

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



LONG LIVE THE KINGS

Boys to Kings, A Pathway to Success

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, after attending a Juneteenth planning committee, I walked back to my vehicle when I noticed two large yellow school buses pulling up into the Antioch Community Center parking lot. The bus doors opened, and a phalanx of young African American males exited the bus, wearing identical black t-shirts with a **colorful symbol of a crown** emblazoned with the word "Monarch" across their chest. Like Grambling State's historically black university marching band, these African American boys synchronized in single file and silently marched directly into the Community Center. I spoke to a chaperone who told me that the boys were attending the Kings' Conference, a program designed to provide **positive guidance**, thought-provoking interaction, and **meaningful fellowship** between adult African American men and boys.

As I watched these young men file in, I reflected on my boyhood experience **growing up** in the inner-city. Back on the streets of San Francisco, at least in my neighborhood, life was cheap, violence was frequent, and drugs were plentiful. Each day, I traveled through a gauntlet of territorial blocks, where your neighborhood or gang affiliation determined your survival. I was neither introduced nor exposed to any **social community programs** that instilled positive reinforcement or provided information that would eventually be deposited into my self-esteem bank. Here, at this event these young boys were being told that **they are royalty**, they are Kings. Right in front of me, I witnessed the making of Kings.

The Kings' Conference is a **mentorship program** that focuses on middle and high school-aged African American boys from Antioch and Pittsburgh schools. According to Antioch Unified School District representative Stephon Cartwright, the Kings' Conference has several important workshops facilitated by African American men and mentors who share similar **cultural experiences** with the participants. Additionally, the Conference provides the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional support these boys require on their journey from boys to Kings. The label of King only reminds the participants that they too can succeed in life and become **future role models** by exemplifying and reflecting the traits of excellence. No one becomes successful in life without the help of others.

Lastly, this program would not have been possible without the full support of both the Antioch Unified School District and our local Antioch Rotary Club.



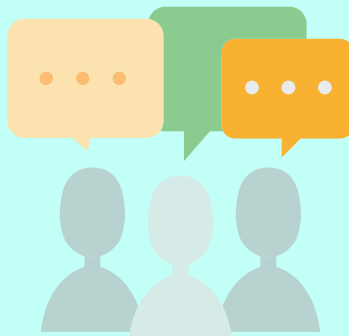
MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

We got to do something we love last Friday night! We got to play against kids in the Midnight Basketball League. This is our **absolute favorite part** of the job! There's nothing better than **positively interacting** with our community. Thanks for having us, and we will keep working on our game and be ready for a **rematch**.



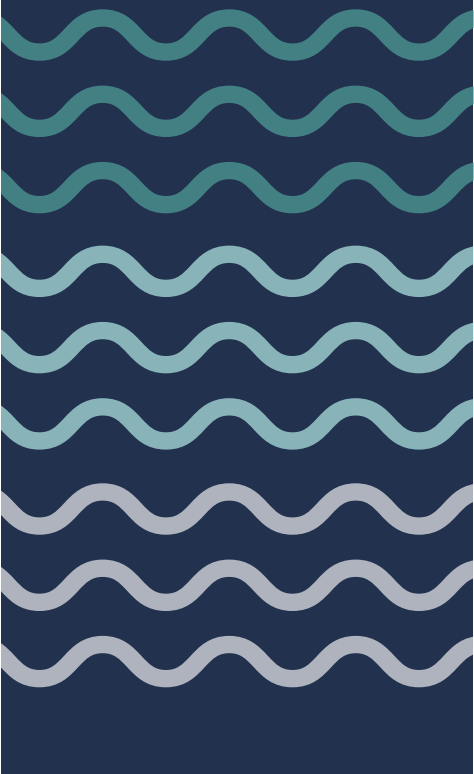
APD COMMUNITY FORUM

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MAY 25, 2022
6:00-7:30 P.M.

Contra Loma Estates
1203 Sycamore Drive



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PLAY BALL! JR. GIANTS BASEBALL LEAGUE SETS RECORD NUMBERS

Registration for the Jr. Giants Summer Baseball League began in early April. The league is now 100% full, with 575 participants registered among the four divisions. This is a 50% increase from the summer of 2021 and sets the record for the most players ever to participate in Antioch since Jr. Giants began in 2014. The Junior Giants Summer League is a free co-ed program for girls and boys ages 5-13 co-sponsored by the City of Antioch Recreation Department and the Antioch Police Activities League. Practices begin in June, with games played July-August.

COYOTE HILLS SUMMER CAMPS

It's that time of the year for fun at Coyote Hills Summer camps! Children will enjoy playing games, creating crafts, and projects but most of all building great friendships and making long lasting memories! Sign up today at antiochca.gov/registration.



SWIM LESSONS

Antioch Water Park's swim lessons kick off on Saturday, June 4th! Weekday sessions begin Monday, June 20th. Register now and come swim with us this summer!



ANTIOCH WATER PARK OPENING

The Antioch Water Park opens for the 2022 season on **Saturday, May 28th!** Park hours will be 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on weekends until June 12th, when we become open daily! Buy your season passes and tickets, and reserve your luxury lounge now for opening weekend at www.antiochwaterpark.com!

CHP AGE WELL DRIVE SMART

Learn safe Driving practices and current California driving laws. Call (925) 779-7076 for more information on registering for the CHP Age Well Drive Smart.



ANIMAL SERVICES



HELPING PETS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Are you looking for ways to help the pets in our community? You can help by **donating items** to the Antioch Animal Shelter. Donations of pet-related items such as dog and cat food, stainless steel food/water bowls, leashes, collars, and other pet products are also needed for the pets in the shelter. Donation items are accepted at the Antioch Animal Shelter during our regular business hours, **10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday**. Appointments are recommended but not required for dropping off donations.

Not sure if an item you want to donate may be used at the shelter? Call us at (925) 779-6989 to find out. Another way you can help the pets in the shelter is to order items found on our **Amazon Wishlist** and have them delivered directly to the shelter. With more than **60 underage kittens** in our care, the most **critical need** is for kitten-related items, such as KMR Milk Replacer Powder and canned kitten food. All items donated to the Antioch Animal Shelter go directly to help the pets from our community!

HUMAN RESOURCES



HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Jazmin Ridley** was hired as the Unhoused Resident Coordinator for the City Manager's Department on May 22, 2022.

Please join me in welcoming this employee to this new full-time position with the City of Antioch.

Currently open recruitments include:

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

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

DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The first draft of the 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Antioch Housing Element is available for public review [here](#). The City welcomes public comments on the draft from the community and housing stakeholders. Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments on the draft Housing Element. The comment period for the public draft is May 16, 2022 - June 15, 2022.

Written comments may be submitted to Anne Hersch, Planning Manager, at ahersch@antiochca.gov or mailed to:

City of Antioch Community Development Department

Attn: Anne Hersch
P.O. Box 5007
Antioch, CA 94531-5007



COUNCIL CDBG COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$2,910,750 IN FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS



The CDBG Committee of the Antioch City Council recommends allocating \$2,910,750 in community grants to nonprofit agencies that will provide services to or otherwise benefit lower-income residents and areas within the City. Funding sources include:

- **Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** annual Entitlement funds FY 2022-23 - \$866,250 (see allocations categories below);
- **Federal CDBG Housing Revolving Loan Fund** – \$553,000 for down payment and closing cost assistance for lower-income homebuyers;
- **Housing Successor (HS) to the Antioch Development Agency** - \$250,000 to fund both emergency and prevention services to address homelessness; and
- **State of California Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)** - \$171,500 to address homelessness.

Total funding of \$2,910,750 will provide services and projects to specifically address high priority needs identified in the City of Antioch's FY 2020-25 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to **Fair Housing Choice**. High priority needs and funding for 2022-23 cover projects related to homelessness, tenant rights, low-income medical needs, child care, economic development, and more! A community review of the funded projects (the 2022-23 Action Plan) is invited. A complete listing of all projects can be found on the City's website, CDBG page, [here](#).

If you have any specific questions concerning these documents or wish to provide written public comments, please contact **Teri House, CDBG/Housing Consultant**, CDBG@ci.antioch.ca.us, (925)779-7037. Written comments may also be emailed to: cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 200 "H" Street, Antioch, CA 94531-5007, before the hearing.

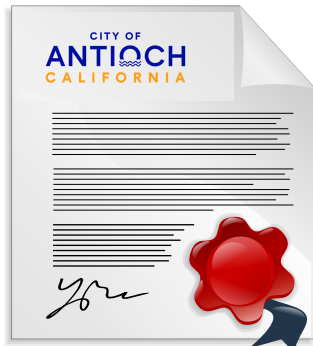




CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

REQUEST A PROCLAMATION

NEW! Request a PROCLAMATION online by clicking this link. Proclamations are used to **commemorate a specific time period** (day, week, or month) for the purpose of **raising awareness** about an issue or celebrating milestones.



QUESTIONS?

Contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@antiochca.gov



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](#).

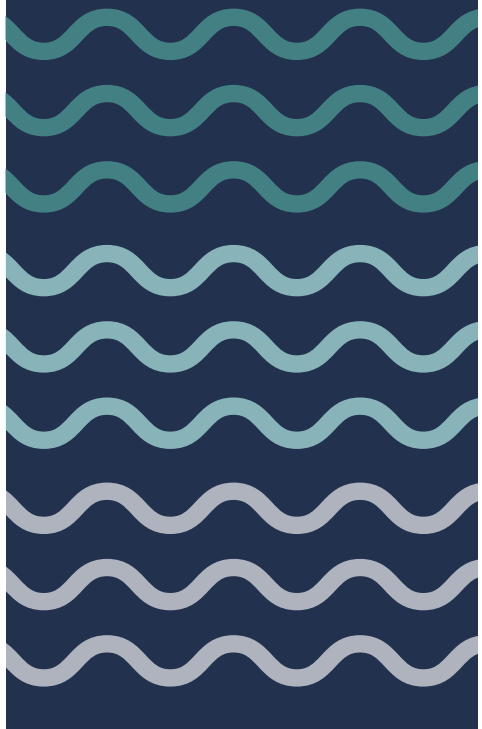


APPLY TODAY

MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL BOARD

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in their local community by volunteering for one of the boards and commissions! For more information and to check openings, [click here](#).





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DOCKWALKER PROGRAM

The Antioch Marina offers free Boater kits as part of the California Dockwalker Program. The Dockwalker Program is led by the California **Coastal Commission** and the California Division of Boating and Waterways' Boating Clean and Green program. **Each boater kit** contains an oil absorbent pad, pillow, gas bib, and valuable boating information. The oil absorbent focus relates to the primary message of the Program, which promotes **recycling**, preventing oily discharge, and other aspects of boating and oil-related pollution.

Dockwalkers are trained to educate and inspire boaters to engage in safe and **environmentally sound** boating in California. By talking "face to face" to boaters at docks, launch ramps, and other waterfront areas, Dockwalkers promote the main educational messages of the **Boating Clean and Green** Program.

See the Marina staff and fill out a quick questionnaire to receive your free boater kit.



COLLECTION SYSTEMS

The Collections System Inspection crew completes approximately 25% of sewer **mainline video inspections** of our sewer system each year.

Completing these inspections and **proactively** conducting maintenance plays a vital role in protecting the City's Collection Systems, the environment, and the health and safety of the members of our community. As we call it, the CCTV crew utilizes two highly trained staff members and a small tractor-mounted camera to **identify, locate, and assess** the condition of the City's sewer and storm infrastructure. CCTV condition assessment provides the critical information needed to evaluate the service life, physical condition, and functionality of our 310 miles of wastewater and **282 miles of stormwater collections** system.

During the field inspection, pipe defects are classified using a standard coding system, and pipe conditions are assessed systematically to **produce consistent**, helpful information. The data collected is reviewed by the Collection Systems management team and used to assist in scheduling preventative and routine maintenance, making decisions about **pipe rehabilitation** and replacement, and estimating our pipe's remaining useful life and its **long-term** performance capabilities.

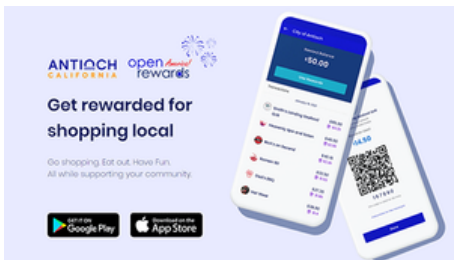


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MICROBUSINESS GRANT NOW AVAILABLE

The California Office of the Small Business Advocate has awarded funding to the Chabot - Las Positas Community College District for the Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program to provide grants to microbusinesses in the counties of Alameda, Amador, Contra Costa, and El Dorado.

This program will provide grants of \$2,500 to microbusiness (businesses that have fewer than 5 employees and earn less than \$50,000 per year) that were in operation in 2019, still in operation, and were impacted by the COVID-19 public health restrictions. For additional eligibility requirements and more information [click 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



DVG
MEMORIAL DAY
COMMEMORATION
Remember and honour

ANTIOCH
 Oak View Memorial Park
 2500 E. 18th St. Antioch, CA
Monday, May 30, 2022
 DEPARTS VETERANS MEMORIAL @9AM
 MONY IS AT 10AM AT OAK VIEW



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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.

