



## CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

MAY 25, 2018

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### Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending May 25, 2018.

### CITY MANAGER

Almost 50 years in the making BART to Antioch is ready to roll. Along with a large number

of elected officials and dignitaries, I attended the Hillcrest BART Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony where speeches were made and free preview rides on the new BART to Antioch Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) trains were provided. The BART to Antioch extension officially begins carrying passengers on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. This [video](#) showcases the new service and provides a walk-through of navigating the transfer platform just east of the Pittsburg/Bay Point Station. It was an historic day for the City and gives our community direct access to the rest of the Bay Area. Equally as important is the economic development stimulus this asset will provide as we continue our efforts to attract business and industry to our region. For more information, please see the Economic Development section of this update.



## PUBLIC WORKS

I'm extremely pleased to announce the hiring of our new Public Works Director/City Engineer Jon Blank. Jon comes to us from the City of Sacramento and brings valuable expertise, experience and passion to this important position. I'd like to thank Deputy Director of Public Works Mike Bechtholdt and Assistant City Engineer Lynne Filson for their exceptional work taking over the day-to-day operations for Public Works Maintenance and Operations, and CIP and Engineering respectively for the past year. Jon came down this week to help promote Public Works Week and participate in a bar-b-que at the Maintenance Services Center getting a chance to meet many of the dedicated Antioch Public Works professionals. Jon's first day will be May 29<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to Antioch Jon!!



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### POLICE

On May 17th, Police Department staff gave a presentation to Rotary on the Antioch Police Explorer Program and the positive impact it has had with the youth in our



community. The program is designed for young women and men with interest in law enforcement. It focuses on civic duty, discipline, and develops leadership qualities in our youth. The Explorers receive training in various police topics, compete at competitions, and attend the Solano County Cadet Academy, annually. They provide service to the community by

assisting with our safety events and crime prevention efforts in addition to attending police department and city-sponsored activities. The Rotary group was impressed with our Explorers and the goals of our program. At the end of the presentation, Rotary made a very generous donation to our program. Young adults ages 14-20 with interest in law enforcement can find out more about our Explorer Program and apply at <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/ExplorerProgram.htm>

Last Saturday, Antioch hosted the Clean Slate Event at Antioch Middle School. This restorative justice initiative is designed to assist people in clearing or reducing convictions from their permanent record. Our event was the first in east Contra Costa County and the first ever in partnership with a police department. The event was jointly hosted by the Antioch Police Department, District Attorney's Office, and the Public Defender's Office. It was an excellent opportunity for our community members to resolve prior legal issues and move forward in a positive direction.



By addressing these issues, citizens removed potential barriers to employment, education, and housing opportunities. The event was well attended by Antioch and other east county community members. Chief Brooks and District Attorney Diana Becton were in attendance in support of the event. The event was featured in the East Bay Times at the following link: <https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2018/05/14/clear-a-conviction-and-get-a-job-home-or-education-at-clean-slate-day-in-antioch/>.



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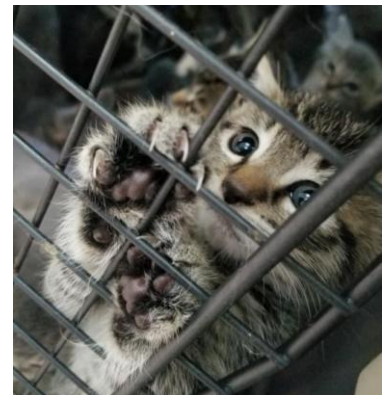
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### Animal Services



There has been an explosion of babies at the animal shelter this week! With more than 25 kittens, a baby heron, a baby kestrel and several puppies, it's been a very busy week for us at AAS. To ensure the best possible outcomes for all these little ones, we've relied heavily on our rescue partners,

volunteers, and our pet foster parents. We want to thank our rescue partners, such as, Berkeley Humane, East Bay Animal Rescue & Refuge, East Bay SPCA, Kitty 911, Lindsay Wildlife Experience, Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation, Dogma Rescue, and all of our amazing volunteers and pet foster parents, for helping us to quickly move these little ones out of the shelter!



### HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- Gonzalo Ramos was hired as a Collection Systems Worker II for the Public Works Department on Monday, May 21, 2018.
- Jazzman Brown was hired as a Human Resource Analyst for the Human Resources Department on Monday, May 21, 2018

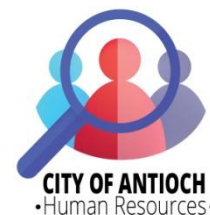
Please join me in welcoming these employees to their new position with the City of Antioch.

Currently, open recruitments include:

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

Internal/Promotional open recruitments include:

- Water Distribution Supervisor
- Public Works Technician (Assistant/Associate/Senior)
- Administrative Analyst





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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 <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources>. 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 22, 2018, are available on the City's Website [www.ci.antioch.ca.us](http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us)

There will be a Special Meeting/Workshop beginning at 5:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on June 12, 2018, in the Council Chambers. The regular meeting will start 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, click on this link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/notification-systems/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> 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)



Any interested resident is encouraged to apply. 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 [www.ci.antioch.ca.us](http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us) 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](mailto: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 box drop off from the Contra Costa County Elections Office. 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

Summer's almost here! Camp staff is gearing up for this fantastic summer of Coyote Hills Summer Day Camp at the Antioch Community Center! Campers will enjoy a fun-filled summer of full and half-day camps with their friends. With themes such as Splashtopia, Escape To Jurassic World, Painting Marshmallows, Ninja Coyote Warriors, Raiders Of The Lost Artifact, May The Forest Be With You and Amazing Race, it will surely be a summer to remember. Come to the Antioch Community Center to register your kids for camp before it's full!



On Wednesday, Rocketship Public Schools hosted an informative presentation in the Nick Rodriguez Community Center for parents interested in enrolling their children beginning this fall. The school is under construction, and the school provided information on how to register, school contact information, uniforms and more.

Families are excited about this new school that is focused on science and rocketry.

On Thursday, Recreation staff attended the graduation ceremony for students in the Community Based Instruction (CBI) education program at Deer Valley High School. The Contra Costa County Office of Education provides funding so that these students can gain work experience.

The Antioch Community Center is a vital work site for this program; staff highly values these students who work hard to keep the Center clean and greet customers that visit.



Through this past week, over 317 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



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the Coco Café. Interested participants must only register with the food County program. The County provides all supplies for participating cafés.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Environmental Services



CivicSpark is now accepting applications for Fellows with the City of Antioch! Antioch is hosting 2 CivicSpark Fellow(s) for the 2018-19 service year. We will have both an Opportunity Access Fellow and a Climate Fellow this coming year. CivicSpark, a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program, builds capacity for local governments to address sustainability and opportunity access issues in California. Our Fellows will be serving the community through work in 1) outreach and education of environmental programs and; 2) affordable housing and homeless programs. To apply or for more information visit <http://civicspark.lgc.org/join-civicspark/fellow/>

#### Keep Antioch Beautiful Day School Participation Awards

At this week's City Council meeting the schools who won the participation contest for our April 21st Keep Antioch Beautiful Day were presented with their cash prizes. The winners of the school participation contest are...

	High School	Middle School	Elementary
1 <sup>st</sup> prize - \$500	Antioch High School	Antioch Middle School	Jack London
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize - \$300	Deer Valley High School	Antioch Charter Academy II	Belshaw
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize - \$200	Dozier Libby Medical High School	Antioch Charter Academy I	Marsh

#### Planning

On Wednesday, May 16, the Planning Commission approved a Use Permit (UP-18-03) for the Palabra de Dios Community Center. This new facility will offer community focused workshops and classes, as well as general assembly uses at the existing amusement center at 501 Auto Center Drive. The site currently contains a miniature golf course, batting cages, video arcade, and go-kart track. With the new use in place, the



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batting cages and miniature golf course will remain open to the public, and a variety of classes will be offered, including music, art, and dance. The assembly space will be located in the former video arcade building and will be available to community groups, such as religious congregations or community groups.

On Tuesday, May 22, the City Council introduced an ordinance establishing a new Cannabis Business (CB) Zoning Overlay District and accompanying the text. This ordinance provides areas in the City of Antioch where individuals may apply for a City Council Use Permit to establish a Cannabis Business. Each new Cannabis Business must be located at least 600' from a school, City park, or residential district and must meet specific findings for approval. City staff will continue to work on additional guidelines to direct potential applicants and provide greater certainty about these new uses. The ordinance is expected to take effect around July 31, 2018. The CB Zoning Overlay District generally includes the industrial/commercial areas between the San Joaquin River and East 18th Street and the Verne Roberts Circle area. The map of the approved CB Zoning Overlay District is shown below.



Questions about the Cannabis Ordinance can be directed to Forrest Ebbs, Community Development Director, at (925) 779-7038 or at [febbs@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:febbs@ci.antioch.ca.us).

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Capital Improvements / Engineering Division



reinforced concrete box culvert system, and the narrow concrete ditch between West

Construction has commenced on the West Antioch Creek Channel Improvements project located near the intersection of West 10th and 'O' Streets. This project will include expanding an under capacity portion of the channel between West 8th and West 10th Streets to reduce the chronic, localized flooding in this area. The existing undersized arch culverts under West 10th Street will be replaced with a larger




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10th Street and West 8th Street will be replaced with an unlined open channel. As part of this work, West 10th Street will be closed to through traffic at 'O' Street for approximately three months. A construction detour between 'L' Street and Auto Center Drive will be implemented to direct through traffic to West 4th Street. Access to all businesses and residents on West 10th Street between 'L' Street and Auto Center Drive will be maintained throughout the construction operation. We ask for your patience during construction and that you obey all traffic control and warning signs that are placed for the safety of workers and the public.

### Contact Public Works:

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

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### BART opens for service this Saturday!

The wait is almost over for East County residents. BART to Antioch will open for passenger service on Saturday, May 26, 2018.

### New service is fast, clean, and comfortable

The service between the Pittsburg/Bay Point Station and Antioch is 10 miles long and adds two new stations. The extension will be able to carry an estimated 2,400 people in each direction, per hour, during rush hours. "This is a new dawn for transit in this part of the Bay Area," said BART Director Joel Keller, who serves East Contra Costa County



and led efforts to bring the extension to the region. "Making this visionary project a reality took the long-term dedication of East County residents, and the commitment of many local, regional, state, and federal leaders." BART to Antioch is part of the Highway 4 Widening Project, which expanded Highway 4 between Pittsburg and Brentwood. The \$525 million cost of the extension is about half of the \$1 billion cost estimated for extending BART's traditional electric-powered line.





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### Quiet DMU trains offer a smooth ride

The extension marks the first time BART is using Diesel Multiple Units or DMU train cars. They meet the US Government's strictest emissions standards and use renewable diesel, an advanced biofuel produced from bio-based sources such as vegetable oil. The DMUs run on their own tracks in the median of State Route 4 and connect with the existing BART system at a Transfer Platform just east of the Pittsburg Bay Point Station. At the Transfer Platform, riders exit one train and walk across the platform to board the other train. BART passengers trying to reach the Pittsburg Center Station or the Antioch Station will remain in the BART train to reach the Transfer Platform. The Transfer Platform is only reachable by train. The trains boast a variety of amenities including digital signs, automated audio announcements, and modern climate control systems for those hot summer months.



**The Food Network show Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives**, will be featuring Southern Café this Friday, May 25th, 2018 at 9:00 p.m. make sure to watch the staff cook up some of their famous dishes.

### 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 in order for your voice to be heard. Help us maintain and improve our community. The nine-question survey is fast and simple to answer! [Survey](#) and [Video](#)



### Cannabis Ordinance Process in Antioch

On May 22nd City Council Meeting Council votes for Cannabis Business (CB) overlay district option one map (link below) that includes Wilbur Avenue and Verne Roberts Circle. [5/22/18 item 4.](#) Businesses that apply to open in the designated areas (map included) will require City Council approval. Details of the operational guidelines and regulations will also come back for approval at a later date. The 2nd reading of the ordinance will come back to council on June 26th, 2018.



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For more information on our Cannabis Ordinance Process in Antioch visit our [City page](#).  
Cannabis Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSLG82R>

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



#### **El Campanil Theatre**

602 W. Second St.

Downtown Antioch

Tickets: [www.ElCampanilTheatre.com](http://www.ElCampanilTheatre.com)

or (925) 757-9500

#### **International Film Showcase**

Back To Burgundy (2017) France

Sunday, May 27, 2018, 2:00 pm

Tickets: Adults: \$9 Seniors: \$8

Students: \$8

No convenience fees - Save time later

– buy online now

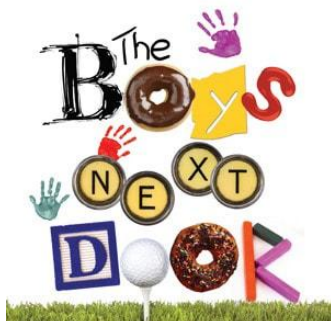
**BACK  
TO  
BURGUNDY**  
A FILM BY  
CEDRIC KLAPISCH



About The Film: Ten years after leaving his native Burgundy to make a tour of the world, Jean returns home with his father who is at the point of death. Once together with his sister Juliette and his brother Jérémie, and following the death of his father just before the beginning of the harvest, Jean will have to find and reinvent his fraternity. Together, the members of the siblings will ripen like the wine they make.

#### **Watch Trailer / Buy Tickets:**

<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/Back-To-Burgundy.html>



#### **The Vagabond Players Present**

##### **The Boys Next Door**

Sunday, June 3, 2018, 2:00 pm

Adults: \$20 Seniors: \$18 Youth: \$15

No convenience fees - Save time later - buy online now.

About The Play: The Boys Next Door by Tom Griffin is a play about four men, with various mental disabilities, who live in a group home together under the care of their social worker,



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Jack. Filled with humor, the play is also marked by the compassion and understanding with which it peers into the half-lit world of its handicapped protagonists. "THE BOYS NEXT DOOR" is one of the most unusual and one of the most rewarding plays in town." Buy Tickets: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/The-Boys-Next-Door.html>

**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 **The Foodie Crew**.



Food Truck Thursdays is a kid, family, and pet friendly community event with FREE admission. In addition 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: [info@foodiecrew.com](mailto:info@foodiecrew.com)

**HISPANIC**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

**Power Hour EAST CCC (Antioch)**

**FREE EVENT**

**Building Valuable Business Relationships**



Bi-weekly every  
1st and 3rd Wed.  
8:30 am - 10 am  
Lone Tree Golf &  
Event Center  
4800 Golf Course Rd  
Antioch, CA 94531  
RSVP:  
**Eventbrite**  
Networking  
Presentations  
Business Training  
Fun Social Atmosphere

### Chamber of Commerce Events

For more information about Business mixers, events, or memberships check out the website calendar.

**Summer Reading is coming soon!**  
<http://ccclib.org/reads/summerreading/>

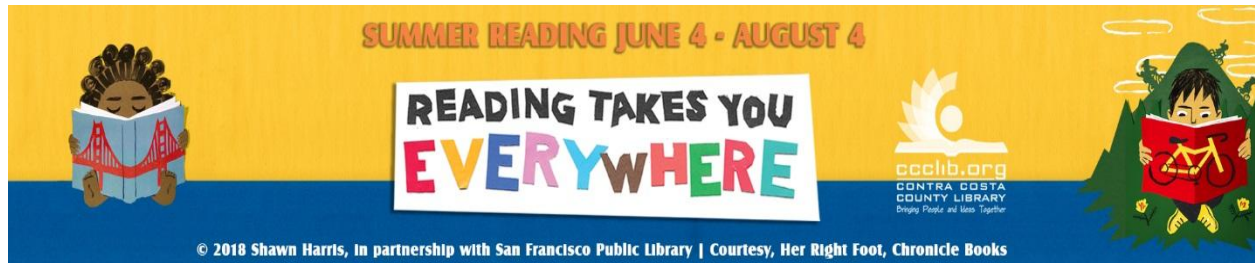




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## Stay Connected To Your Community

Did you know the City of Antioch has a variety of ways to communicate? Check out our social media as we continue our efforts to better communicate with our residents.



**Antioch on the Move**

Antioch, CA Community and Events

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

Do you have Economic Business News to share? Please e-mail [lzepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:lzepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us) for submittals and to share pictures, stories, links, or community events on our social media.