



## CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE JULY 21, 2017



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending July 21, 2017.

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My week in Chichibu Japan to celebrate our Sister City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a positive culture shock of beautiful people and country.



Along with the other 10 delegates, including Mayor Wright (who will return on Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>), we were treated with the highest level of honor and respect. A ceremony was held at a welcome dinner where Mayor Wright and Mayor Kuki signed a declaration of the positive friendship that has been built between our two cities and our respective delegates over the past half-century since our relationship began. During that time, over 300 people have visited Antioch from Chichibu and over 200 people have

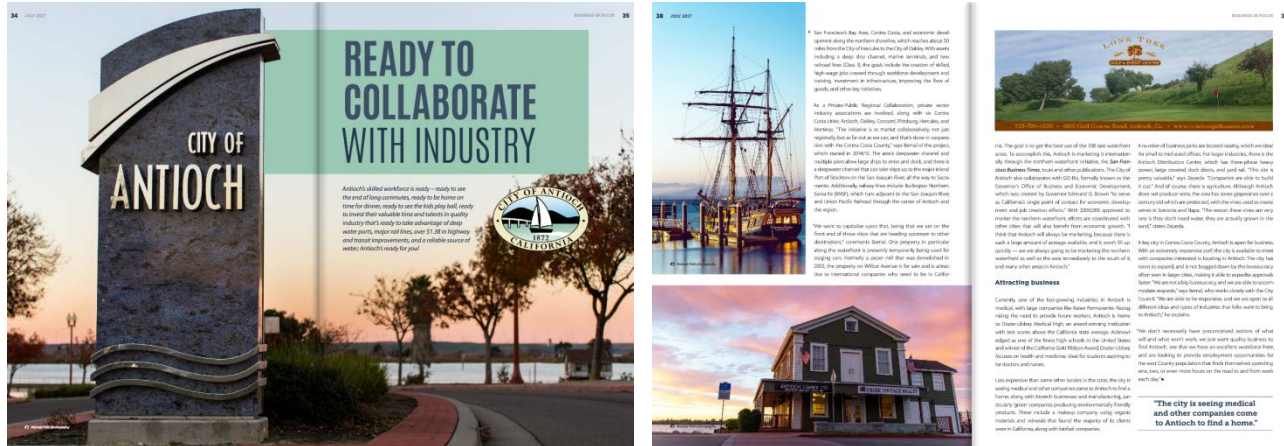
visited Chichibu from Antioch. Sally Massey took her daughter and grandson this year and has visited Chichibu many times, the first 47 years ago. A ceremony at Antioch Park was commemorated by the dedication of a new sign and the planting of six maple trees, which was followed by a delicious Japanese bar-b-que. Thank you to my host family, Fumiko and Yoshio Mochida, for their hospitality and generosity.



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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Antioch's Featured Article in Business In Focus Magazine's July Issue



Business In Focus (BIF) is an online and print magazine that focuses on latest news and events across multiple industries, and highlights the nation's leaders in their respective fields. Economic Development Program Manager Lizeht Zepeda and City Manager Ron Bernal worked with BIF to put together an article focusing on the need for industry in Antioch. The beautiful photographs featured in this piece were provided by local photographer Michael Pohl. The article also features Oakley, Brentwood, and Pittsburg. The idea was to showcase all east Contra Costa County cities and their efforts to collaborate on regional issues.

Link to article:

[http://www.businessinfocusmagazine.com/e\\_mag/BIFNAJul2017/#?page=32](http://www.businessinfocusmagazine.com/e_mag/BIFNAJul2017/#?page=32)

#### 2017 Summer Concerts Every Saturday Evening at Waldie Plaza Downtown



Antioch Summer Concert series on Saturday evening started July 8<sup>th</sup> and will take place every Saturday through August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the newly improved Waldie Plaza across from City Hall. Come and enjoy the cool breeze and river views as

you listen to music. See why people fall in love with our downtown. Bring your family, explore, shop, and stay for the live entertainment. See the lineup of bands below. For more information on the summer concerts, check out the Arts & Cultural website: [http://art4antioch.org/Summer\\_Concerts\\_2017.asp](http://art4antioch.org/Summer_Concerts_2017.asp).



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### Upcoming Band Line-Up

	<p><u>July 22nd: Spare Change</u></p> <p>Country, Rock &amp; Blues</p>
	<p><u>July 29th: Otilia &amp; the Back Alley Boys</u></p> <p>Rock, Blues &amp; Soul</p>
	<p><u>August 5th: Tuck &amp; Roll</u></p> <p>50s, 60s &amp; 70s</p>
	<p><u>August 12th: Project 4</u></p> <p>Punk, Soul, Latin &amp; R&amp;B</p>
	<p><u>August 19th: Torie McGee</u></p> <p>Today's Country Rock</p>
	<p><u>August 26th: Frankie G &amp; the Conviction</u></p> <p>High Energy Blues</p>





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### FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

Antioch Community Center Parking Lot  
4703 Lone Tree Way

Food Truck Thursdays had another successful event at the Antioch Community Center! The Foodie Crew had a line-up of trucks including BBQ, gyros, pasta, and desserts. This is a food truck market that will take place every Thursday night from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. through the end of September, and possibly through the end of October. This event is sponsored in part by the City of Antioch Recreation Department and is presented by The Foodie Crew and United Bites Food Truck. Please come out and support this new event. 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).

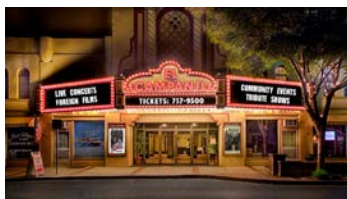


**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/311496855945551/>



Looking for something fun to do and shop at the same time? The Somersville Towne Center and the Midnighter's Car Club will be hosting a Car Show every Friday at 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Somersville Towne Center**  
2550 Somersville Road  
Macy's Parking Lot



El Campanil Theatre  
602 W. Second St.  
Downtown Antioch  
Tickets: [www.ElCampanilTheatre.com](http://www.ElCampanilTheatre.com) or (925) 757-9500



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### **Kevin Blake**

Illusionist, Magician and Mentalist

Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Reserved Seating

(Cabaret Style Seating - Orchestra Level Only)

Kevin Blake is a master showman and "illusionist of the mind." He is known for his theatrical magic shows and blink-and-you'll-miss-it close-up conjuring. A favorite at private galas for companies like Google and Square, he's brought his immersive and interactive magic to L.A., London and nearly everywhere in between and even opened for Third Eye Blind at The Fillmore. In his newest performance, Blake combines tall tales, wonders of the mind, witty banter and brilliant illusions that'll leave you scratching your head. Prepare to spend countless hours wondering, "How'd he do that?!" after this show.



**Tickets: Adults:** \$20, Youth (12-17): \$10

**Buy Tickets Online:** <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/kevin-blake.html>



Broadway Repertory Theater Presents

### **Seven Brides For Seven Brothers**

Directed By Steve Kinsella

Choreography by Shelly McDowell

Friday, July 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Reserved Seating

Bursting with the rambunctious energy of the original MGM film, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* is all boisterous fun and romance that harkens back to the glory days of the movie musical. A truly rollicking adventure which teaches that it takes a bride to turn seven unshaven, unkempt brothers into manly gentlemen... and to turn desire into romance. Set in Oregon in 1850, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* tells the story of Millie, a young bride living in the Oregon wilderness. Her plan to civilize and marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law to ensure the success of her own marriage backfires when the brothers, in their enthusiasm, kidnap six women from a neighboring town to be their brides.



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**Tickets:** Adults: \$23, Seniors (62 & Over): \$19, Youth (Under 18): \$12

**Buy Tickets Online:** <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/seven-brides-for-seven-brothers.html>

**Southern Café**  
400 G Street  
(510) 708-2013



Southern Café, in the heart of Downtown Antioch, proudly presents four-time Grammy Nominee, Michael Henderson Live. Singing classic songs like "You are My Starship, At The Concert, Take Me, I'm Yours, Be My Girl, Valentine Love, and so many more! With an intimate setting and great ambiance, you don't want to miss this show.

Two Shows on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.  
Tickets are \$30, preferred seating \$40 & VIP seating \$60  
Two item minimum per person (drinks or drink and food)

**Ticket Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michael-henderson-live-performance-tickets-35779891619>

**Email:** [prbellsoutherncafe@gmail.com](mailto:prbellsoutherncafe@gmail.com)



**BART is Hiring for Hillcrest Station.** Would you like to live and work in Antioch? BART is hiring for various positions for their Hillcrest Station and other eBART stations. The new track is a ten-mile stretch, estimated to take riders ten minutes to transfer. The facilities building is a LEED certified building. Five BART officers and four community officers will be assigned to the area. The new cars are diesel with a capacity to hold 200 riders. New

trains are quiet with most of the mechanics on top or on side panels for easy maintenance. 70 people with multiple shifts will be staffed. To see new positions go to BART's website, search jobs, keyword "eBART": <https://www.bart.gov/about/jobs>.



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Calling all vendors of any type. The Somersville Towne Center is looking for vendors who would like to participate in this event!

Call their team at:  
Somersville Towne Center  
2550 Somersville Road  
Antioch, CA 94509  
(925) 754-5230

### **Freshest Cargo Downtown Tuesdays**

Senior Center Parking Lot: 415 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street



**Website:** <http://freshapproach.org/freshestcargo/>

**FB Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/FreshestCargo>

**North Concord to Antioch BART Access Study.** Do you use North Concord/Martinez or Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station, or do you live or work in Eastern Contra Costa County? BART wants your feedback!

<http://www.bart.gov/about/planning/eastcocoaccess>

The North Concord to Antioch BART Access Study catalogues access barriers and proposes improvements for the two existing and two future BART stations in Eastern Contra Costa County. Please submit your ideas on how BART can improve access to these stations, or other comments on this report [by email](#) or call 510-874-7303.





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**Antioch's Future Growth.** The region is projected to grow in population and wealth. Antioch is in a period of economic growth. We welcome residents and new residents as they make Antioch their town to raise a family. Click [San Francisco Business Times](#) for the article on growth.

**"Come Grow with Us" Marketing the City of Antioch.** As part of the City's Strategic Management Plan for Economic Growth, a marketing campaign effort has been put together. Two videos (link below) have been produced demonstrating the City's housing, parks, recreational sites, retail, programs, schools, and revitalization concept plans for downtown. An annual City Report has been created (link below). The report contains information on every city department and highlights milestones, projects, and updates.

### [City Marketing Videos](#)

### [2016 City Report](#)

#### **Do you have Economic Business News to share?**

Please email [izepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:izepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us) for submittals and to share pictures, stories, links, or media releases on our social media outlets.

### [Chamber of Commerce Events](#)



@AntiochCAgov

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofantiochca/>

### **CITY CLERK**

City Council Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. The first Council Meeting in July was cancelled due to Summer Break.

City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports for the July 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, 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 on this link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/notification-systems/>, and enter your e-mail address to





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subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

#### Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- Michael Schatz was hired as a Lead Cross Connection Specialist for the Public Works Department on July 16, 2017.
- Felicia Caviness was hired as a Customer Service Representative for the Finance Department on July 17, 2017.

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

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.

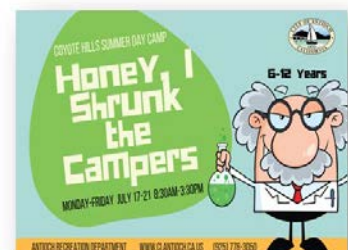
### RECREATION

On Friday, many families participated in our annual Box Boat Derby Day. Families built boats out of recycled materials and duct tape, then launched them into the Lap Pool for a race across the pool. Water Safety staff was on hand to ensure a fun and safe event. There are more fun activities at the water park this summer. **COME SPLASH WITH US!**



This week, 18 campers enrolled in the Tech Week Camp and created an original **Star Wars Live Action Movie Flix!** The participants wrote, directed, and starred in their very own film and collaborated on the entire Hollywood process from "Action" to "Cut."

43 Coyote Hills Summer Day Campers donned their lab coats and goggles and played science inspired games including Burst the Atoms, You Sank My Human Battle Ship, Incredible Slime Races and made their own Rockets! Campers had an incredible time!





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On Tuesday, participants enrolled in the Seasoned Kitchen Cooking Classes enjoyed learning to create delicious Indian Cuisine with Chef Dexter Ridley. The menu included Chicken Tikka Masala, Garlic Naan, Basmati Rice, and Potato Samosa with Mint Chutney.

Last Friday, six students from Antioch Middle School enjoyed an evening at the Antioch Marina learning to kayak and paddle on the river. This kayak class was made possible through a collaborative effort between Antioch Middle School, the Antioch Community Foundation, an individual donor and the Recreation Department. This adventure was the first time these students experienced a recreational water program.



Throughout the week, more than 60 school-age children participated in the “Adventures in Fun and Fitness” drop-in mobile recreation program. The fun happens at two sites: Tuesdays and Thursdays, at City Park and on Wednesdays at Contra Loma Estates Park. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will continue for two more weeks.

“Open Gym Youth” held on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center Gymnasium is doing well and averaging 20 youth per session after six weeks of programming. This is a program designed for youth 11-16 years old looking for a positive outlet that offers a safe place to socialize, as well as participate in sporting events such as basketball, table tennis, and foosball. The class is supervised by Recreation staff and a nominal fee is charged.

On Tuesday, over 30 seniors participated in the new Tai Chi program. Tai Chi is scheduled every Tuesday, between 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Center. Join us!

On Wednesday, 18 seniors enjoyed Movie Mania. This week’s movie was, *Everything Must Go*. Popcorn and refreshments were served too!

Over the last week, 302 affordable, healthy meals were served through the CoCo Café. This program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure. No membership or income requirements are required to eat at the CoCo Café. All supplies are provided by the County for participating cafés.



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On Thursday, the Parks and Recreation Commission took their regular meeting outside and hosted an open house at Prosserville Park. The members of the Commission received an update on the recent playground renovation at Prosserville and enjoyed speaking with residents and community groups about improving park use and creating new programs.



<https://www.facebook.com/antiochrecreation>

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Building Division.** The Park Ridge development by Davidon Homes is underway. The model homes are up and 17 homes are in production. Information about this project can be found at <http://www.homesbydavidon.com/park-ridge-about/>.

**Planning Division.** On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, the Planning Commission opened the Public Hearing for a General Plan Land Use Element Update for the Sand Creek Focus Area and received comments from a number of individuals and interested parties. The Public Hearing was continued to August 2, 2017, and all Antioch residents are encouraged to attend. More information can be found at [www.antiochplanning.com](http://www.antiochplanning.com).

On Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Zoning Administrator approved a major exterior remodel and enclosure of the outdoor patio at the Jack-in-the-Box restaurant at 2505 A Street. This new look will be a great improvement to the area and will provide more enclosed seating for patrons.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, the City Council will consider a new ordinance that would further regulate tobacco retailers, or smoke shops in the City of Antioch. This ordinance will prohibit new stores and will restrict the operation of existing stores. Information will be available through the City's agenda portal at <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Agendas/>.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).** At its July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council will consider a series of funding recommendations for the 2017-2018 Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and Housing Successor Agency funds. The funds support many of the programs in our community.



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### PUBLIC WORKS



up of hard working dedicated individuals specifically trained in all aspects of this type of underground work. The crew responds to emergencies when needed but spends most of their time being proactive repairing and rehabilitating major root intrusions and structural pipe defects before they get to be a service problem for our customers.

Since the inception of this proactive crew a few years ago the City's response to emergency overflows has gone down by just over 30%. When we talk about making investments in this City, this is one investment that is showing good returns in a relatively short time. If you see this crew working throughout the City, please stay back as there are usually large excavations and heavy equipment in use. If you happen to have a conversation with one of our crew members you will find that they are some of the nicest people that you will ever meet and happy to help in any way they can. We think they are pretty terrific and I am sure you will too!

#### **Utilities – Collection Division.**

The City of Antioch Collections Division has a repair/construction crew focused on repairing and rehabilitating the City's sanitary sewer and storm water conveyance systems. The repair/construction crew is made







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If you think you may have a sanitary sewer or storm water issue, please call us at 925-779-6950 or, if it is not an urgent issue, please feel free to email us at [publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us), if email is more convenient for you.



**Marina. Our Antioch Marina was selected as runner up in Best of the Delta 2017.** Sponsored by the Delta Protection Commission, Delta Leadership Program, and Delta Chamber of Commerce the Best of the Delta highlights several categories for people's choice voting every year. **Antioch's Marina** was voted runner up in the **Best Marina** category for **2017**. This people's choice voting highlights the positive changes made at the Antioch Marina along with a continually growing customer base. Several facility improvements were made since 2015 including a Self-Serve Automated Fuel Dock, Berther Restroom Remodel, Kayak Launch and improvements to the Marina grounds making the

Marina an attractive boater's destination. Antioch's Marina Leadworker James Pflueger states, "Boater feedback of the Marina improvements has been tremendously positive and to be voted runner up for the best Marina reflects that we are moving in the right direction".

To see the rest of the Best of the Delta or learn more about the Delta Protection Commission, please visit: <https://visitcadelta.com>.

Please feel free to contact our friendly staff for more information on the Antioch Marina.




<https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Antioch-Public-Works-566519033543711/>


### **Antioch Marina**

Located at the Foot of "L" Street

#5 Marina Plaza


Antioch, CA 94509-7905

 Tel (925) 779-6957

 Fax (925) 779-6854

 [AntiochMarina@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:AntiochMarina@ci.antioch.ca.us)

 Monitors Channel 16 & 68 VHF

 Open 7 Days a Week until 5pm

 Mon – Sun 8am – 5pm



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### POLICE

Last week, members of the Antioch Police Department's SWAT Team participated in a SWAT Fitness Challenge in San Leandro, and helped raise over \$115,000 for the George Mark Children's House.

The George Mark Children's House bridges the gap between hospital and home. It is a fully licensed and accredited non-profit medical facility. The George Mark House provides safe, and excellent medical care in the comfort and warmth of the patients' homes. The home-like setting is ideal for children who do not need the ongoing resources of a children's hospital.

Our team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 31 teams, many of which are full-time SWAT teams. Our SWAT Team consists of officers whose full-time commitment is either Patrol or Investigations. The challenge consists of seven physically demanding events. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish went to Torrance PD and Sacramento PD, respectively. Way to go guys!!!

To learn more about the George Mark House, or to donate, visit <http://georgemark.org>.





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The Antioch Police Department is excited to announce the **83<sup>rd</sup>** 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 (VIPS), community volunteers and the Public Works Department.

Collectively, **“We”**, everyone who works and lives in the City Antioch, can make a difference and improve the quality of life. It's our community and it's our chance to make a difference.

The City of Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup program is not just for residential neighborhoods. It is a program that will change venues on a monthly basis and it will include business and commercial areas, as well. Neighborhoods that are free of trash and refuse are inviting, and a clean community instills a sense of community pride.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Neighborhood Cleanup event will occur on **Saturday, August 5, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** We will be cleaning the neighborhood along Center Lane, Tregallas Road, Garrow Drive and Worrell Road. Volunteers will meet at Belshaw Elementary School, 2801 Roosevelt Lane.

**WE CARE  
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**



**OUR COMMUNITY  
LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE !**



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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!



<https://www.facebook.com/AntiochPolice/>

**Animal Services.** In a continued effort to reduce our population after the busy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, Animal Services has been running specials to try and clear the shelter. Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, we had several different events which led to a crazy, yet successful day! Thanks to our staff and volunteers, when all of the dust had settled, we had eight adoptions, 75 dog licenses issued and two animals returned to their owner! The VIP mobile clinic was also on hand offering vaccines at a discounted rate and saw 44 animals! Great job TEAM!



<https://www.facebook.com/AntiochAnimalServices/>