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# City Manager's **Bi-Weekly Update**

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#### New Public Works Director

John Samuelson joined the City of Antioch as its new Public Works



Director/City Engineer last week. For the last five years, John served as an Engineering Manager for the City of Brentwood, overseeing their capital improvement program, GIS system, and construction inspection. In his role with the City of Antioch, John will lead the Public Works Department's team of over 100 employees in essential infrastructure such as water treatment, water distribution, sewer collection systems, city facility maintenance, landscape maintenance, road maintenance, engineering services, municipal marina, mapping, and the City's Call Center. Welcome John!

#### Outdoor Dining Re-opens

Last week, Contra Costa County announced that residents can once again enjoy outdoor dining. The return of this service comes to the relief of owners and employees who have been struggling through on take-out service. We hope you will take some time to patronize our wonderful local eateries!



#### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY'S ROAD AHEAD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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www.cchealth.org/coronavirus

**Cover Your Face** 

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Stay Home if Sick

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### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### A Message from Chief Tammany Brooks:

Police officers swear an oath and have a duty to preserve the sanctity of life and to protect and serve every member of the public with professionalism, integrity, and respect. The murder of George Floyd by the police officers in Minneapolis hurts my heart, and I extend my deepest condolences to George Floyd's family and loved ones. If you know me, you already know how I feel. For those who don't, and I say this without any reservations, I absolutely condemn the actions (and inactions) of those former police officers. They were revolting and deeply disturbing.



As the Chief of Police, I believe it is my responsibility to talk about these events with my officers, ask the hard questions, and reflect on our own values and efforts to ensure our Police Department operates consistent with the values and expectations of our community. Our ongoing desire and effort to provide fair and impartial public safety services to EVERYONE in our community is founded on honest and genuine community relationships.

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Antioch Police Department, we want our community to know that our core values include: Integrity, Professionalism, Accountability, Openness, and Sensitivity. Each member of our Police Department is expected to understand and reflect on the meaning of these values in their day-to-day work.

The hiring process for anyone looking to become an Antioch Police Officer is rigorous. If you are a bigot, racist, or a bully, then you will not work for the City of Antioch. Continuous training is also a top priority and includes proper use of force, interpersonal communications, fair and impartial policing, and de-escalation techniques. None of our Police Officers has ever been trained to kneel onto anyone's neck, and ALL are required to intervene if they see another Police Officer acting in a dangerous manner or behaving improperly.

During my 25 years in this profession, I have seen my share of tragedy and improper policing. I understand the damage that poor leadership, misaligned organizational culture, and inadequate training can do to a community, a police department, and individual Police Officers. I know the trust and support of our community is not to be taken for granted. When issues do arise, they are investigated and addressed appropriately. This is my commitment to you. Always has been – and always will be.

Being a Police Officer is a difficult but honorable profession. I am proud of the men and women who serve and protect the City of Antioch day-in and day-out. Every day we strive to improve community relationships, increase transparency, and earn the public's trust. You deserve it.

Sincerely, Chief T. Brooks



## **PD- ANIMAL SERVICES**

#### Intake of pets to the Animal Shelter.

No owner surrender pets are being accepted. Online resources are available to assist with placing pets into a new home. No healthy adult cats are being accepted at the shelter. Kittens underage/unweaned should be left with their mothers until they are at least six weeks of age. Healthy 6 to 8-week old kittens may be brought into the Animal Shelter by appointment. Call the shelter at **(925) 779-6989** for instructions. Anyone who finds a friendly, stray dog is encouraged to locate the owner on their own. Information about the found dog can be shared to the Animal Services Facebook page, and a found report can be posted by going to <u>www.petharbor.com</u>. Fido Alert on Facebook is also another great resource. If the owner is not located within 48 hours, call the Animal Shelter to make an appointment to bring the dog into the shelter.

Animal Control Officers will continue to handle high priority and emergency

**calls** for service in the field. High priority calls for service include law enforcement assistance, injured or sick stray animals, cruelty and neglect complaints, animal bite complaints, animals in distress, and dangerous/aggressive dog complaints. **Do you have a pet-related question? Give us a call at 925-779-6989.** 



## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

• Mark Hadox was hired as an Accountant I for the Finance Department on June 8, 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
- Community Development Technician
- Assistant City Manager

# **There are always exciting career opportunities with the City of Antioch.** The City's recruitment openings can be found on the Human Resources page <u>here</u>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.



#### **Hurray for Summer Camps!**

Summer camps for school-aged youth are ready to begin on June 29. Recreation staff has designed a camp experience that complies with all of the health and safety requirements set forth by the County Health Officer. Antioch youth can enjoy a "Coyote Hills Camp" with all the traditional fun, including swimming! Registration is open, on-line only at this time. Check us out <u>here</u>. If you need assistance with registration, please call the Recreation Department at (925) 776-3050.



### Opportunity **plays** here.

Summer Camp 2020 Coyote Hills Outdoor Summer Camps Full Day Camps Available 8AM-3:30PM Coyote Luau Week #7057 June 29 - July 1(3 days) \$126R/\$138NR Talent Extravaganza #7060 July 6 -10 \$210R/\$222NR County Fair Week #7063 July 13 - 17 \$210R/\$222NR All-Star Week #7066 July 20 - 24 \$210R/\$222NR Mad Scientist Week #7069

Register Now! Online Only: www.antiochca.gov/recreation/activity-registrat

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### Antioch community responds to the need for blood donors

On June 1, the Antioch Community Center was the site for a blood drive organized by Vitalant, the nonprofit organization that partners with Bay Area hospitals to ensure adequate



blood supply. The preliminary results show that there were 22 registered donors, and 17 could donate blood. Out of the 17 donors, Vitalant collected 23 units of lifesaving blood. Each unit of blood can potentially save three lives, so Antioch helped to possibly save the lives of 69 people. Giving blood is considered a necessary health need, and because Antioch stepped up, Vitalant is holding another blood drive on June 22, 2020. Appointments are now available!

#### We LOVE Parks!

Parks remain open for fitness, walking with family, and using fields and courts with members of your household. Small social groups of 12 or less can now gather outside of the house! Picnic areas, playgrounds, and parking lots remain closed. It is important to remember that individuals should only belong to one social group. Residents are discouraged from meeting with many small groups, only one! #PlaySafe #KeepParksSafe #LoveYourParks6FeetApart.



### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Department Updates**

The Community Development Department (CDD) is operating with limited inperson services. We continue to work remotely, online, and with limited inoffice and field personnel to operate CDD programs and provide public services to the best of our ability within the constraints of the Order and while deploying staff to support the City's emergency operations. The following is the current status of services being offered by the Department. This is subject to change, and will be updated as conditions change.

#### Engineering

The Engineering Division is continuing essential infrastructure services by processing plans/maps, inspection, and related work for new Developments and Capital Improvement projects during this shelter-in-place Order. The Division will progress as much as possible on providing the necessary services for infrastructure within the constraints of the Order. Applications for new encroachment/transportation permits that support essential infrastructure may be submitted online <u>here</u>.

#### **Code Enforcement**

The Code Enforcement Division is now responding to in-field cases with priority given to those that are determined to be critical to health and safety. Cases that do not pose an immediate threat to human life or safety or that require actions that would violate the Health Order may be deferred until the Order is lifted. However, the City may enforce all applicable laws at its discretion. Complaints may continue to be filed through the ordinary portals available through the Division website <u>here</u>

#### **Building Inspection** Services

The Building Inspection Services Division is now open with limited in-person services. Building Permit applications may be submitted directly to the Building Inspection Services Division via an application kiosk located on the second floor of City Hall at 200 H Street. The rack is available from 8-5 Monday through Friday. New applications may be submitted at this time and must include a complete Building Permit application form available **here**.

Building Permits will be issued and available for pick up and payment from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Thursday. Once your submitted Building Permit application is approved, a CDD team member will contact you and arrange an appointment to receive your permit and make all payments through the Finance Department. Please note that all fees will be due upon pickup of your permit. Any further inquiries about the **Building Inspection Services** Division can be made at (925) 779-7065.

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# **CITY CLERK**

#### **City Clerk's Office**

The City Clerk's Office is responsible for preparation of agendas and minutes; ensures compliance with legal noticing requirements; serves as the Elections Official for the conduct of general municipal and special elections; responding to requests for public Records; maintenance of the City's Municipal code; and management of the citywide records management program. The City Clerk is also the filing officer for Political Reform Act Documents. Copies of Campaign Statements are available on the City's website. Copies of Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) may be obtained by contacting the 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 <u>here</u> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the current and past agenda information, click on the following link <u>here</u>

#### **Register to Vote**

#### You are eligible to register to vote if you are:

- A United States citizen,18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not found to be mentally incompetent by a court of law.

#### Register to vote online or update your current registration. You need to update your registration if you:

- Move to a new residence,
- Change your name, or
- Want to change your political party affiliation.

For more information check out cocovote.us here





#### **Cape Seal 2020 Project**

VSS International will be applying cape seal treatments expected to begin construction detours will be in effect and The Contractor will provide specific closure times and dates to all affected properties at least 48 hours in advance of work. We ask for your patience during construction and that you obey signs that are placed for the safety of workers and the public. This construction operation is expected to be completed in approximately one month. Use this link here for the list of streets.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### Water Main Replacement at Various Locations Project

California Trenchless has been contracted to replace large sections of the Water Main that are currently experiencing frequent breaks and leaks on several streets south of Hwy 4. As always, the City will try to minimize the inconvenience to our residents and visitors during this time. This work is expected to be completed by spring 2021.

### Please see the list of streets that may experience traffic control in the coming months:

- Delta Fair Boulevard (Belle Drive to Chickie Street)
- Kendree Street (Belle Drive to Delta Fair Boulevard)
- Putnam Street (G Street to Lone Tree Way)
- W. Tregallas Road (G Street to D Street)
- San Joaquin Avenue (Alcala Street to W. Tregallas Road)
- Stamm Drive (E. Tregallas Road to Shaddick Drive)
- Bonita Avenue (E. Tregallas Road to Shaddick Drive)
- Patricia Avenue (E. Tregallas Road to Shaddick Drive)
- Shaddick Drive (Garrow Drive to Windsor Drive)
- Garrow Drive (E. Tregallas Road to Shaddick Drive)

#### **City Wide Landscape Maintenance**

Landscape crews are working in the medians and rights of way in the following areas this week:

Hillcrest Avenue – median Deer Valley Drive – right of way Golf Course Road – right of way

Downtown Area – right of way County Hills Drive – right of way

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Economic Development Department Hours**

The Economic Development Department staff will continue to provide service and information remotely during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Departmental phones are being answered, and email capability is in place. **The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** 

#### **Economic Baseline and Strategic Plan Summit**

The third and final Economic Development Baseline and Strategic Plan Summit Meeting was held on June 3, 2020, via video conference. The City's consultant, The Natelson Dale Group, Inc. (TNDG), led the strategic planning process to approximately 30 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 Commission**

The City of Antioch's Economic Development Commission had its June 2 meeting via Zoom teleconferencing. The Commissioners have been tasked by the Mayor to come up with an Economic Development Business Recovery and Retention Plan of Action for the City. The Incentive Subcommittee presented preliminary drafts of possible programming, which include: grants, marketing, and technology. Each commissioner spoke about what they hear from businesses about their needs as a result of the Pandemic.

### bludet open

The City of Antioch is working with **Bludot** to provide a more userfriendly 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 <u>Antioch Open Essential</u> **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.

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

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#### 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. Contra Costa Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan

#### Let's make transportation convenient for older adults and people with disabilities

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If you're an older adult, have a disability, or are a veteran, transportation in Contra Costa County can be challenging. We want to identify ways to make it easier for you to get around the county—whether you're going to an appointment, getting groceries, visiting family, or anything else.

#### You can participate from home!

Due to the shelter-in-place we are asking individuals to complete the survey online or participate in a short phone interview. Participants will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card!

Take the survey on-line at <u>www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCTA\_Survey2</u> or in Spanish at <u>www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCTA\_SurveySPN</u>

Call us at 857-305-8004 Email us at info@atspcontracosta.com Visit us at atspcontracosta.com

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