

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Update



Contra Costa County Re-Openings to Date

Thanks to the steadfast commitment of our residents to stay home, practice social distancing, and follow public health guidance, we have seen sustained progress on several key indicators regarding containment of COVID-19. We are awaiting the next phase in the County Health Officers order.

Memorial Day Commemorated

The Veterans groups joined together and organized a self-directed driving tour of the three military monuments in our community, followed by a drive through grab 'n go lunch at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hall. The Mayor and Council joined community veterans at each site to greet and thank families and visitors as they drove by. A special thank you to all organizers for creating a special and creative memory during this time – Antioch Veterans, Lions Club, VFW, and local Sea Scouts.

2020 Census

While the City of Antioch is managing the impact of COVID-19 to our community, I'm reaching out to reassure that getting every resident in Antioch is counted for the **2020 Census**. If you haven't already received a letter in the mail, residents can now complete the census form online.

Visit www.my2020census.gov to complete the census form for you and everyone in your household: children, including infants, grandparents, siblings, roommates or anyone who will be living with you. Recent events have shown us how critical funding is to support hospitals, schools, public transportation, affordable housing and small businesses in order to keep a society working for everyone, especially for our most vulnerable communities. Take the census today for your future, your family's future and our community's future.

Contra Costa County Re-Openings to Date

	MARCH 16 ORDER	APRIL 22 ORDER	MAY 18 ORDER	
Automobile & Bicycle Repair				Open
Financial Institutions				Open
Essential Government Functions				Open
Food Delivery Services				Open
Funeral Homes, Mortuaries & Cemeteries				Open
Gas Stations				Open
Grocery & Other Food Stores				Open
Healthcare, Pharmacies & Medical Supply				Open
Household Repair Services & Hardware Stores				Open
Landscapers				Open
Outdoor Activities (Individual & Household)				Open
Parks				Open
Public & Private Transportation Services				Open
Utilities				Open
Nursing Care				Open
Construction				Open
Dental Care				Open
Real Estate				Open
Restaurants				Open
Athletic Fields				Open
Car Washes				Open
Self-Care				Open
Outdoor Businesses				Open
Shooting & Archery Ranges				Open
State Parks				Open
Tennis & Pickleball Courts				Open
Child Care				Open
Summer Camp				Open
Manufacturing				Open
Logistics & Warehousing Facilities				Open
Sun Shops				Open
Places of Worship				Open
Taxi Drivers				Open
Bars & Nightclubs				Open
Dog Parks				Open
Order Delivery Services				Open
Group Gatherings				Open
Gyms & Fitness Studios				Open
Outdoor Activities (Group & High Touch)				Open
Schools & Camps				Open
Swimming Pools				Open

RESPONSE
Coronavirus (COVID-19)
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www.cchealth.org/coronavirus
as of 5/20/2020
This list does not include orders and/or directives
by state, cities & school/college districts.



Lt. Joseph Vigil

May 19, 2020

POLICE DEPARTMENT

One hundred and fifteen...

115. It's a magical number around here. It is the number of sworn police officers authorized in the City of Antioch (counting the Chief on down). Did you know our Police Department hasn't been fully staffed with officers since 2004? Getting hired as a police officer is a long, difficult process. Since Antioch only hires the best of the best, it can be even more complicated here. So, without further ado, please welcome Lieutenant Joseph Vigil, who joins our ranks at that magical number. Lt. Vigil comes to us from Richmond PD, where he was a sergeant. He brings to us many talents and experiences that he is excited to share with our community. Though our Recruiting Staff would like to take full credit for this momentous achievement, it truly was a team effort that got us where we are. From the support we have received from our community to the vision and leadership from our City leaders, it has indeed been a team effort.



#opportunityliveshere

#teamworkmakesthedreamwork

#community #115

#antiochstrong



Lt. Joseph Vigil (left) and Police Chief Tammany Brooks

Drive-By Birthday Parade

The current Shelter in Place guidelines issued by our State and County can be hard to follow and challenging to understand for adults. Can you imagine what our kids are going through?

Imagine further you are turning seven, and due to the current pandemic, you can't have a birthday party? That can sometimes be just too much.

The Antioch Police Department has been lucky enough to be a part of brightening the days of several of our pint-sized community members by participating in several "drive-by" birthday parades. As the weather warms, and our calls for service start to go up (typical in the warmer weather), we won't be able to accommodate many of these. It has been a lot of fun to see the kids (and often their parents) smile and wave as the lights and sirens roll by, and our officers enjoyed being a part of making their day a little more fun!



PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

AAS COVID-19 Operations Update

Although Antioch Animal Services is closed to the public during the shelter in place order, we are still adopting pets and taking in stray animals in need of care. The pets currently in the shelter can be viewed by visiting www.petharbor.com or www.petfinder.com. If you believe your lost pet is in the shelter or want to adopt a pet, call us at 925-779-6989 to make an appointment to visit the shelter. Appointments are available daily. Social distancing and facemasks are required when visiting the shelter. Please plan accordingly.

Antioch Friends of Animal Services is sponsoring adoption fees through May 31, while we are all sheltering in place. The sponsored adoption fees include age-appropriate vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and a microchip. Antioch residents who adopt a dog will need to purchase a \$20.00 dog license at the time of adoption.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- **Joseph Vigil** was sworn in as a Police Lieutenant on May 18, 2020.

Please join us in welcoming this employee to their new position with the City of Antioch.

Open recruitment positions currently include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Assistant City Engineer
- 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.





Neighborhood Parks

Parks remain open for fitness, walking with family, and using fields and courts with family members only! A key message for summer activities is to keep moving and stay socially distant. New signs will remind park visitors to enjoy your parks safely. #KeepParksSafe #LoveYourParks6FeetApart.



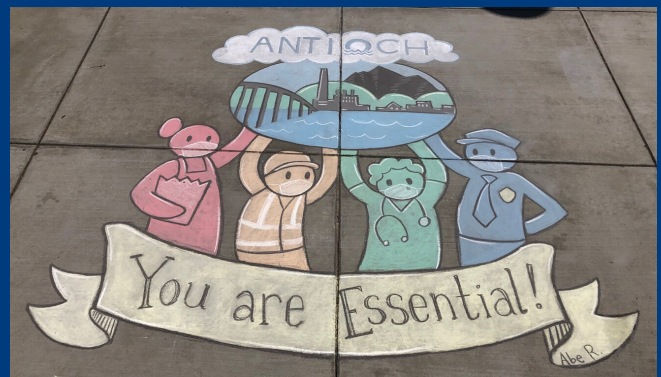
More Treats for Families

On Friday, May 22nd, Recreation staff delivered more recreation treat bags to new families randomly selected to receive a package. The “we miss our families” message continues to make residents smile. Look for another delivery drop to more families next month!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

You are Essential!

Art teacher **Abraham Rodriguez** surprised City staff with a beautiful chalk art rendering in front of the Antioch Community Center. Staff, walkers, bicyclists, and other visitors to Prewett Community Park can enjoy this wonderful tribute to Antioch.



Antioch Water Park Closure

The **Antioch Water Park** remains closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Opening for a summer season will take place when it is safe to do so. While the facility was closed, the contractor was able to complete the deck coating project. This new deck coating replaces the original surface that was laid nearly 25 years ago when the park was constructed. It is designed to improve traction for guests moving around the park with wet feet or shoes while staying cool from direct sunlight. For more information on the current status of the Water Park, be sure to check the Antioch Water Park website at <https://www.antiochca.gov/water-park/>.



Planning Division

The Planning Commission held its ordinary meeting on Wednesday, May 20, where it considered two projects. The first was a Preliminary Development Plan for the development of the 11.72-acre site near the terminus of Wild Horse Road.

The proposal was for the development of 132 townhomes in 22 buildings. The Planning Commission considered the project and offered a positive direction on a revised site plan. The applicant can now prepare a formal development application for future submittal. In addition, the Planning Commission found the draft Capital Improvement Program to be consistent with the General Plan as required by State law.

The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

The complete agenda for the May 20 meeting can be found at [here](#).



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Update on Applications and Permits

The Community Development Department is offering limited in-person services on the second floor of City Hall. **Applications can be submitted from 8:00 a.m. to - 5:00 p.m., Mon.- Fri., on the second floor.** A storage rack has been installed where the public can drop-off completed applications in a contact-free setting. The elevator is available to access the second floor for this service. Applications for building permits, grading permits, planning permits, and engineering permits can all be applied for through this system.

Once the applications are received, they are routed for review. Once approved, the Community Development staff will contact the applicant to inform them that the application is ready for pickup and will set up an appointment. These appointments are available **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** The applicants will be admitted to the public counter area where a representative will meet them with their permit and approved plans. The applicant will then be directed downstairs to the Finance Department for payment. Checks are preferred and can be accepted directly at the Community Development Department.

The Community Development Department is committed to providing essential services in a safe environment. To that end, all applicants are required to wear masks while at City Hall and to observe established social distancing protocols. For more information about this process, please see the department website at <https://www.antiochca.gov/community-development-department/>.

CITY CLERK



City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month**. City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports are 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 [here](#) 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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EXTENDED | Deadline Date: May 29, 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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Parking Lot Maintenance

Public Works Street Maintenance crews are seal coating and re-striping (see image above) several City parking lots in the downtown area. Nick Rodriguez Community Center and Senior Center parking lots are currently having the preventative maintenance work done. The Antioch Police Department and Animal Services will have similar work done to their parking lots next month.

Memorial Day Sprucing

Public Works employees Javier Moreno and Darren Russell are sprucing things up for Memorial Day Weekend with some flowering begonias at the Antioch Veteran's Memorial.



PUBLIC WORKS



City Parks are open but with restrictions

Parks and trails are open for walking, exercising, and getting out in nature! Dogs must remain on leashes in all parks. Athletic fields and courts are open for use by family members or a household living unit only. Do not share recreation and sports equipment with anyone outside your household or family, please. By Order of the County Health Officer, all parking lots

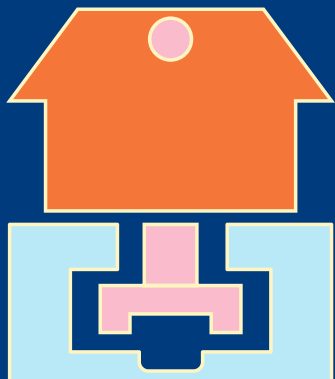
and vehicle access areas remain closed. Playgrounds and park restrooms are also closed to protect individual and community health. Antioch has parks of all sizes, and getting outside is good for our mental health.

#LoveYourParks6FeetApart #KeepParksSafe

We are all in this together.

Your Sewer System Is In Good Hands!

The Public Works 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. 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 Lone Tree Way. We also have a construction crew doing work at various spots in the Black Diamond Canyon neighborhood on sewer lines that have been identified as needing repair. **If you are having any sewer issues, please don't hesitate to call (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.

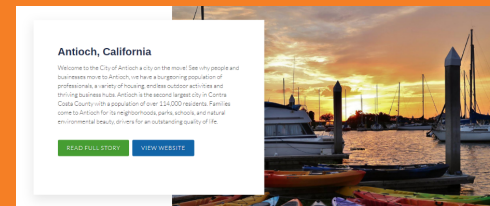


Economic Development Department during the Shelter-in-Place Order

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



Antioch Community Foundation 2020-21 Grant Cycle

Grant applications are now available from the Antioch Community Foundation for Program/Capacity/Event support or Collaboration/Community Impact support for the **2020-21 fiscal year and will be accepted between May 26, 2020 and June 1, 2020.**



Interested organizations serving Antioch residents may contact Executive Director, Keith Archuleta to request an application at: keith@emeraldhpc.com. Applications must be submitted to the Antioch Community Foundation email to keith@emeraldhpc.com no later than **5:00 pm Monday, June 1, 2020.**

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.

