

# City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



## Closed Captioning at City Council Meetings



City of Antioch is now providing closed captioning during City Council meetings. If you don't see captions, go to your TV's or set top **cable box settings** to enable closed captioning. For web stream, select the closed captioning option.

## Community Resource Fair

I stopped by the Community Resource Fair at Contra Loma Estates Park, where the Boys and Girls Club and Council Member Torres-Walker provided resources and **services** to our community members in the Sycamore neighborhood.

Also in attendance were Mayor Thorpe and Mayor Pro Tem Wilson. The City is always looking to partner with **non-profits** to make resources more easily accessible to all parts of our community.

## Love Conquers All Mural

I had a chance to stop by and check out the amazing work being on Sunset Drive (at A Street) by **Hermain "Big Herms" Ambriz** and his brother **Joshua "Josh" Ambriz**. This mural entitled Love Conquers All was initially inspired by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson as part of an MLK service project. This often-tagged masonry wall is beyond colorful with **striking artwork** that has been painted with community participation under the supervision of the Ambriz Brothers. Other murals are planned for our community, so keep your eyes open for the next work of art!



## State Senator Steve Glazer secures \$ 2.2 Million from State Budget to Support the City of Antioch

I want to extend a very **special thank you** to State Senator Steve Glazer, who recently secured \$2.2 million from the state budget that will go towards the renovation of the Nick Rodriguez Community Center and Senior Center.

A community asset since 1978, the Nick Rodriguez Community Center and Senior Center are located in Antioch's historic Rivertown District on 2nd and F Street. The property has long been the **convening place** for residents to celebrate special occasions, enjoy arts and culture, and participate in **programming opportunities** across the age spectrum.

Antioch is focused on its mission to invest in supporting our residents – young and old and Senator Glazer's leadership is **deeply appreciated** as we advance our City's plan to ensure that Antioch's youth and seniors have safe and **accessible** programs.





# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Retirement of Sergeant Matt Harger

Please take a minute to look through some pictures from Sergeant Matt Harger's **career**, and join us in wishing him a fond farewell as he retires from APD today after **27 years** as a police officer.

Sergeant Harger began his career in 1994 with the Pleasant Hill Police Department before joining us in 2000. Since he's been with us, Matt has held many different assignments: **SWAT** operator, Field **Training Officer**, Mobile Field Force team member, PACT Team member, **UAV/Drone pilot**, and holding the rank of both Police Corporal and Police Sergeant.

This was not to leave out the assignment near and dear to his heart.....being a **K9 handler**. Sergeant Harger was a dedicated K9 handler and K-9 unit coordinator for 15 years. During that time, he worked two different K9s. Both "**Thor**" and "**Donna**" not only helped keep the residents of Antioch safe but kept a number of APD officers safe along the way, as well as being **instrumental** in hundreds of arrests. We are **forever grateful** for this and all of your contributions to the department and the city, and **you will be missed!!!**



## Volunteers in Police Service

The Antioch Police Department is looking to **recruit members** from the community who would like to be part of our Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS).

Our VIPS program provides many **vital services** to the community that includes; clerical and administrative **support** in the police department, school and park patrols, traffic control for major **accident scenes** and special events, abandoned auto abatement, vacation house checks, disabled placard parking enforcement, and illegal **sign abatement**, among other things. Please click the link below to check out our VIPS web page.

If you're interested in **joining the program**, there is a link on the page for completing an application. If you have some free time and a desire to give back to your community, we would love to have you as part of our team!

<https://www.antiochca.gov/police/vips-program/>



# PD- ANIMAL SERVICES



## Antioch Animal Services Volunteer Program relaunching August 2, 2021.

After nearly a year and a half without volunteers, due to the COVID pandemic, we are excited to announce our volunteer program will relaunch on **August 2, 2021**. Anyone interested in volunteering at Antioch Animal Services should visit our new volunteer website, create a volunteer profile, and **register** to attend an upcoming Volunteer Orientation.

Those who have volunteered with AAS in the past can attend a Volunteer Orientation on **Saturday, July 24 at 9:00 a.m.** or **Wednesday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Police Department Community Room. Everyone must complete the online volunteer application and register for a **Volunteer Orientation** session before attending.

New volunteers should complete their online volunteer application and register for the monthly Volunteer Orientation held on the **second Saturday** of every month.

The next Volunteer Orientation for new volunteers, or past volunteers who could not make the opening sessions, will be on **Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Police Department Community Room. **[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)**



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Jamal Meadors** was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on July 19, 2021.

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)
- Assistant City Engineer
- Planning Manager
- Risk 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 **[here](#)**. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the Job Position, click on **Apply**.







## Summer Trails Challenge is Underway

The City of Antioch Trails Challenge is an invitation to **explore the local trails**, exercise, and recreate while maintaining social distance. The Trails Challenge is free, designed for all fitness levels, and is a self-guided program to complete on your own schedule. There are various **recommended trails** that feature hiking, jogging, biking, and dog walking and vary in distance, difficulty, and elevation gain.

Check out the Trails Challenge Website [here](#) for trail information, safety tips. All participants who submit their completion log will **receive** a free Trails **Challenge t-shirt** and water bottle sticker.



# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Martial Arts Program

Martial Arts Summer Day Camp was a **huge success** the past two weeks! Some participants loved the first week so much; they enrolled for the following week. The Max Academy teaches practical martial arts techniques as well as confidence, life, and leadership skills. Martial Arts classes are offered on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. Sign up soon to help your kids **maximize** their potential to become the best version of themselves!

## "Love Conquers All Mural"

The **much-anticipated** mural on the corner of A Street and Sunset Drive was installed the week of July 19th. Led by local artist **Hermain Ambriz**, born and raised in Antioch, members of the community were invited to participate in the process. Spray-painted over a 7-day period, the piece is meant to evoke a sense of hopefulness for the future. This 300-foot long mural is sure to be enjoyed by the **citizens** of Antioch for years to come!



## SUMMER is in full swing at the Antioch Water Park!

The sun is out, and so are the people of Antioch! The water park is the place to enjoy the beautiful weather and **splash** in our many pools! The Antioch Water Park will remain open Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays in August for our community to continue to enjoy. Please keep an eye on our social media accounts (Antioch Recreation is on Facebook and Instagram!) for updated park hours.

## Group Swim Lessons are on the horizon!

We are thrilled to bring group swim lessons back to the Antioch Water Park this fall! These will include parent/child, preschool, youth, adult, and private swim lessons. Keep an **eye out** for our fall recreation guide for more details. See you at the water park!







## Farewell and Best Wishes to Taylor Lopez!

The Community Development Department wishes Taylor Lopez the best of luck in her **new adventures**. Taylor began her employment with the City of Antioch in 2006 when she was hired as a lifeguard. By 2011, Taylor was promoted to Head Lifeguard, and in 2013 she became the Water Park Coordinator. In 2014, Taylor made the jump to **Code Enforcement**, where she served as an Officer from 2015-2019. In 2019,

Taylor studied hard and became Antioch's **first female Building Inspector**. She served in this position until her departure earlier this month. Along the way, Taylor earned a Bachelor's Degree in **Political Science** from Humboldt State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Policy Analysis from CSU East Bay.

We are **grateful** for Taylor's contribution to the City of Antioch and are confident that her **success** will continue.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Environmental Resources

The City of Antioch is currently working on significant updates to the **Solid Waste Chapter** of the Antioch Municipal Code (AMC). These updates are **required** as the City works towards **compliance** with the new state regulations related to Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SB1383). For more on the legislation, please visit <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>. The proposed AMC updates are an integral part of the required Enforcement and Inspection Program. Significant changes to the AMC include:

- Requiring subscription to the 3-sort (trash, organics and recyclable materials) program provided by Republic Services for ALL generators (residential, commercial, and industrial)
- Require all generators to use the 3-sort program correctly and not put items that can be placed in the Recycling and Organics containers into the Trash containers
- Require all property owners to educate employees and tenants on the program at the time of move-in/hire AND annually
- Employers will require employees to place materials in the correct containers.
- Require Food Recovery agreements/programs for qualified generator



The proposed AMC updates will be available **here** for review as soon as they are available. For more information or to provide comments, please call our Environmental Resource Line at **(925) 779-6137** or email [jhaaswajdowicz@antiochca.gov](mailto:jhaaswajdowicz@antiochca.gov).

# CITY CLERK

## 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](#)

## City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month.

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](#).







## 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

### Only Rain Down the Drain

Our storm drains don't filter what we put into them. They run directly into our creeks and rivers. To help keep them clean, properly dispose of your motor oil, pick up after your pet, take your car to a car wash and follow the directions when you spray and fertilize your yard. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris – plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts – washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.

And remember, sewer drains and storm drains are two completely separate drainage systems. The sewer system takes all household wastewater from toilets, showers, and sinks through your plumbing system and directs it to a treatment plant.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## Ascend Ribbon Cutting Event

Ascend had a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for their Ascend Antioch site on July 23rd Friday! The Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor were in attendance. Ascend is a woman-owned, **purpose-driven** business with great diversity in its team and focuses on providing jobs to people in the local community. At Ascend, they believe every day holds the possibility of a miracle.

Ascend Rehab, Inc. provides exceptional occupational therapy/speech therapy/ Infant Development, Early Intervention, Feeding Therapy, and Social Skills Groups to special needs children of all ages in California. Their experienced therapists provide this intervention at homes, outpatient pediatric clinics, school districts, and inclusion pre-school.

## Economic Development Commission (EDC)

The City of Antioch's Economic Development Commission had its special meeting on Tuesday, July 20th via Zoom. Commissioners concluded discussion of Goal 3 and finalized Commissioner's Herzberg report. Goal reports are from the **City's Strategic Plan**, a task assigned by EDC Chair McCall.

EDC will be presenting its summary of research and recommendations at the August 10th, 2021, City Council meeting tentatively at 6:00 p.m., before the regular Council Meeting agenda.

## Open Rewards Program

The Economic Development Department is proud to announce that 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! 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 Bludot hosted a "how-to" webinar for businesses **[CLICK HERE](#)** for YouTube recording. Businesses can register for the program **[HERE](#)**.

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



Antioch - Opportunity **docks** here.



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

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## NEW CAREER, NEW START!



## Opportunity Junction

### Short Term Computer Basic Classes

Need to gain or refresh your computer skills? Opportunity Junction offers short term computer basic classes to help you personally and professionally- at NO COST to you! Sign-up [here](#).

### Information Session via Zoom!

Register to attend the Information Session, online, via Zoom to learn more about the job training programs and career services available to Contra Costa job seekers! Available every Tuesdays at 10am.

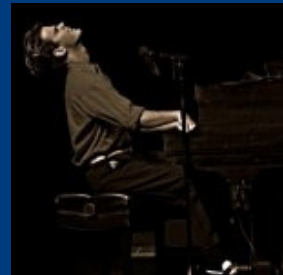
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## El Campinal Theater

**JARED FREIBURG & THE VAGABONDS**  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH @ 2PM**  
**TICKETS: \$32 ADULTS, \$29 SENIORS,**  
**"\$15 YOUTH**

**CELEBRATING THE EARLY YEARS  
OF ROCK 'N' ROLL!**

Great balls of fire! The dynamic and explosive Jared Freiburg returns to the El Campanil stage with the Vagabonds band, celebrating the music of Jerry Lee Lewis and a whole lot more! Click [here](#) for more information



**PITTSBURG PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY:  
SUMMERTIME IN NEVERLAND**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH @ 11AM & 3PM**  
**\$18 ORCHESTRA, \$15 LOGE, \$12 OPERA**  
**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A RENTAL OF EL  
CAMPANIL THEATRE. NO PASSES ACCEPTED.**

Pittsburg Performing Arts Academy and Black Diamond Ballet proudly presents "Summertime in Neverland"; a Peter Pan story reimagined, showcasing the talents of all ages through dance, singing, and musicianship. Come fly with us and watch as we Neverland! Click [here](#) for more information.