

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



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THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS THE SEARCH FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY

As the City of Antioch enters its new 2022-2023 fiscal year, the fiscal and **budgetary demands** on city resources have increased exponentially. With the cost of food and gasoline skyrocketing, families and city governments are finding it more difficult to keep our heads above water. This is especially true for the average family still financially suffering from the adverse effects of COVID-19. With every fiscal challenge **comes an opportunity** for us in government to explore innovative and progressive ways to make ends meet. One such method is searching for outside funding to support our City services to our **invaluable residents**.

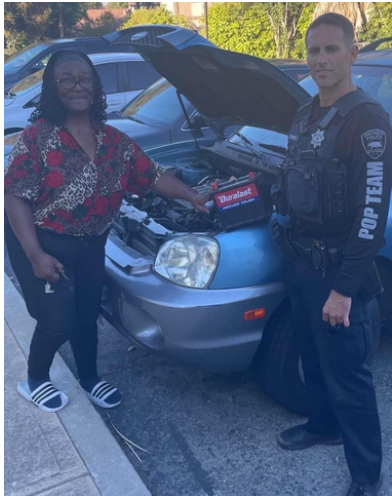
One source of funding is the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**, also called the COVID-19 Relief Funding. To balance our books, the City of Antioch has received \$21,550,900 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City received its first allotment of \$10,775,450 in May 2021, with the remaining balance of \$10,775,450 to be received later this year. On March 22, 2022, the Antioch City Council reviewed potential programs/projects that would be funded with ARPA funds. After a lengthy public discussion, the City Council agreed to prioritize and fund 13 city programs and projects. These programs and projects are designed to enhance the **quality of life** and create interim bridge housing for our unhoused residents.

Additional funding was also allocated for the design of a one-of-a-kind Bicycle Garden project, renovation of the existing Rivertown Resources Center, which is designated as the location for the newly established **Public Safety and Community Resources Department**. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are also necessary to fund. The ARPA funds will be used to improve our city parks, add Wi-Fi in our downtown area, refurbish our Aquatic Center and provide much-needed support to our small business partners. As we tackle the **fiscal challenges** confronting our City, **every effort** is being made by staff to pursue additional funding and revenue sources. As a growing City, we have an opportunity to take advantage of the county, state, and federal funding programs, like the American Rescue Plan Act, to improve our ability to deliver City services to our residents.



WELCOME TO APD!

Please join us in welcoming our three new officers to the Antioch Police Department family! They recently graduated from the **Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff 194th Academy**. Pictured from left to right with Chief Ford are Officer Joshua Riosbaas, Officer Jacob King, and Officer Costantine Kawalya.



HAPPY ENDING

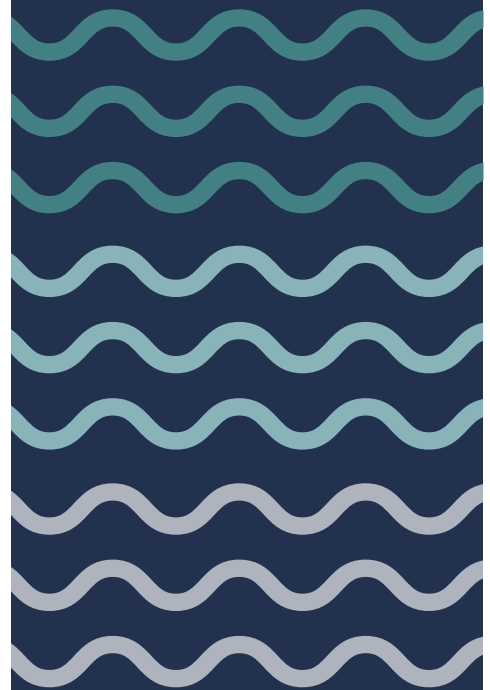
Officer Duggar was working swing shift when he met Dorris. Unfortunately, she had been the victim of a theft. Her **car battery** was stolen from her vehicle while in her apartment complex parking lot. Incidents like this are frustrating to victims and officers as frequently there are no leads to investigate or avenues to recover **stolen property**.

Officer Duggar let other patrol team members know about what had happened to Dorris and **collected** some money from them. Before his shift today, he went to a local auto parts store and bought Dorris a new battery for her car, and once he hit the street for tonight's shift, he went back to her home and put the new battery in!

While how they met was less than ideal, we are happy that this incident and our officers wanting to be **part of this community** led to this ending, and now Dorris can be back on the road!!



ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT



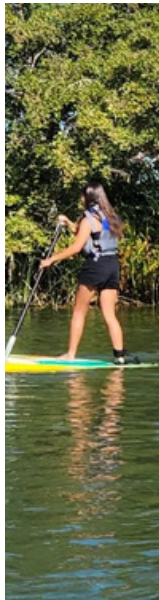
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ABE'S AWESOME ART



Abraham is a City of Antioch Specialty Instructor full of enthusiasm and passion for art and teaches **anime drawing**, **watercolor**, and a **comics class**. With summer in full swing, recreation activities are filling up. Abraham teaches one set of classes that always has a waiting list. If you are into art, please don't wait to sign up for one of his future classes. For more information [click here](#).

RIVER CAMP



On July 11th, 13-youth explored the Antioch Delta for a week of River Camp. Led by **Delta Kayak Adventures** in partnership with the City of Antioch Recreation program, the youth learn how to kayak, fish, **stand-up paddle**, water safety, and information about Delta Ecosystem. For more information and fun adventures like this, [click here](#).



FRAUD WATCH

Older adults lose billions of dollars each year to scams and fraud. Join us on July 28 at 10 am at the Antioch Senior Center to get tips to protect yourself and your money. Learn how to spot common scams, keep your money secure, and report financial fraud if you suspect you're a victim.


MIDSUMMER CLASSIC

The City of Antioch offers two seasons of Adult Softball Leagues each year. Our **2022 Summer League** culminated in championship tournaments played July 11th-July 15th. The Kadukas (Women's E), Rack Attack (Women's Rec), Electric Avenue (Thursday Men's D), Most Hated (Thursday Men's E), Team Toma (Friday Men's D), and East Bay Hitters (Friday Men's E) all took home the championship in their various divisions. The summer season, which spanned April-July, consisted of **420 players** on 28 teams **spread across three nights** of action per week. We are accepting registration applications for the 2022 Fall Leagues, which run from August to October. All games take place at the Worth Shaw Sports Complex inside Antioch Community Park.



ANIMAL SERVICES



 Pictured above: Mochi, who is currently available for adoption!

FREE PET ADOPTIONS

Are you looking for a new furry friend to add to your family? Now is the perfect time to adopt a pet from the Antioch Animal Services, as Antioch Friends of Animal Services (FOAS) is **sponsoring all adoption fees!** During June, we placed 82 pets into new homes!

The Antioch Animal Shelter is open to the public from **10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday - Saturday**. You must have an appointment to receive services like adopting or redeeming a pet, purchasing a dog license, or having your pet microchipped. Appointments are available every 30 minutes, with our last day's visit at 4:30 p.m.

To adopt a pet, visit **www.24petconnect.com** and search for adoptable pets. When you find a pet you want to meet with in person, call us at **(925) 779-6989** to get an appointment. Please note that although FOAS covers adoption fees, Antioch residents who adopt a dog need to purchase a \$20.00 dog license at the time of adoption.

HUMAN RESOURCES



HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Ronald (Ronny) Heiny** was hired as a General Laborer for the Public Works Department on July 5, 2022.
- **Michael (Mike) Rhodes** was hired as a General Laborer for the Public Works Department on July 5, 2022.
- **Cory Neal** was hired as a Police Trainee for the Police Department on July 12, 2022.
- **Catherine (Cathy) Beite** was hired as an Office Assistant for the Police Department on July 17, 2022.
- **Costantine Kawalya** graduated from the police academy and was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on July 17, 2022.
- **Jacob King** graduated from the police academy and was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on July 17, 2022.
- **Tasha Johnson** was hired as the Public Safety & Community Resources Director on July 18, 2022.
- **Ana Cortez** was hired as the Human Resources Director on July 18, 2022.
- **Joshua Riobaas** graduated from the police academy and was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on July 17, 2022.
- **Dylan Armas** was hired as a General Laborer for the Public Works Department on July 18, 2022.
- **Corey Johnston** was hired as a Water Treatment Instrument Technician II for the Public Works Department on July 18, 2022.
- **Daniel Rivera** was hired as a General Laborer for the Public Works Department on July 18, 2022.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Pass2Class

Free bus rides to school for one month!



PASS2CLASS

What is Pass2Class?

Pass2Class offers free bus passes to Contra Costa students at the beginning of the school year to encourage the use of **bus transportation** to and from school. Pass2Class reduces traffic congestion and air pollution by reducing the number of cars being driven to school.

The 2022 program offers free County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, WestCAT, or AC Transit bus passes for up to two (2) students per household for up to two months. Applications for the **2022/2023 school year are now open**, to apply visit <https://511contracosta.org/schools/pass2class-program/>

DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT

On June 28, 2022, the City Council authorized the submittal of the **draft 6th Cycle 2023-2031** Housing Element to the State Department of Housing & Community Development for review.

As part of their action, the Council provided direction to include policies related to **tenant protections** and inclusionary housing. The State is expected to provide comments on the draft Element by September 29, 2022



CODE ENFORCEMENT

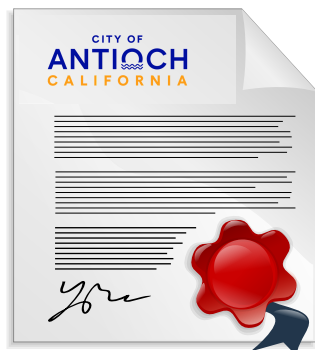
The City of Antioch Code Enforcement Division's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life, health, safety, and welfare of our community. This is achieved through education and partnerships with our residents, businesses, neighborhoods, other city departments, and outside agencies to achieve compliance. If you need to report a violation please contact us at **(925) 779-7042**.





REQUEST A PROCLAMATION

NEW! Request a PROCLAMATION online by clicking this link. Proclamations are used to **commemorate a specific time** period (day, week, or month) for the purpose of **raising awareness** about an issue or celebrating milestones.



QUESTIONS?

Contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@antiochca.gov

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Participate either in-person or virtually. For more information, [click here](#).



APPLY TODAY



MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL BOARD

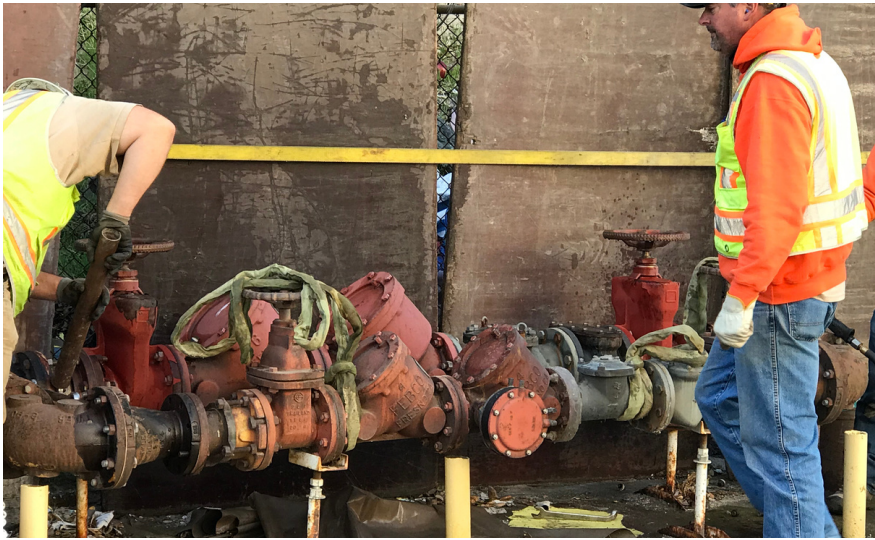


BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in their local community by volunteering for one of the City's boards and commissions! For more information and to check openings, [click here](#).

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE





WATER DISTRIBUTION

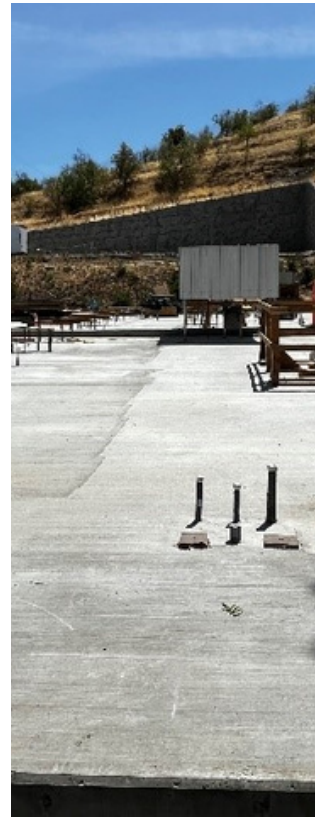
The water distribution department replaced a 42-year-old industrial backflow device. A backflow device is designed to keep water inside the systems, flowing in one direction from the water main into the pipes. This will keep pipe water from flowing back into the water main that may contaminate the potable water.



LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

LIHWAP is a federally funded program that offers a one-time payment to help you pay your past due water or wastewater bills. LIHWAP helps pay overdue bills which accrued during any timeframe. There is no date restriction for when the overdue amount occurred.

Eligibility for LIHWAP services can vary depending on income, water system participation, place of residence, and other factors. To learn more about the LIHWAP program, visit the LIHWAP program overview [here](#).



BRACKISH WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction continues for the brackish water treatment plant. Crews worked hard over the past months to coat filter and basin surfaces, install new filter components, filter media and redesign a one-million-gallon storage reservoir that will be used for the desalination plant.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

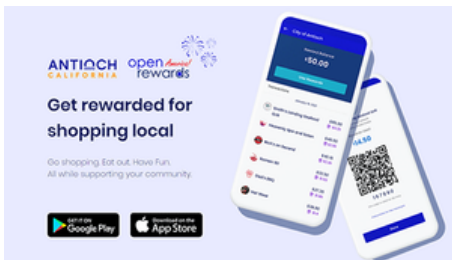
MICROBUSINESS GRANT NOW AVAILABLE

The California Office of the Small Business Advocate has awarded funding to the Chabot - Las Positas Community College District for the Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program to provide grants to microbusinesses in the counties of Alameda, Amador, Contra Costa, and El Dorado.

This program will provide grants of \$2,500 to microbusiness (businesses that have fewer than 5 employees and earn less than \$50,000 per year) that were in operation in 2019, still in operation, and were impacted by the COVID-19 public health restrictions. For additional eligibility requirements and more information [click here](#).



OPEN REWARDS PROGRAM



Bludot 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! An App for consumers is [here](#) to download! How it works? When you shop at

Antioch, participating small businesses in the program, consumers will earn 5% credit. Consumers can spend their accumulated rewards at any participating business in Antioch! The App shows a list of small businesses that are part of the program. We have over 45 businesses participating in the program.

For Customers Phone App for Open Rewards download from:

- Apple Store
- Google Play

If you are a business, please register for the full program [HERE](#) and be listed as a participant.



ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



SERVE INTO SUMMER WITH YOUTH AND ADULT TENNIS PROGRAMS

The Antioch Tennis program is led by instructor Zonia Alston who has worked with the City for over 15 years. This summer, she offers several programs designed to accommodate the entire community.

Space is still available for summer camp running July 25-29 and classes taking Tuesday nights through the end of August. **Click here** for more information and to register today.

FRAUD WATCH



Join us at the Antioch Senior Center as Kris Ritualo presents "Fraud Watch" and get tips to spot and avoid scams like identity theft, investment fraud and holiday scams, plus updates from law enforcement and Watchdog Alerts. This presentation is jointly sponsored by AARP California and TreVista Senior Living.

Thursday, July 28, 2022 | 10 a.m.

Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd St, Antioch, CA 94509

RSVP to Tamsen to reserve your spot.

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KRIS RITUALO

Kris began her career with AARP in 2004 as a Senior Operations Administrator for AARP Alaska. Now, as a Senior State and Community Engagement Specialist for AARP California, she oversees both in-person and virtual AARP programs as well as development in Sacramento.

She is a Certified Aging in Place Specialist and brings with her many years of experience leading several initiatives focusing on delivering positive and meaningful social change through community-centered programs. Kris is a Board of Directors for Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce and Sacramento Asian Chamber of Commerce. She is a fellow with Equality California Leadership Program and a Task Force member of the Sacramento Police LGBTQ+ Community Advisory Team. Before coming to AARP, she was the administrative supervisor for the State of Alaska, Department of Labor in Anchorage, AK.

She has a degree in Business Management and currently pursuing Project Management Program Certification (Undergraduate).

EL CAMPANIL THEATER

602 West 2nd Street Antioch
(925) 757-9500

Uptown Funk:

Tribute to Bruno Mars

Sunday, Aug. 14th 4:00 pm

Adults \$32 | Seniors \$29 | Youth \$15

International touring sensation UPTOWN FUNK invites you to experience the essence of Bruno Mars, his live band and the music that defines today's pop culture. Expect an exciting, fresh, fun, unique and high energy concert!



Lobby Series: Meredith McHenry

Saturday, Aug. 27th | 8:00 pm

All tickets \$20

Join us for another intimate Lobby Series presentation! Limited to only 50 patrons, join us for the fabulously talented Meredith McHenry and her music partner Michael Scott as they give a marvelous performance of original songs and cover renditions!

