

# City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



## 4th of July Celebration

On the heels of the Governor's lifting of bans of public gatherings, **Celebrate Antioch** (thank you, Joy Motts, Michael Gabrielson, and team!) in cooperation with Antioch Police, Parks, and Recreation, and Public Works Departments put on an amazing day of festivities culminating with a **majestic fireworks** display over the San Joaquin River.

Young and not-so-young alike were able to **enjoy** a pancake breakfast, parade, car show, band, food, all kinds of treats, and just an **amazing day** in our beautiful Rivertown. We're already working on plans for next year's **sesquicentennial** (150th anniversary) of our incorporation as a city that will culminate on July 4th, 2022.

It's going to be epic!



## Sunset Street Mural

Preparations to install the mural on Sunset Drive near A street are in progress. The project involved a contract with ODAT (**One Day at a Time**) and will substantially launch mid-month. From **July 22-24**, from **11:00 am-3:00 p.m.**, community members will be invited to join in the painting experience. We'll share additional information in the coming days as this long-awaited project comes to fruition.

## 13 Year old Girl Becomes Valedictorian at Antioch High School

At just 13 years old, **Ella Nguyen** was recently honored as the youngest valedictorian in Antioch High School's history. Ella first skipped kindergarten, then third grade and by the time she finished fifth grade, **she had an IQ of 147!**

Ella and her family are getting ready to move to Stockton as Ella gears up for college at the **University of Pacific**.

She has been accepted into the pre-dentistry program and with some of her undergrad classes out the way from attending Los Medanos College she could possibly become a licensed dentist at 18 years old. **Congratulations Ella** on this exciting accomplishment! We wish you the best in your future!







# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Successful Crisis Intervention

APD **Day Shift** officers cleared the scene of a crisis call where the individual made threats to “shoot it out with police.” Officers were familiar with him from a prior call last week after he brandished a replica handgun in an attempt to force officers to shoot him. Officers used the benefit of time, distance, planning, and **resources** to safely detain the individual and bring this incident to a safe resolution. We also brought in **crisis counselors** from Contra Costa Health Services to work on a more long-term solution.

If you or someone you know needs crisis assistance, please call 2-1-1 from any phone in Contra Costa County or **1-888-678-7277** (24 hours). You can also visit this link for more information on local services: <https://cchealth.org/mentalhealth/>.

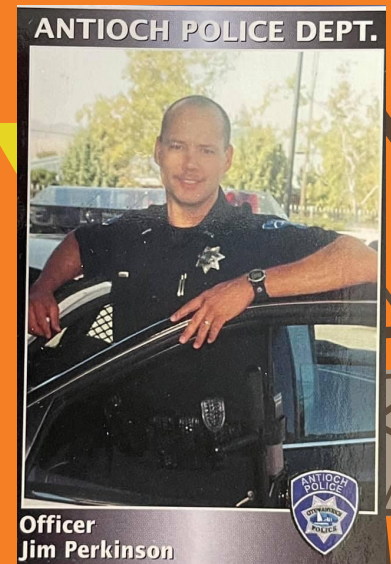
## New Hires for PD

Please join us in **welcoming** Officer Palma, Officer Lundin, and CSO Nick Gaitan, and Records Technician Ashley to the APD family.



## Retirement

We would all like to wish **Officer Jim Perkinson** the very best as he is retiring today after 20 years with APD!! Over the years, Jim has held many assignments to include patrol, K9 handler, sexual assault investigator, and Field Training Officer. Jim had a long, distinguished career and is truly one of the good ones and will be missed by all of us. Congratulations ‘Perk’ on a well-deserved retirement; we wish you all the best!!



# PD- ANIMAL SERVICES



## Kittens, Kittens, Everywhere!

To say kitten season this year has been extreme is an understatement, so if you are looking to adopt a kitten, we have many that are ready for adoption now! Give us a call at **(925) 779-6989** to set up an appointment to come in and adopt a kitten. We also have adult cats (and dogs) that are **ready for adoption**, and now is the perfect time to adopt because Friends of Antioch Animal Services is sponsoring all adoption fees through July 31, 2021.

If you're not ready to make a lifetime commitment to adopt right now, maybe a **short-term foster gig** would be more to your liking. If so, we have some kittens who are too young to adopt or need a little more socialization and would benefit from spending some time in a foster home to grow and become more social. If you are interested in **making a difference** in the lives of our guests by fostering a kitten, or maybe a litter of kittens, email us at [antiochanimalservices@gmail.com](mailto:antiochanimalservices@gmail.com).

The Antioch Animal Shelter is open to the public Tuesday- Friday 10 AM - 5 PM. During business hours, you can **visit the shelter** and view adoptable animals. However, to complete the adoption process, purchase a city dog license, redeem your pet, or receive other services, you will need to make an appointment by calling (925) 779-6989. **Appointments are available** every half hour, with our last appointment each day 30 minutes before the close of business.

Foster kitty **Shanks** (pictured right) is currently in foster care and will be returning to the shelter soon for adoption.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Justin Griffith** was hired as a Water Distribution Operator I for the Public Works Department on July 6, 2021.
- **Ashley Gomes** was hired as a Police Records Technician for the Police Department on June 28, 2021.

Please join me in welcoming these employees 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)
- Recreation Programs Coordinator
- Sewer Camera Operator

### 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**.







## Junior Giants is back!

The Junior Giants Baseball League is back, with **opening day** taking place on **Saturday, June 19th**. This program, co-sponsored by the San Francisco Giants, Antioch Recreation, and the Antioch Police Activities League, is free for youth **ages 4-13**. This is the first in-person program to offer in-person league play to local Antioch youth since the pandemic began in March 2020. This year, over **350 children** are participating, making Antioch the second-largest Jr. Giants League in 2021.

Additionally, the Jr. Giants offered a **free one-night** clinic to local youth on Tuesday, June 29th. Seventy-six children participated in this clinic led by Jr. Giants Ambassadors, exposing many of the players to baseball for the first time. The San Francisco Giants also donated 15 prizes for participants in the event.



# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Parks and Recreation Month

In honor of Parks & Recreation Month, the Antioch Recreation Department would like to recognize and highlight some of our staff, facilities, and programs.

Our first staff highlight is **Rhonda Flanagan**.



Rhonda started attending the Antioch Senior Center as a caregiver, accompanying her client in 2008. She then started participating in programs herself which led to her becoming a rockstar volunteer in the kitchen. She was hired as a part-time Recreation Leader for our **senior Nutrition Program** in 2019 and worked tirelessly to train volunteers and serve our seniors' lunch daily. Rhonda worked with the County to ensure that our seniors were still being fed through our weekly meal delivery program when the pandemic hit.

Rhonda has truly proven herself to be a **glimmer of light to our seniors**, our community, and our department staff throughout this pandemic and beyond. We are truly **honored** and blessed to have her around!

## New Sports Programs

The Antioch Youth Sports Division has been formed to provide accessible, low-cost sports programs for Antioch residents. The **4-week** programs included Parent & Me Sports, Intro to Soccer, and Intro to Basketball classes. In total, 37 children registered and participated. The July session began on Saturday, July 10th. [Click here](#) for more information and to register your child.

New this year, **Coyote Hills Sports Camp** began on Monday, June 21st, and is designed to introduce young athletes to the fundamentals of a wide variety of sports while learning about teamwork, health, and wellness. Through two weeks, 42 children have participated in camp. Coyote Hills Sports Camp runs through **July 30th**, but spots are filling up fast; register your child today!







## Rental Assistance for Antioch Renters and Landlords

Need help paying rent due to COVID-19? Know someone who may need rental assistance? Are you a landlord with **unpaid back-rent due** to COVID-19?

The State of California is offering 100% rental relief to **eligible renters and landlords** in Antioch AND help with unpaid utilities. This rental relief program provides financial assistance for both unpaid and future rent and utilities.

Please visit the website, [https://housing.ca.gov/covid\\_rr/program\\_overview.html](https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/program_overview.html), for more information on the program and a link to apply for assistance.

For additional information on eligibility and the application process, please call the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Call Center at **(833) 430-2122**.

If you would like assistance in another language, if you would like **help with paperwork**, or if you want to schedule an appointment with an organization near you, please call (833) 687-0967.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement division currently has **520 active**/ open cases for a variety of violations throughout the city and so far in 2021, 1,489 cases have been opened. Officers continue to educate residents and businesses on the Ordinances enacted pertaining to property maintenance standards that are contained in the Antioch Municipal Code. These regulations are intended to increase the quality of life, health, safety, and welfare of our community. Some common code violations Code Enforcement responds to include:

- Blighted, unmaintained, unsecured, or unsafe properties—includes pools and fencing
- Storage of junk and debris
- Overgrown vegetation creating a hazard
- Right-of-way encroachments including trees and debris
- Inadequate or no garbage service
- Inoperable/junk vehicles on private property
- Vehicles parked on an unimproved surface
- Major automotive repairs in the driveway of a residence
- Illegal dumping -  
(Private property owners are responsible for removal of dumping)
- Graffiti
- Abandoned Shopping Carts
- Unpermitted Home-Based Businesses
- Zoning violations
- Construction without permits
- Substandard housing conditions

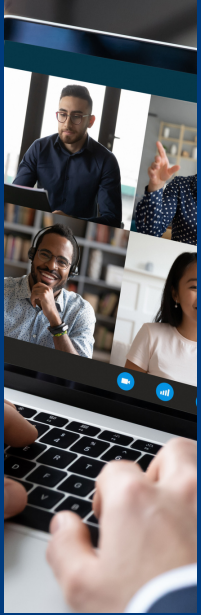
## The following issues are not violations:

- Civil disputes between private parties
- Evictions
- Personal grievances
- Vehicles parked on the street





# CITY CLERK



## City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. *The first Council Meeting in July is cancelled due to Summer Break.*

City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports are typically 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 on this link: <https://www.antiochca.gov/notifications/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe.

To view the current and past agenda information, click on the following link [here](#).

## Get Involved in your Local Community!

The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in their local community. One way to do so is to serve on various commissions, boards and committees. The City Clerk's Department is accepting applications for the following Boards/ Commission/Committee vacancies:

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

EXTENDED Deadline Date 5:00 p.m., on Friday, July 30, 2021:

- Three (3) Board Members, 4-year term vacancies, expiring June 2025

### 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 via email: [cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us) by the dates listed above.

Applications are available [HERE](#)







## Trash Capture Devices

The **Collection's/NPDES Division** recently had a crew clean our Trash Capture Devices. Trash Capture Devices, or TCD's as we call them, are vital tools we use to keep our **waterways free of garbage** and debris. Our Trash capture devices offer many benefits to the city. One of those benefits is the collection of harmful pollutants such as garbage before they fully reach the storm system or any bodies of water such as our creek system or the **San Joaquin River**.

TCD's **protect** the environment and **wildlife** from harmful pollutants. They are fairly low maintenance and help us meet our local and **state requirements** to protect Antioch's water quality. The TCD's collect the debris, and our maintenance crews clean the TCD's and properly dispose of the garbage rather than pollute our community.



# PUBLIC WORKS



## 2020 Annual Water Quality Report

We are pleased to present the 2020 Annual Water Quality Report that shows the high quality of your drinking water. As the water providers to more than **500,000 people**, you can count on us to provide a reliable product that exceeds all **drinking water standards** set by the state and federal governments keeping our community healthy and thriving. We **wisely** put your water dollars to work, investing in the systems and infrastructure that deliver a reliable supply of high-quality water at the lowest cost possible. This report includes water **quality data** collected throughout 2020 and answers questions you might have about your tap water. The **full report** can be accessed through the City's website at <https://www.antiochca.gov/public-works-department/water-treatment/> or the following link **here**.

## Antioch Brackish Water Desalination Project

The City of Antioch's Brackish Water Desalination Project is being implemented to provide the City's water supply **reliability**, provide operational **flexibility** while reducing costs, especially during droughts and with future proposed changes in Delta water management.

The Project will allow the City to use water from the river **year-round**, even when the salinity is above levels normally treated at the existing conventional Water Treatment Plant. Learn more about this project at **here**.





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Bay Area Virtual Digital Government Summit



On Wednesday, July 7th Economic staff attended the Bay Area Virtual Digital Government Summit via Zoom. This summit was a **unique opportunity** to explore a variety of technology topics and possibilities. The summit presented **powerful sessions** that provide inspiration, participation, education, and thought-provocation. The summit also forecasted **future projections** on human capital and job trends.

## Open Rewards Program

The Economic Development Department is proud to announce that Blutot 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! When you shop at participating businesses in the program, consumers will earn **5% credit** when they shop in Antioch. Consumers can then spend their accumulated rewards at any **participating business** in Antioch! City staff visited a variety of small businesses in the last two weeks to get businesses signed up and excited for the program. We are excited to help Antioch businesses attract more customers and keep local dollars local!

The City along with Blutot hosted a "how-to" webinar for businesses **[CLICK HERE](#)** for YouTube recording.

Businesses can register for the program **[HERE](#)**.

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To learn more about the program at: **[www.openrewards.com](http://www.openrewards.com)**

## Bay Area Urban Manufacturing Initiative

On Wednesday June 16th staff attended Economic Development staff attended **Bay Area Urban Manufacturing's (BAUM)** June meeting via Zoom. The meeting was a listening session focused on Bay Area Food and Beverage manufacturers.

The group had a discussion on how city and county governments can **better understand** the needs of food manufacturers.

## Bay Area Urban Manufacturing

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**Antioch** - Opportunity **celebrates** here.



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

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## Opportunity Junction

Our Career Counselors, located in Antioch and in Bay Point at SparkPoint Contra Costa, are here to help you take the steps to get **back into the job market**, at no-cost to you! (For Contra Costa Residents only) Although our physical office is temporarily closed, our classes are currently being held online and our staff members are all working remotely and can be reached by email. We are here to help.

### SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Goal Review
- Employment Matching Services
- Job Training
- Resume Help
- Interview Preparation
- Job Placement Assistance

We Also Offer **Comprehensive Financial Services** at SparkPoint Contra Costa in Bay Point, our job seekers can also receive a range of services that can help build family economic stability, including:  
-Financial coaching -Credit repair  
-Debt counseling

Please visit our website to learn more and to complete an online interest form [here](#).

## Opportunity **SERVES** here

### First Serve Tennis Camp Ages 7-18

Chichibu Park Tennis Courts  
Monday-Friday | July 26-30

This camp is designed for the beginner-intermediate player. Players focus on the fundamentals and movements of tennis with instruction given in a fun and positive manner. Students must provide their own size appropriate racquet; tennis balls are provided.

Our second session of tennis camps begin on Monday, July 26. Space is still available! For more information and to register, visit <https://www.antiochca.gov/recreation/activity-registration>



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