



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE JULY 28, 2017



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending July 28, 2017.

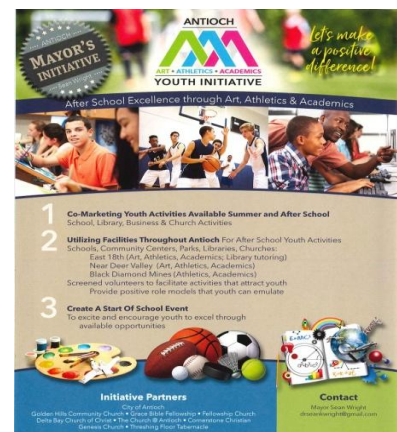
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



I would like to welcome Anthony Morefield as the Antioch Police Department's newest Captain. As one of two captains, he fills the position vacated by Tammany Brooks who was promoted to Chief of Police in May. Having a well-qualified and experienced leader like Captain Morefield assume this important position, continues the City's mission to develop a staff of committed professionals who protect and serve our community with excellence and integrity. One of Chief Brooks' goals is to develop a department that is

relationship driven, going beyond just partnering with our residents and businesses. Having begun his career with the City as an officer over 16 years ago, Captain Morefield will lead this initiative in addition to the SWAT team and department operations.

I met with, local church pastors and leaders, Mayor Wright and a representative of the Antioch Unified School District to discuss the Mayor's Antioch Youth Initiative to mobilize the nonprofits, churches, School District, City and others interested in organizing programs for our Middle and High School youth between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the afternoons, after school. The focus of the program is to provide after school activities through Art, Athletics and Academics, utilizing facilities throughout





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Antioch. So far, there has been positive interest in the opportunity to make a difference in these young people's lives. With the school year starting again on August 19th, a list of programs is being developed, along with ongoing coordination with interested parties.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Somersville Towne Center
2550 Somersville Road
Macy's Parking Lot



The Somersville Towne Center and the Midnighter's Car Club has teamed up to host a Car Show every Friday from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This Friday, July 28th, Tesla's Model X will be on display (courtesy of the Walnut Creek Tesla dealership) in addition to many other cars from the Midnighter's Club.

2017 Summer Concerts Every Saturday Evening at Waldie Plaza Downtown



The free Saturday Summer Concert Series continue through August 26th in Waldie Plaza in downtown Antioch, across from City Hall, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The concerts are for all ages and is a gathering place for families and friends, as well as a great location to make new friends. The concert venue backdrop is the beautiful Delta River landscape with the occasional trains, sailboats, tugboats and more passing by. A nice summer breeze will keep you cool and comfortable as you enjoy a variety of music this summer. Parking is available in the many parking lots in downtown Antioch.



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Mayas Taco Truck will be in Waldie Plaza at all concerts. Sip & Scoop (Italian Ice, coffees and teas) will be there on August 19th, and is working on additional dates. Please note that the Moveable Feast food trucks scheduled for downtown Antioch in the parking lot across from city hall have been canceled.

The 2017 remaining concert lineup includes: [August 5th, Tuck & Roll](#), 50s, 60s & 70s; [August 12th, Project 4](#), Punk, Soul, Latin & R&B; [August 19th, Last Call](#), Southern Rock; [August 26th, Frankie G & the Conviction](#), High-energy Blues & Grooves. Seating is not provided so lawn chairs and blankets are recommended.

The free concert series would not be possible without sponsors. The major sponsor is the Dean & Margaret Lesher Foundation. Additional sponsors include the Arts & Cultural Foundation of Antioch, the City of Antioch, Republic Services, East County Today, Beverly Knight Photography, East County Live, Michael Pohl Photography, ICR Electric, Earline La Buy, CPA, and the Antioch Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please visit www.Art4Antioch.org, call (925) 779-7018, or email Diane@Art4Antioch.org.

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.



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



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El Campanil Theatre

602 W. Second St.

Downtown Antioch

Tickets: www.ElCampanilTheatre.com or
(925) 757-9500



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.

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,





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I'm Yours, Be My Girl, Valentine Love and so many more! With an intimate setting and great ambiance, you do not want to miss this show. There will be two Shows on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm & 9:30 pm.

Tickets: Regular Seating \$30, Preferred Seating \$40, VIP Seating \$60

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

Email: 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 the Hillcrest Station and other eBART stations. The new track is a 10-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. New cars are diesel with a capacity to hold 200 riders. New trains are quiet with most of the mechanics are on top or side panels of the train for easy maintenance. 70 people will be staffed to operate multiple shifts with a 22-hour seven days a week operation based out of the facilities building. For new positions go to BART's website, search jobs, keyword "eBART". The website address is <https://www.bart.gov/about/jobs>.



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

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



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Freshest Cargo Downtown Tuesdays Senior Center Parking Lot: 415 W 2nd Street



Website: <http://freshapproach.org/freshestcargo/>
FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/FreshestCargo>

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 the 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



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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 their family. Click [San Francisco Business Times](#) for article on growth.

Do you have Economic Business News to share?

Please email: 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Annotated Agenda for the July 25th City Council Meeting is posted on the City's Website. To view the agenda information, please click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.

As our office did not receive any filed appeals or lien assessments to be recorded, the Board of Administrative Appeals meeting scheduled on August 3, 2017, has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled Board of Administrative Appeals meeting will be held on September 7, 2017.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions. Anthony Morefield was sworn in as a Police Captain on Monday, July 24, 2017. Please join me in welcoming Captain Morefield to his new position with the City of Antioch.



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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's website at <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.

RECREATION



Congratulations to the disc golf volunteer group for establishing Antioch's first disc golf course! The installation is complete so look for the baskets at Prewett Community Park next time you visit. A core group of players designed the course, raised the funds, and installed the tee areas and baskets. A community day for residents to enjoy the experience and learn more will be coming soon.

On Wednesday, the Antioch Water Park hosted a successful Pool Safety Day in collaboration with the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. Staff demonstrated Lifeguard skills and AMR was on hand for CPR demonstrations. Our own Ali the Alligator even got in on the demo and proved that even an alligator can save a life!

This week, the Antioch Water Park hosted a weeklong Junior Lifeguard Camp. 15 local teens enrolled to learn the basics of lifesaving and safety around the water! Junior Lifeguard Camp is a great program to grow lifeguards of the future!!

The Antioch Council of Teens has been preparing to volunteer at Stand Down on the Delta on Monday, August 11th.

This week, the **Doodlebugs Art program** began its 2nd session of classes. This art program is specifically designed for children 3-5 years old and incorporates group and individual projects with an emphasis on creativity and fun textures that young children love!



This week, 32 Coyote Hills Summer Day Campers joined the CDC (Coyote Detective Camp) as they took on the role as detectives and spent the week solving the mystery of the missing Water Park Alligator!





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Fun times in the hot summer! Children enrolled in the Rising Star Preschool cooled off this week and enjoyed fun hands-on water games geared specifically for their age group.

45 teams with over 700 participants just completed the 2017 Adult City Summer Softball League. Playoffs were held this past week with five different divisions (Men's, Women's and Co-Ed) vying for bragging rights to being crowned city league champions. All enjoyed their experience in the Summer League and are very much looking forward to playing in the upcoming Fall League which will start the second week in August.



Over the last week, 327 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.



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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Division. On Tuesday July 25, 2017, the City Council adopted 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.

Also on Tuesday night the City Council approved the Almond Knolls project; an application for a new 58-unit gated multi-family residential development on Worrell Road, near Lone Tree Way.

CDBG. July 25th was a busy meeting with a lot of good work being done as the City Council approved 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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Code Enforcement Activities in CDBG Area for FY 2016/2017. The purpose of Code Enforcement activity in CDBG areas is to protect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of residents by sustaining suitable living environments; increasing safe, decent, affordable housing; and promoting the maintenance of real property to improve the livability, appearance, social, and economic conditions in these areas.

The total number of Code Enforcement cases opened for violations on properties in the City's designated CDBG areas during Fiscal Year 16/17 was 1,341. Of those cases, 108 were specific to Housing Code and Health & Safety Code violations, and 48 cases were specific to Building Code violations.

Code Enforcement Officers closed 1,322 cases during Fiscal Year 16/17 for violations on properties in the City's designated CDBG areas. Of those cases, 188 closed cases were specific to Housing Code, Health & Safety Code and Building Code violations.

PUBLIC WORKS

Capital Improvements Division. Southwest Pipelines and Trenchless Corporation has begun installation of the cured-in-place pipe associated with the Downtown Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. This work has commenced on West 7th Street and is scheduled to move to West 8th Street next week. Interruptions to individual sewer connections may be necessary when the rehabilitation is performed adjacent to a property. The contractor will notify residents and businesses prior to any planned interruptions. Traffic patterns and street parking will be affected during this work. For the safety of our residents and the workers, please adhere to all construction signage.

On July 25th, bids for the Community Development Block Grant Downtown Roadway Pavement Rehabilitation, Phase 7 project were publicly opened. The apparent low bid was received by Ghillotti Bros. Inc., in the amount of \$1,498,390. The project bids are being reviewed by Staff with the award of the construction contract scheduled to be considered at the August 8th City Council meeting.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), together with its authorized contractors, will be conducting construction activities in order to remove existing tower facilities located on or near the properties mentioned below. Currently, the work plan includes both vehicle and helicopter access to perform the necessary work on multiple structures during or around July 24, 2017 through September 30, 2017, at the following locations: Ashburton Dr., Garrow Dr., Sunset Ln., 401 Putnam St. (Water Treatment Plant), Gentrytown Dr., Summit Way, James Donlon Blvd. and Westridge Ct.



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Utilities – Lori Sarti, Water Quality Analysts, Water Treatment Plant. After 31 years of dedicated service, Lori Sarti is retiring from the City of Antioch. ‘What’s that you say? “Who is Lori Sarti?” Like so many jobs in the Public Works Department, the fact that you don’t know her name means that things have been going “Good” for quite a while, and in this case, a very long while. Lori Sarti is the City’s Water Quality Analyst. This means that for over 31 years of outstanding service, she has been in charge of the quality control for the water produced by the City of Antioch for all of our customers. From running the most sophisticated bacteria tests available, to making sure that all of our lab operations are certified with the State of California, Lori has been on the task of ensuring healthy drinking water for over three decades.



With all the talk about questionable water quality in the news, Antioch has been truly blessed to have such a talented and devoted person in charge of such an important task. When I asked Lori’s supervisor, Tim, what came to mind as we talked about Lori retiring, he said, “Lori is one of the most genuine and sincere coworkers I have ever worked with. She is always in a pleasant mood and exhibits a calm and professional demeanor. She will always take time to answer questions or help when needed. She consistently maintains a high ethical standard which is evident in her relationships with the State, County and Lab Regulators, and neighboring water agencies. I will truly miss working with Lori!” Congratulations Lori!

Street Maintenance – Todd Northam and Ernie Lopez. On most days here at Public Works, our work schedule is preplanned and mapped out for the day **and sometimes** you are called to do whatever is needed and that is just what two of our Public Works ‘All Stars’ did on Thursday, July 27th.

In the course of their everyday responsibilities as Street Maintenance workers, first responders Todd and Ernie observed a fire near the end of Alpha Way. After making sure it was called in to 911, they sprung into action, quickly putting out the fire and staying at the location until Contra Costa Fire could arrive and take over the situation. According to authorities there were a





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number of calls for service at the same time as this fire. The outcome could have been much worse without the quick action by Todd and Ernie. We are proud of you guys! Thank you!



Operations. The overgrown parcel on W. 2nd Street, as you enter the downtown business district as you approach Prime Vintage Realty (former Antioch Lumber Company), was in need of some landscape and debris clean up. Public Works contacted Union Pacific to obtain permission to work on their property and perform the much needed clean up. Our hardworking Public Works crews trimmed up the oak trees, cut out and removed all the underbrush and 'sucker trees' that have been growing wild. We finished up the job with a litter sweep of the entire area. When we can get time to pull away from our mandatory responsibilities, we love to do this type of proactive work that makes our community look so much better. We want to thank the downtown folks for their support and patience.



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



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POLICE

It has been a tradition in Antioch that the newly appointed Police Chief has an official portrait taken. Not only is this portrait displayed at the police department, but it will also be displayed among those of prior police chiefs in the Antioch Historical Society Museum. Here is Chief T. Brooks' official photo, which was taken by Michael Pohl Photography of Antioch.



The Antioch Police Explorers participated in a comprehensive four-day Explorer/Cadet Academy with the law enforcement agencies of Solano County at the Fairfield Police Training Center. During their Academy, the Explorers received training in: Patrol Procedures, DUI Investigations, Marine Patrol, Firearms, Physical Training, Drill Instruction, K9 Handler Procedures, Report Writing, Impact Weapons, Sustained Resistance, Team Building, Crime Scene Investigation, Force Options, Custody Procedures, Coroner's Overview, and much more. They also participated in the "**Bite of Reality**" program which teaches making smart financial decisions, budgeting, and planning. This was a great training opportunity for the young men and women of the Antioch Police Department to gain valuable experience as they continue to learn and serve our community.



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Meet your Beat! Meet Detective Adrian Gonzalez. Adrian grew up in the Central Valley and wanted to become a police officer because he enjoys engaging members of the community.

He started his law enforcement career as a Community Service Officer for Cal State Fresno while attending college there and was hired in 2007 by the Antioch Police Department as a patrol officer and was transferred to the investigations department as property detective in 2015. He has since moved into violent crimes. Adrian's favorite part about patrol was becoming a training officer and helping rookie officers learn the job.



In his free time he likes spending time with his friends and family. If you see Adrian you will recognize him because his hair is always perfect, there is never a single hair out of place.

Neighborhood Cleanup. The Antioch Police Department is excited to announce the 83rd 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.

**WE CARE
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**



**OUR COMMUNITY
LETS 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.



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The 83rd 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.

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!



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Animal Services. On July 17, 2017 at approximately 1830 hours, the Contra Costa Fire Department requested Antioch Police Officers respond to a residence in the 1800 block of Terrace Drive. Upon arrival, Officers learned there were approximately 50 cats inside the house. Animal Control Officers responded to assess the situation. The residents and Animal Control Officers worked together and collected a total of 46 cats. Animal Control Officers have gone back to the residence three more times in an effort to trap the four cats left in the area.

On July 20, 2017 at 1529 hours, Antioch Police Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 900 block of Barnsley Court for a welfare check on animals at the home. Officers discovered there were numerous cats, dogs, ducks, rabbits, doves, and a rooster in the home. Our Animal Control Officers responded. The residents and Animal Control Officers worked together and collected 27 animals. Animal Control Officers followed up and trapped two more cats with approximately 12 more in the home.

Both incidents are still under investigation and the animals are currently housed at the Antioch Animal Shelter located at 300 L Street. Animal Control Officers are working with local rescues to find homes for all of the animals. Anyone who would like to foster, adopt or rescue an animal is encouraged to contact Antioch Animal Services at 925-779-6989, or the Animal Services Supervisor via e-mail at mhelgemo@ci.antioch.ca.us.



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