band plays. This show is like hearing the classic tunes of James Taylor as if they were played in your living room!

Buy Tickets: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/taylor-made.html>

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 p.m. – 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>

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 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The exhibit continues through Wednesday, May 24th on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 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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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.



Mel's Diner NOW Open 24 Hours:

Location: 4827 Lone Tree Way, Antioch

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/originalmelsdinerantioch/>

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: lzepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us pictures, stories, links, or media releases.

[Chamber of Commerce Events](#)

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CITY CLERK

The Annotated Agenda for the May 9, 2017 City Council Meeting is posted on the City's Website. To view the agenda information, please click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.



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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.

“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 recognized the week of May 7 – 13, 2017 as “Municipal Clerks Week” and extended appreciation to Clerk Simonsen and Deputy Clerk Garcia for the vital services performed and exemplary dedication to the Antioch Community.



HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hire. Alvaro Pacheco was hired as a Collection Systems Worker I for Public Works on May 1, 2017.

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



The new Cattail Harbor is ready for the 2017 season. This splash and spray ground will delight the youngest water park guest. Everyone is invited to the ribbon-cutting and dedication on Saturday, May 13, 2017. There will be an open house where residents can tour the water park, test swimming skills for lesson placement, register for programs and buy a season pass. Free swimming for kids and adults.



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The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at the Antioch Water Park on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a tour of the Water Park. All residents are invited to attend.

On Saturday, the Antioch Riverview Garden Club held their annual plant sale at Prewett Community Park. A large number of natives, ornamentals, and succulents were available for sale. The Garden Club donated two dozen plants to enhance the landscaping at the Water Park.

On Monday, May 8, more than 70 members of the Antioch Water Park seasonal staff participated in the first All Staff Training & Orientation. This training is vital for developing a cohesiveness team for the summer.

Throughout the week, the Antioch Council of Teens has been connecting with local businesses and organizations to distribute the books that were collected from ACT's book drive.



On Tuesday, the Recreation Department continued its journey into cooking in the community with a special "Death by Chocolate" cooking class specializing in creating amazing desserts. This class was filled to capacity with participants learning to make incredible chocolate desserts including, Chocolate Bourbon Pie, Molten Chocolate Cakes, Truffles and Creamy Chocolate Mousse.

First Five Contra Costa (*East County Regional Group*) and the Antioch Recreation Department partnership sports class programs began last Saturday, May 6. Specialized soccer classes for young children are being held at Contra Loma Estate Park. The purpose of this partnership is to provide and support local programs and services to help children 0-5 years old reach their greatest potential.



On Tuesday, May 9th, Hillendale Home Care set up an informational table at the Senior Center and shared information regarding in-home care services and all the available home care agencies that are available to seniors.



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On Thursday, May 11th, the California Highway Patrol provided a free drive safe seminar titled “Age Well/Drive Smart” for all interested community members. Participants of this program may qualify for an insurance discount. The class highlights precautions drivers should take as they age and introduces the warning signs of age-related hazardous driving.

Over the last week, 370 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

Building Inspection Services. The Building Inspection Services Division has been busy plan checking and inspecting several key projects, including the following:

- The Division recently issued occupancies to the 76 Gas Station at 2701 Contra Loma Boulevard and the Shell Station/Circle K Station at 2838 Lone Tree Way. These remodeled gas stations look great and really improve the appearance of these intersections and corridors.
- In addition, after a long wet winter, construction is resuming at a very brisk pace at the Tabora Gardens Senior Apartments at 3701 Tabora Drive.



Planning Division. The Planning Commission will next meet on May 17, 2017. Tentative agenda items include new Planning Commission bylaws and an ordinance addressing tobacco sales in the City of Antioch. Check in at the following address for more information: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/>

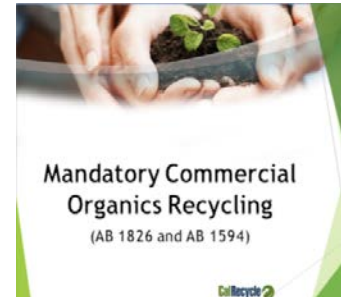


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Environmental Services – Commercial Organics Rates.

Republic Services and the City of Antioch hosted a meeting to get input on the organics rates options from local businesses on Thursday, May 4, 2017, 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.

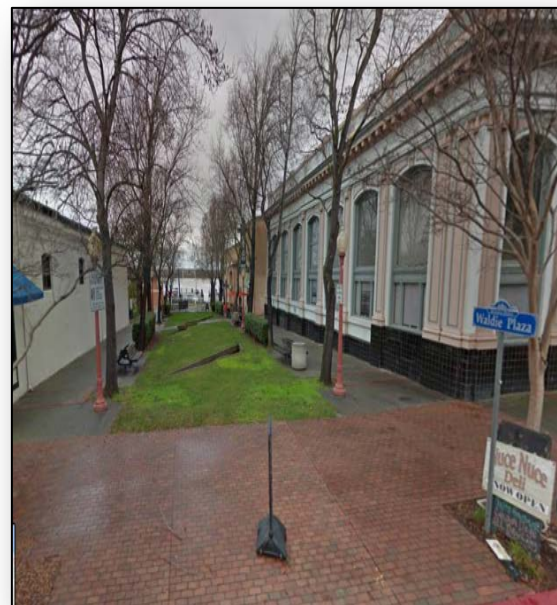


<https://www.facebook.com/EcoAntioch/>

PUBLIC WORKS

Waldie Plaza Improvement Project.

Good things are coming to Waldie Plaza! In an effort to improve public use of Waldie Plaza in our Downtown District, we are planning to remove the old river fountain across the street from City Hall. This work entails removing the existing concrete fountain flow area and overlaying it with sod (grass). The lower end of the fountain will be concrete sidewalk. Work will begin Friday, May 12th and is expected to be complete on Friday, June 2nd. During construction the area will be barricaded and clearly marked to prevent public access. This work can be messy at times and we apologize for any disruption you experience during the process.



For your convenience barricades and/or caution tape will be posted 24 hours in advance of the beginning of work to delineate the work zone. "No Parking" postings will also be in place to allow you to make alternative pedestrian pathway and/or parking arrangements when additional areas are needed to complete the work. We thank you for your patience during this time.



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Public Works Utilities – Collection Systems.



The Collection Systems Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) crew is currently working south of Lone Tree Way between Dallas Ranch Road and Deer Valley Road. The Close Circuit Television Crew, or CCTV crew as we call it, utilizes a team of two trained, certified employees remotely operating a camera mounted to a very small tractor to identify, locate and assess the condition of the City's sewer and storm infrastructure.

CCTV condition inspections provide critical information needed to assess the service life, physical condition and functionality of the City's 310

miles of wastewater (sewer lines) and 282 miles of the storm water collection pipeline system. During field inspections, pipe defects are classified using a standard coding system and pipe condition is assessed using a systematic method to produce consistent, useful information.

This data is used to assist in the scheduling of preventative and routine maintenance, to make decisions about pipe rehabilitation, pipe replacement, estimate our pipe's remaining useful life and its long-term performance capabilities. Completing these

inspections and conducting maintenance in a proactive manner plays a vital role in protecting our collection systems, the environment and the health and safety of the members of our community. Collection Systems Inspection crews completed 13,578 feet of sewer mainline video inspections this past week and televised approximately 25% of our sewer system each year. If you experience a sewer problem remember to call us first to see if we can help you.



Public Works Operations – Landscaping.

Last week, we reported that the City's weed abatement program is underway. We are pleased to report that it is progressing nicely. This program is specific to City owned open-space and a 30 foot area between public open spaces and privately owned properties.





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We have not forgotten about our court medians; how could we, considering the extra tall weeds caused by the very wet winter. The annual landscape maintenance program for our court medians begins later this month and is scheduled to conclude by the end of June. Thank you for your patience and support while we continue to tackle these scheduled work programs and meet our June 30th deadline.

A good time was had by all at the Antioch Marina Customer and Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on Saturday, May 6th! Mayor Wright and Council Members Wilson, and Ogorchock were also on hand to thank our valued customers and many hard working volunteers at this event. James Pflueger, Marina Leadworker/Property Manager, did a great job of hosting the event, making everyone feel at home and a valued part of our Marina community.



Capital Improvements Division. A-S Pipelines, Inc. is installing a new manhole on Donham Court and connecting the newly constructed water main on E Street to our system. This week, the contractor will commence localized repairs to the existing sewer mains in the downtown area in preparation for the cured-in-place lining of these facilities.

On May 2nd, the City held the public bid opening for the Community Development Block Grant Downtown Roadway Pavement Rehabilitation. All bids submitted for this work were over the project budget. Staff will be recommending the City Council reject all bids and authorize the project to be rebid with a revised scope of work.

R.J. Gordon is currently testing the recently installed slip line water pipeline under Highway 4. Once this testing has been satisfactorily performed, the pipeline will be connected to the existing facilities.



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



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Being a public safety dispatcher is an extremely difficult but rewarding job. The Antioch Police Department would like to recognize and congratulate our very own Dispatcher, Anita Soares, who was one of only five dispatchers chosen throughout the State of California to receive the Lou Madeira Beyond the Call Award from California POST. Anita was very deserving of this award and we could not be more proud of her and her service to our community! Way to go Anita!!!



Beyond the Call

[Dispatch Center Home](#)

Going beyond the call to duty takes innovation and dedication while serving the community. "Beyond the Call" recognizes dispatchers who show exceptional ingenuity and dedication on a call, on the job, or at their communication center.



Anita Soares
Antioch Police Department

"...fortunate to have such a diligent and superlative dispatcher..."

On June 14, 2016 at 1250 hours, an officer was working traffic enforcement on a police motorcycle and was preparing to make a traffic stop when he was struck from behind by another vehicle. The officer’s transmission calling for help came across the police radio very faint because his radio had broken during the collision and easily could have been missed. During this critical time Dispatcher Anita Soares heard his call sign, his 11-99 request, and his location and repeated it promptly. In addition, Dispatcher Soares repeated his request to ensure all officers had heard “11-99, officer down”. Dispatcher Soares’ actions ensured a quick response and ensured the officer received the immediate medical attention he needed.

The citizens of this community and the officers working patrol should count themselves fortunate to have such a diligent and superlative dispatcher working for them.



Luiz A. "Lou" Madeira
May 6, 1949 – March 20, 2012
POST Senior Consultant

The "Beyond the Call to Duty" recognition series was championed by Lou Madeira. An advocate and leader for dispatchers, his attitude and drive were inspiring to all who knew him.

[Read more](#)



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Recently, Antioch traffic officers joined forces with traffic officers from Oakley, Brentwood, and Pittsburg for an East County, multi-agency detail primarily targeting unlawful cell phone use. Over a two-day period, officers wrote a combined total of more than 140 traffic citations to drivers failing to obey the hands free restriction of wireless devices. Enforcement details such as this are designed to help save lives and curb the dangerous practice of distracted driving.



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

Animal Services. A few weekend's ago, Pet Food Express had an event at their store and invited the Antioch Animal Shelter to participate. Pet Food Express offered to give the Antioch Animal Shelter \$50 for every adoptable dog brought to the event. Pet Food Express also agreed to donate all of the proceeds from any pet wash purchased during that weekend. Our volunteers did an amazing job getting as many dogs to the event as possible, as well as working the event throughout the weekend. When the dust settled, Pet Food Express donated over \$3,900 to the Antioch Animal Shelter. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to businesses like Pet Food Express who so generously support us.



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