

# CITY MANAGER'S

June 29 **2018** 

Weekly Update



## Mayor and Members of City Council

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending June 29, 2018

## City Manager

Along with Council Member Wilson and Chief Brooks, I attended a Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs meeting where the City's proposed modifications to the

City's massage ordinance was discussed.

Representatives from the California Massage Therapy



Council discussed the benefits of their non-profit organization's efforts to rid the industry of prostitution and human trafficking victims.



We hope you will join us for an Old-Fashioned Hometown 4th of July! Celebrations will begin with a pancake breakfast downtown starting at 8:30 a.m. and our parade starts downtown at 11:00 a.m.

The Fireworks show spectacular starts at 9:00 p.m. at the CCC Fairgrounds. For more information see page 10 of this Weekly Update.



Following our trip to Washington DC to meet with our legislators and federal departments, our consultant Federal Advocates is following up on leads about grants and funding discussed last week. Our Brackish Water Desalination Project, West Antioch Creek, and technology for our Police Department are projects at the top of the list for funding opportunities.



City staff and I met about the City's new website that will be rolled out in August.

The new site will be easier to navigate, be searchable and mobile friendly.

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### Police





**After about month of inactivity**, we became aware that organizers were trying to hold illegal sideshows in various locations in Antioch on 6/23/18. Antioch Police, along with Officers from Brentwood PD, Pittsburg PD, and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office, put a team together in short order to address this dangerous activity. The gathering was expected to draw 125-150 attendees for a car show that was going to lead to a takeover-style "sideshow." As attendees began to gather, they were again greeted by Officers and enforcement stops. Some drivers did gather at Somersville Towne Centre, but left due to the heavy police presence. Shortly after that, we began receiving calls of reckless drivers in the K-Mart parking lot and responded. Officers converged on a group of about 20 cars in the lot. Several vehicles were inspected. found to be modified and issued citations. These vehicles were also flagged for referrals to DMV. The group later tried to set up at Raley's in Oakley, Home Depot in Pittsburg, and they even tried to stop traffic on Highway 4 to conduct their illegal activity but were stopped each time. The group eventually disbursed and left the East County area.

Overall, the detail was very productive with 3 locations of possible sideshow activity suppressed and no impact to on-duty patrol staff. A total of 61 enforcement stops were made with 51 citations issued including 1 for reckless driving with speeds more than 100 MPH. Additionally, three vehicles were towed/stored, three people were arrested, and 22 vehicle inspections were conducted with 16 referrals to DMV for illegal modifications. We are thankful for our strong partnerships with our East County law enforcement agencies that are always willing to help as we send the message that "sideshows" are not welcome in Antioch or the rest of East County.

Antioch Police Department Officers, Dispatchers, Explorers, and City Manager, Ron Bernal, participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run on 6/16/18. Oakley PD handed the torch off to us as we continued the run west to the City of Pittsburg. The torch was carried by several police departments around Northern California, eventually arriving at a ceremony in Davis, California. The goal of the torch run is to support Special Olympics Northern California through fundraising and public awareness for the 2018 Summer Games. We had one our best turnouts for this year's run, and we were honored to support such a great cause.



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### Police- Animal Services

The small, black terrier mix dog that has been seen roaming around downtown has been caught, and is ready for her new forever home! For the past several

weeks, many people have asked Animal Services about the little dog and wondered if she was ever going to be



caught. One of those worried about her was Brandy Brooks, who noticed this vagabond making her way between the Police Department's parking lot and the Public Works yard. It turns out this little girl was sleeping inside the light poles in the Public Works yard. Noticing her pattern of sleeping in the light poles, Brandy made it her mission to befriend this little girl. With the help of a dog trap from Animal Services and a few well placed curly fries, Brandy was able to lure her into the trap and brought her to the Animal Shelter. Since Bonnie's arrival at the Animal Shelter, her super-sweet personality has stolen the hearts of everyone. While on the lam downtown, Bonnie also stole the heart of Marina Leadworker, James Pflueger, who will be adopting Bonnie this week.



Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

• Toby Beach was hired as a Collection Systems Worker II for the Public Works Department on Monday, June 25, 2018.

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

Currently, open recruitment's include:

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

Internal/Promotional open recruitment's include:

Accounting Technician

There are always exciting career opportunities with the City of Antioch. The City's open recruitment's can be found on the Human Resources page of the City website <a href="http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources">http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources</a>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.

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### Recreation



### **Summer Volunteer Program**

Last week, the summer volunteer program at the Antioch Water Park began. The youth volunteers this year have already shown an eagerness to build work-related skills and have expressed interest in pursuing a position at the Water Park when they become eligible for employment. When you see a volunteer in a light blue T-shirt welcome them to the City team!

### Are you a babysitter?

Take our Child and Babysitting (CABS) course. This class teaches CPR and choking, water hazards, fun activities to entertain children of various ages and groups, infant and child feeding, diapering procedures and so much more! Class includes certification card to show parents that you are a certified babysitter and a book to review everything you have learned in the course. Next class will be held Saturday, July 14th class from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Antioch Community Center!

On Saturday, 450 youth and their volunteer coaches enjoyed opening day of baseball for the Jr. Giants season. After opening ceremonies, games were held all day! The Jr. Giants program is sponsored locally by the Antioch Police Activities League and coordinated by the Recreation Department. Games continue for the next five weeks, and the program culminates with an end of season party at the Water Park on Friday, August 3rd.



This week, campers are wrapping up Aqua Adventure Camp at the Water Park, where they learned the importance of water safety and spent some time with the Water Safety team learning swim skills and riding the exciting slides at the Water Park!! Summer camps at the Water Park are a great way to spend your summer vacation!

The Senior Center is preparing a handful of new programs to be introduced in July and August. We look forward to a BBQ & Picnic, which takes places next Tuesday in honor of Independence Day. The seniors will be treated to delicious food, fun and raffle prizes. The July/August newsletter has been completed and is due for distribution very soon. Be on the lookout for the newest newsletter in your mailboxes to check out what's happening in Antioch's senior community!

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## Community Development



### **CDBG**

On Thursday evening, Antioch hosted the East County meeting on Fair Housing at the Antioch Council Chambers, with over 35 people in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to gain public input on fair housing access, discrimination, and access to a variety of opportunities such as good schools, employment, a healthy environment, and transportation. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, and prevents discrimination. This meeting is part of a study to see how all of Contra Costa County is doing to improve integrated living patterns and reduce differences in access to opportunity experienced by residents. The study will result in a planning document called the Assessment of Fair Housing, which is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) every five years for all cities and Housing Authorities receiving federal funds such as the Community Development Block Grant.

#### **Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement officers attended a one-day training session on substandard conditions and enforcement as it relates to the California Fire Code. This training contained information about common fire hazards present in a variety of construction types and provided enforcement tactics for substandard properties and illegal businesses with legitimate fire and life safety hazards.

#### **Environmental**

### Save the Date! COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The site locations for this year's cleanup will be:

- \*Antioch Marina, Overflow lot at L St. & 2nd St.
- \*Antioch Water Park, 4701 Lone Tree Way

### Kayak Cleanup - Friday, September 14th

There will a boat based (i.e. canoe and kayak) cleanup of the shoreline on Friday, September 14th.

If you are interested in this pre-cleanup, contact Julie Haas-Wajdowicz at jhaaswajdowicz@ci.antioch.ca.us, or (925)779-7097.

### Summer Spare the Air Season, is underway!

Sign up to receive alerts for Spare the Air by texting the word "START" to the number 817-57

### **Commute Tips:**

Visit stacommutetips.org to get all the information you're looking for about commute programs and incentives available where you live and work.

### Walk or Ride Your Bike

Save money and improve your health, too! Use the Spare the Air app's Bike Route Planner or the 511 Bike Mapper to plan your trip.

### Take the Bus, Ferry or Train

Save gas and money – and reduce stress! Find the fastest route on 511 Trip Planner.

#### Carpool

Commute with colleagues or neighbors instead of driving alone. Find your rideshare match at 511.org.

### Skip a Trip or Link Your Errands

By combining or eliminating trips, you reduce pollution in addition to saving gas and time.

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## Public Works

#### **Parks**

The City is moving right along with the maintenance and repair of its 32 parks and park amenities; we hope everyone has ventured out to enjoy our neighborhood parks. If not, this week's invitation will surely entice you as we tell you about Chichibu Park. This park is named after our sister city Chichibu, Japan and features beautiful architectural monuments gifted by our sister city. Chichibu Park is located at Longview Road and Acorn Drive situated on over six acres in the neighborhood next to Sutter Elementary School. In addition to the interesting monuments, you will find the following amenities available for your use:

- Lighted Tennis Courts
- Horse Shoe Pits
- Group Picnic Area
- BBQ Area with a Covered Gazebo
- Play Structures Large and Small
- Rose Garden

Earlier this week, crews painted the exterior walls of the restrooms sprucing the place up. We endeavor to do our best to target necessary improvements, conduct needed maintenance and repairs, and install new equipment.

If you see any of the amenities in need of paint, repair or graffiti removal, please do not hesitate to notify us.

### Landscaping

Summer is growing season and the time to tackle the landscaped medians and rights of way throughout the City. This week contracted crews completed work on the Contra Loma Boulevard and Deer Valley Road medians and next week they will continue trimming the landscaping and litter removal on the medians and rights of way in the following areas:

- Hillcrest Avenue ROWs
- Somersville Road Medians
- Almondridge Area / Wilson St.
- Buchanan Road Medians
- Deer Valley Road Rights of Way

In mid-July, we will begin working on the medians on Lone Tree Way. Other notable news in vegetation management is that the City's weed abatement program will be completed in the coming weeks. This vital safety program addresses vegetation of City-owned open-space and the 30-foot area between public open spaces and privately owned properties. To prepare your property for fire season, start with removing dead or dying vegetation from your property and create a defensible space around your home to assist firefighters in the event of a fire.

A defensible space perimeter around buildings and structures provides firefighters a working environment that allows them to protect buildings and structures from encroaching wildfires as well as minimizing the chance that a structure fire will escape to the surrounding area. You can find more helpful information about this important element of your personal fire safety preparation plan at the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's website <a href="http://www.cccfpd.org/index.php">http://www.cccfpd.org/index.php</a>.

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### Public Works

The traffic signal light on Hillcrest Avenue north of Via Dora Drivehas been fully restored to service. A grass fire Saturday evening at the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue and Via Dora Drive melted the wires in the traffic signal pole causing a short, and the intersection went dark. The City contracts with Contra Costa County (CCC) Signal Maintenance, and they were called out to the intersection. Public Works emergency Standby crews also responded to assist with traffic control.

The signal remained on flash through Sunday as the Signal Technicians completed the inventory of what needed to be replaced and gathered the necessary equipment for the repairs. The signal was taken out of service on Monday as repair work was being done and the signal was back in operation at about 4:00 in the afternoon. The last thing that needed to be replaced, the "Hillcrest Ave" street name sign, was replaced Tuesday morning.



#### **Street Maintenance**

Last week we let everyone know that the Street
Maintenance Crew would be working on the railroad
crossing in the northbound lane of A Street, south of
Railroad Avenue this week; however this
project has been moved to the week of July 11th.
One lane of traffic will be closed, and only minor traffic
delays are expected during construction. For everyone's
safety please 'Slow for the Cone Zone,' watch for
workers and drive with caution.

Join us on Facebook to receive notification of Public Works projects.





#### **Contact Public Works:**

Mobile Devices: Download the SeeClickFix

application on a mobile device. publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us.

City website: http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov

/PublicWorks/SeeClickFix.htm.

Phone: (925) 779-6950

Email:

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City Clerk

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 canceled due to Summer Break.

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on July 24, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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, 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/ commissions:

• Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee (Extended deadline date to apply: July 6, 2018)

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 date listed above. Applications are available at 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; faxed (925) 779-7007; sent by mail; or dropped off at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall.



The Clerk and Deputy Clerk attended the City Clerks Association of California (CCAC) Region 3 Education Workshop "The Nomination Process from Beginning to End," held in Manteca on Friday, June 22nd.

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## Economic Development

Another downtown eatery set to open soon. Campbell's Bakery and Café announced on their Instagram account they are set to have a soft opening Saturday, June 30th. This marks the second



bakery opening this year (Rivertown Sweets opened earlier this year) in downtown. Located on 211 G Street, they will be opening at 10:00 a.m. and will have a variety of specials and a chance to win a custom cake.



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.

### 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 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



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.

**Innovate Antioch** 



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What's Happening in Antioch!

### An Old-Fashioned Hometown 4th of July

Celebrations will begin with a pancake breakfast downtown starting at 8:30 a.m. Look for downtown shops to be open and have holiday specials. The parade starts downtown at 11:00 a.m. and there is free parking at all City lots. The parade will end at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds where there will be family fun activities, live music, car shows, kid's zones, craft and food vendors gate open at 4:00 pm.

Fireworks show spectacular starts at 9:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. This event is brought to you by the City of Antioch in partnership with Celebrate Antioch Foundation.

#### **Summer Concerts by the River**

Relaxing by the river, taking in summer sunsets and grooving to the music will make this summer one to remember. The City of Antioch is hosting six summer concerts at Waldie Plaza in July and August on

Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All concerts are free – bring your lawn chair or blanket and take in the sights and sounds. New to the concert series this year is "Sunset Suppers": food trucks open at 5:00 p.m., where residents can purchase food and beverages. The 2018 "Concerts by the River" schedule offers a variety of music for all generations. *Mark your calendar now so you do not miss this sizzling hot summer line up!* 



July 14 Fast Times Motown, 80s New Wave R&B

July 21 Toree McGee Country

July 28 The Playthings Funk, Rock An Old Fashioned
Hometown
Ath of July

Downtown Parade at 11am

Family Fun for EVERYONE, Live Entertainment,
Car Show, Kids Zone with Family Games, Prizes
and one of the Best Firework Shows in
Contra Costa County at the Contra Costa County
Fairgrounds, Gates Open at 4pm
(no Ice Chest or Coolers permitted)

Spectracular FireWorks Show
(no Ice Chest or Coolers permitted)

Spectracular FireWorks Show
(FATR GROUNDS)

We Willie Walker & The
Anthony Paul Soul Orchestra

Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Donate \$4 for the 4th Campaign is Underway
Apply Online for Parade, Car Show, Food and Craft Venors or Volunteer
W W W . C E L E B R A T E A N T I O C H . O R G

August 4 Acereko Orchestra Salsa Latin

August 11 Dave Crimmen Band 50s, 60s Rock & Roll

August 18 Long Time
Boston Tribute



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Broadway Repertory Theater Presents A Brand New Production of How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying

Steve Kinsella, Artistic Director

Friday, June 29, 2018, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2018, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 1, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

### Tickets:

Adults: \$25 Seniors (62 & Over): \$20 Youth (Under 18): \$14 Tickets: https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/how-to-succeed.html Tickets are available at the door before Showtime.

Box Office – Tuesday through Friday – (925) 757-9500



### **About The Musical**

As the show begins, J. Pierrepont Finch, a young window washer, is poring over a how-to book for transforming himself into a tycoon. He soon bluffs his way into a job in the mail room at World Wide Wicket Company, where he catches the eye of secretary Rosemary Pilkington. With a mixture of innocence and smarts, our hero continues to climb the ladder of success, impressing boss J.B. Biggley while overcoming opposition from Biggley's lazy nephew, Bud Frump. Meanwhile, Biggley is trying to keep his sexy mistress, Hedy La Rue, happy, and Rosemary is dreaming of an idyllic suburban life with her future husband "Ponty" Finch.



### Happy 4th of July!

All Contra Costa Libraries will be closed for Independence Day. Library staff will be marching in the parade downtown at 11 a.m.!

### **Antioch Library**

501 W. 18th Street 925-757-9224



Library Hours: Monday & Tuesday 12-8 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

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The Antioch Police Department is excited to announce the 91st installment of the Neighborhood Cleanup Program. This is a collaborative community effort which involves active participation from The Antioch Police Department Crime Prevention Commission; Neighborhood Watch Program; Volunteers in Police Service; community volunteers and the Public Works Department.

The 91st Neighborhood Cleanup event will occur on Saturday, July 14, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will be cleaning the neighborhood around 6th Street from A Street to F Street and south to 15th Street. Volunteers should meet in the City Park parking lot on A Street and 10th Street.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

TOUR COMMUNITY
LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Volunteers will receive instructions and the equipment necessary to accomplish the goal. The targeted area is within walking distance. Excluding inclement weather, future Neighborhood Cleanup events are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month, and the locations will be announced in advance. Remember, cleaning up your neighborhood can make life better for your family, your neighbors and your community!



ANTIOCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

If you have Economic Business News to share, please email Izepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us for submittals and to share pictures, stories, links, or community events on our social media outlets.

### **Stay Connected To 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.







